

Comments Received on our Tribute to First Responders Event on 10/4/18

Tom Casady, Director of Public Safety for Lincoln: During his presentation, Tom indicated that in his 44 years in law enforcement in Lincoln, there had never been anything done like this event, and how appreciative he was for our Club doing this Tribute.

In an e-mail after the event, Tom said: *It was just a marvelous event. People can't quit talking about it. We are so honored that the Lincoln South Rotary chose to plan, organize, market, and host this event. Many, many thanks!*

Jeffrey Bliemeister, Lincoln Police Chief

From the women and men at LPD, THANK YOU! First, for your leadership and passion that made the event on October 4th an experience that will remain in the minds of our officers and their families when their day is difficult. As I shared at the Tribute to First Responders, you both should be extremely proud of the impact made. Second, to the members of the Lincoln South Rotary. Citizens that are engaged and have ownership in their communities are the most important part of public safety. This was a great example of how people can make a difference. I was humbled to be part of such a wonderful celebration.

In a separate e-mail, Jeff said: *I will relay your appreciation and praise (to those who participated)! I had a short message read at each lineup following the event emphasizing how much the community cares about our employees and their families as evidenced by the event. Thanks again.*

Michael Despain, Lincoln Fire Chief

Thank you so much for all the efforts by Lincoln South Rotary. We are truly humbled by the turnout and comments during and after the event. We are so fortunate to have such wonderful community support. We are so honored.

You and your team did a great job on our behalf and we are completely humbled by the effort. I will certainly pass on your thanks to my troops. It was an outstanding event. Thank you again.

Tim Linke, Battalion Chief at LFR

Thank you so much for allowing me the privilege to be a part of the event. It was very well organized and we were all truly humbled by the recognition. The most sincerest of appreciation from your Lincoln Fire Friends.

Todd Duncan, Chief Deputy with Lancaster County Sheriff's Office

I can't say enough about how much that luncheon meant to us. The food was delicious too! I'm really interested in the Rotary motto that was printed in the program. You all recited it at the end of the event. I really liked it. Thank you. (We sent him another copy of our Rotary Four-Way Test.)

"Woody" William Woodruff, with the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office

I would like to thank the South Lincoln Rotary, KLKN-TV and all sponsors for hosting The Tribute to Lincoln's First Responders luncheon today. In telling my wife about the event this evening it made her so proud. I sat with the Woods & Aitken table and had great talks with and about various attorneys that had worked there. I am happy I had this experience in my 47th and final year with the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office. Thank you again. Woody.

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Dennis Duckworth, President, Crime Stoppers

Lincoln South Rotary, thank you for the wonderful event today. This was a tremendous success!!! Every firefighter and law enforcement officer I spoke with was appreciative of being recognized. Lincoln Lancaster County Crime Stoppers thanks you for allowing us to join in with the event and for the very generous donation to Crime Stoppers. Your actions allow us to provide rewards to tipsters and helps keep our community safe. Again, thank you!

Julie O'Hara, Rotary District 5650 Governor

Congratulations on a fantastically successful luncheon to honor our 1st Responders! WOW! I'm so impressed with your efforts and ability to put the event together. Thank you for inviting me to attend -- I was honored to be among you!

Brian Baker, Coordinator, Safe Kids Lincoln-Lancaster County (This is the charity chosen by the Fire Department. Brian has requested to be at our Club's 10/26/18 meeting to thank us in person.)

What a pleasant surprise to receive the \$1,000 check from Lincoln South Rotary supporting efforts of Safe Kids Lincoln-Lancaster County! The mission of Safe Kids Lincoln-Lancaster County is to "Protect kids from their number one killer -- unintended injury." The funding you provided will enable us to address specific leading causes of unintentional injury to children through the six community task forces of our coalition. Please be assured, your donation will directly improve the safety of children in Lincoln and Lancaster County. Thank you so much!

Bryan Block, Butherus Maser & Love, a Table Sponsor

You guys did an amazing job today. If anything went unaccording to plans it was unnoticed. A flawless execution for a worthy cause. High praise to everyone involved -- we thoroughly enjoyed the event and our table-mate Officer Luke!

Frontier Bank, a Table Sponsor

Great, great job with the event. I thought it was wonderful. Our staff/table really enjoyed it as well.

KLKN-TV, Channel 8

We have heard nothing but positive remarks including here at Channel 8! We have received wonderful comments and e-mails complimenting and thanking us for this. We were pleased to be a part of this worthwhile project.

Additional comments from various sources:

By the way, the music was awesome made me tearful, and I was not alone.

Excellent event yesterday -- many positive comments from attendees, and one corporate sponsor wants to do it again!

I've organized many banquets in the past and have not seen one go off so flawlessly. I know the effort necessary to make this happen. I had an enjoyable conversation with one of the piper crew at my table and learned that his tartan was designed to commemorate September 11, 2001. I like bagpipes also.

Great job!

Hats off. The time commitment and leadership provided was key to the success of this event! It exceeded my expectations!