

Constable Precinct 1
Robert Chody



Law enforcement across the country remains in the forefront of the news. September 19th, Constable Robert Chody organized a "Blue Lives Matter" march in Austin, which was attended by over 2000 people to support local forces. Chody was overwhelmed by the support, including the Governor's declaration of "Police Lives Matter" Day in Texas.

The group received messages from celebrities and veterans alike and brought great visibility to the effort. "State Representative Tony Dale summed up the day in one line," Chody says, "He pointed at the peace officer memorial and said 'The officers on that wall expected to go home that day and their lives matter.'"

Officers and their families were energized and encouraged by the outpouring of support, and many report that they are being thanked publicly more frequently, or their lunches being paid for. "That rejuvenation was really the point of the event."

Veteran of the Force

Chody noted changes in the force over the last decade in light of the violence perpetrated on police recently. "It's most important to have good relationships in all levels of the community, but social media has really changed law enforcement. Now, there will always be a few people who have problems even in a traffic stop because they've seen too many bad ones online, and the compassionate cops don't often go viral."

He notes that along with that trend, peace officers strive for more and more transparency. "People just need to have a

realistic attitude about how things work. It's not like television where the crime is solved in 60 minutes. People expect instant gratification and that makes our jobs even more challenging."

The Constable's office is embracing that transparency; loading up everything on social media what is going on at every level. "We are reaching out to be a part of all parts of the community, and when we have special events or checkpoints, we let people know just so they don't think we're lurking around to hand out tickets. We are genuinely trying to deter the bad things. We've even had citizens write in and thank us for that."

Blue Wives Matter

Beverly Chody says, "I've always been very secure because my husband is good at his job, but so many people are allowed to do so much these days and they are not accountable. I worry he is going to run across that one person who just doesn't think they deserve to be arrested or doesn't have to answer to law enforcement."

She is proud of her husband and while the recent events have caused anxiety for the whole family, she stands

behind him 110% because the job is his heart and soul. "People need to realize more can be done, and it's heartbreaking the pace of the change we've seen lately. I'm just hoping the violence has peaked and police can go back to protecting and serving others."

Constable Chody is also prayerfully considering running for County Sheriff. He believes morale is low and there are many things he could effectively address based on his experience. "There is a need and a desire for leadership like mine, and my family and I are seriously considering the run."



Capt. Pete Bogart and Lt. Col. Jay Bruns, Deputy Commanding Officer with the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, visited Georgetown on September 16 and presented Mayor Dale Ross and City Manager David Morgan with the flag that flew over the brigade's post on 09-13-14 in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Known as the Ironhorse Brigade, they also deployed to Eastern Europe last year.

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