

Your loved ones know better than anybody the sacrifices made by police officers, the little things that go on behind the scenes, the worries that go along with sending a spouse, father, mother, sister or brother into harms' way every time they step outside.

We are certain that your loved ones can tell the stories better than anybody about what it takes to wear the badge and help others walk in their shoes.

Please take a moment to search on Facebook different hashtags such as #humanizethebadge, and ask your loved ones to tell the story through their eyes, short or long, about what it takes to be a police officer, the sacrifices made by loved ones, the big and little things that officers do every day to keep their communities safe. What are the stories that haven't been told? We want to hear about the unsung heroes who go about their uniquely dangerous jobs no matter the circumstances, no matter the threats.

As the Maryland General Assembly debates the rights that help keep police officers' families safe while they protect everyone else, <u>it's more important than ever that we help our legislators understand all the</u> times an officer made his or her community safer.

When a story is posted on your loved ones' Facebook pages, please use the #KeepMarylandSafe hashtag and "tag" your local legislator (<u>Click here</u> if you don't know who your legislator is.). To tag your local legislator, simply search for their name and page in the Facebook search box. Once you find the legislator's page, their Facebook address should be listed in the header. Each address is followed by an "@" sign. Type that address into your post. Suggestions from Facebook will automatically begin to populate and when the correct address pops up, click on it. For example, Senate President Bill Ferguson's Facebook address is @BillforSenate.

We also ask that you tag additional legislators on appropriate committees by copying and pasting their Facebook address listed below into your post.

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Senator Charles Sydnor, Facebook address: @CharlesSydnor3d

Senator Michael Jackson, Facebook address: @MichaelFor27B

Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Facebook address: @jeffwaldstreicher

Senator Will Smith, Facebook address: @WillSmithForMaryland

Delegate Luke Clippinger, Facebook address: @DelLukeClippinger

Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary, Facebook address: @DelVanessaAtterbeary

Delegate Curt Anderson, Facebook address: @curt.anderson.796

Delegate Jon Cardin, Facebook address: @JonCardin

Delegate Sandy Bartlett, Facebook address: @DelBartlett32

Delegate Ron Watson, Facebook address: @RonForMaryland