

A Big "Thanks" to Tullahoma

Throughout 2015 there have been many displays of kindness towards officers and employees of the Tullahoma Police Department. It is not uncommon for a person or a family to drop by the Police Department and deliver a tray of cookies, or some homemade pies, always with a short note attached thanking the Police for their service. I am told of officers having their meals paid for by total strangers, often with a short statement of "thank you for your service". Our schools are very involved in programs that recognize our first responders for the job they do every day. Comments on social media outlets are overwhelmingly supportive of the Police and the difficult job we must do. There is so much joy when a day care facility invites officers to come by for snacks or a meal, the kids all enjoy it - and so do the officers. Our businesses often deliver meals, platters of food, or several boxes of pizzas. It may seem that food is the primary focus here. But understand that as officers and employees go through their daily duties, meal breaks are often taken at their desks, or meals might be missed due to the calls for service and duty requirements. And often meals may consist of a fast food drive through. So the homemade meals, desserts, and snacks are a welcome change. Just in the last month, during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday seasons, we have had cards delivered, checks received for donations to employee welfare programs, pizzas, chicken platters, pies, cookies, donuts, and many offers to attend community events. So how do you say "thank you"?

How does the Department tell a community "thanks" for your confidence and support? Our officers have taken an oath to serve this community with selfless service and to treat all people equally with dignity and respect. Our thanks to you is to provide a professional, well trained, group of men and women, officers and employees, dedicated to making Tullahoma a wonderful place to live and raise our families. Our mission statement remains "To enhance the quality of life for the citizens and visitors of Tullahoma by providing for the safety of lives and property". Thank you for a great 2015 and we are ready to serve you in 2016.