



THE POLICE COMMISSIONER
CITY OF NEW YORK

July 18, 2018

To the family, friends, and colleagues of Police Officer Michael Chesna:

The devastating and sudden loss of Officer Chesna has left a hollow that is deeply felt by the entire law enforcement profession, far beyond Weymouth. On behalf of the entire New York City Police Department, please accept our sincere condolences.

I know that no words can ease the grief that you now bear, but know this: Everyone who proudly wears a police uniform will forever do their best to honor Michael's dedication to public service. When an officer swears an oath to serve the people of his nation and his community, as Michael did, the greater police community swears an oath to that officer, too. We promise to foster him, to honor his commitment, and to never forget his sacrifice. And, always, that promise extends to the officer's family and loved ones, as well.

I want to thank the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation for again leading the way on this front. At the NYPD, we will never be able to adequately thank the volunteers and donors of this great organization for the support they have consistently shown us and our members' families, particularly following the murders of Detective Miosotis Familia last year, and Detectives Rafael Ramos and WenJian Liu in 2014.

May you find solace through the memories of Michael's remarkable life, and comfort among all who knew and loved him.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James P. O'Neill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James P. O'Neill
Police Commissioner