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Founded by retired NYPD Police Officer, Michael J. Burke, in 2014, the national law enforcement 501(c)3 charity Brothers Before Others, comprised solely of active or retired police officers, aimed to send a floral arrangement to the services for every police officer who was killed in the line of duty. While that may seem commonplace, there is no other organization in the country doing so and has required an average of \$50,000 per year; the overwhelming majority of which comes directly from our members pockets. Since that time, our benevolence has expanded well beyond sending flowers and even outside of the law enforcement circle. A quick search of our website gives you a good idea of how this charity has evolved: www.brothersbeforeothers.org.

We have now entered a time where social media platforms, namely Facebook, have taken to shutting down police related pages citing "violations of community standards". Make no mistake: this will never silence us nor prevent us from fulfilling our core mission, both on and off duty; advocating for police officers, their families and their supporters. No one cares for their communities like the American police officer and we stand by the notion that if law enforcement, as a collective, is viewed as a "violation" of community standards, then, in reality, we have neither a community nor standards. This too shall pass; and during this time 911 calls and calls for help will still be answered, regardless of the opinions of the ones calling. Nothing changes for law enforcement. It will continue to be as it always has been: uninterrupted service. God be with us all.

Michael J Burke
President/Founder
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