



# FORT LUPTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Thank you.

The Fort Lupton Police Department and our community were shocked and then saddened after the officer shooting that occurred on the night of December 2<sup>nd</sup>. As the shock was at its peak, we noticed that others were at our sides. Fellow officers, officers from nearby agencies, and members of both our and other communities stepped in to help manage all the things that needed to be done.

It is a tremendous relief when this happens. It immediately provides hope that the situation will work out the best it can. All of those immediately involved and those pulled into it as time progressed were able to breath and accomplish what need to be done.

We really don't know how to thank all those who stepped up. Whether it was being with our officers, providing food and comfort, providing financial support for Sgt. Pelton, visiting both the Department and Sgt. Pelton, and most of all the prayers.

Sgt. Pelton has progressed faster and farther than we could have wished. We are thankful and look forward to him being in a position to return. Having fewer worries helped in this process.

Even though some will be missed on this list, we don't want to miss thanking all. We would like to mention some of those who helped:

- The officers and deputies from the Dacono PD, Weld County Sheriff's Office, Platteville PD, Colorado State Patrol, Loveland PD, and Greeley PD who were at the scene. I can't forget the Dispatchers from the Weld County Communications Center, firefighters from the Fort Lupton Fire District and EMT's and Paramedics from the Banner ambulances that lived through it with us.
  - The officers from the Erie PD, Dacono PD, Brighton PD, and our Chaplains who helped with Peer Support.
  - The Victim's Advocates from Weld County.
  - The Chavarria Family.
  - The Fort Morgan PD for their urgent response.
  - The medical staffs at the Northern Colorado Medical and the Swedish Medical Centers.
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- All those who brought food for our staff during the initial days including both individuals and churches (Destiny & First United Methodist).
- Sara Metz from Code-4 Counseling
- The Centennial Crisis Team.
- ColoradoFallenHeroes.org
- NOCO Police and Fire Families.
- Colorado Police Foundation.
- Jennifer Witkowski and Blue Lives Matter/Colorado
- Those who contributed to the Pelton Family sponsored "Go Fund Me" account.
- There is a special thanks for the Brighton Police Department (in total) who stepped up with Peer Support in so many ways, City coverage while we had recovery meetings, and so much more.
- The Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 48 for their help with fund raising (through Chase Bank), in support of Sgt. Pelton's family and counseling services for our staff.
- Again for the Englewood PD (Supervisors, officers, advocates and the therapy dog) who helped so much at Swedish with being there and caring for Sgt. Pelton, his family and those of us who sat vigil. They welcomed us all.
- All those who visited and were so concerned about Sgt. Pelton's recovery from Brighton PD, Denver PD and their Union Reps, Cherry Hills Village PD, Commerce City PD, the Colorado Rangers, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Adams County Sheriff's Office, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, the Morgan County Sheriff's Office, Longmont PD, Greeley PD, Sheridan PD, Aurora PD....
- And so many other individuals who helped. I won't be able to say how thankful we are.

In support of all the thanks, Sgt. Pelton continues to improve rapidly and should be leaving Swedish for longer term rehabilitation at the Craig Hospital weeks ahead of schedule. An example of his strength, character and drive to get well facilitated by those we have listed.

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