

Today... the thin blue line was shattered.

Deputy Jacob Pickett, a 5 year veteran of the Boone County Sheriff's Office was shot today at approximately 9:40am. Our hearts go out to his wife Jen, their two young boys, Jake's mom and dad, and all of his family.

We are deeply saddened to say that Jake will not survive his injuries. Jake continues to give life after death, by being an organ donor. Jake's life is being sustained so that he can continue to serve, and help others.

The public safety Family of Boone County is heartbroken. We have lost a K9 Officer, a Deputy, a Friend, a Warrior and a **BROTHER**. There are no words that can explain the grief that we feel. We are a Family. We are grieving. We are desperate for God's mercy and grace.

Please continue to pray for Jake's family and for the public safety officers of Boone County. The next several

days will be some of the hardest we have ever been through...but together, we will endure this hardship and persevere.

I want to thank the public safety agencies from across this great state, which have come to assist us in this time of tragedy. We are extremely grateful for the outpouring of support from the citizens, public safety agencies, hospital staff and so many others. We wish to personally thank ALL OF YOU!

Before I turn it over to Superintendent Carter, I would like to quote scripture.

Ephesians 6:10

“Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.”

I will now turn this conference over to Superintendent Doug Carter of the Indiana State Police.