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The Front Line Foundation Experiences a Summer of Strengthening Support and New Board Members

Two events: A car show, and golf tournament are planned for the coming months to support Minnesota's 60,000 first responders and their families

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (July 26, 2022) – [The Front Line Foundation](#) (TFLF) announced today it is further strengthening its commitment to Minnesota's First Responders. The Foundation, which has now paid out \$308,000 in death benefits since starting 2018, is doubling down on its outreach efforts. To do this, TFLF has added another event to its resume, and it has also added two new board members who will help the Foundation strengthen its mission.

Founded in late 2018, The Front Line Foundation was formed to support Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, EMTs and members of the National Guard across Minnesota, to grant financial support to families of first responders who have died in the line of duty. The Foundation's mission is to bridge the gap between the death and benefits being paid, which can help families with ongoing expenses. The Foundation also provides support in the purchase of tactical equipment for first responders which is not included in department budgets.

The Foundation Board is proud to add Lieutenant Paul Lenzmeier of the Anoka County Sheriff's Office and White Bear Lake Police Officer Ryan Michael Sheak to the board. Both individuals bring a wealth of insight and experience to the Board.

Lenzmeier has been in law enforcement for more than 25 years and has served in many capacities for the Anoka County Sheriff's Department. He holds a Criminal Justice Degree from Metropolitan State University and a master's degree in Police Leadership from the University of St. Thomas.

Sheak has been associated with the White Bear Lake Police Department for 12 years. He is a dedicated community volunteer and leader who has served in roles inside and outside of the department for many years.

"Our new board members are experienced public servants who see firsthand the challenges first responders face on a daily basis," said Suzanne Holt, TFLF President and CEO. "I look forward to working with them to further help the men and women who protect us."

One of the tasks of TFLF Board is to plan and execute fundraising events that raise financial support and awareness for the Foundation's mission. Over the next two months TFLF will be a part of two such events.

Through the generous support of the Metropolitan State University School of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, TFLF will be the designated charitable organization of choice at the We Got Your 6 Classic Car Show on Sunday, August 7 at the University in Brooklyn Park. All proceeds from this classic car show will go to TFLF.

"We are happy to partner again with The Front Line Foundation and support Minnesota's 60,000 first responders," said Gina Carlson, Car Show Director. "The Foundation is doing excellent work and we are proud to help them further their mission."

On Monday, September 12, TFLF will host its annual golf tournament at a new location, Edinburgh USA, in Brooklyn Park. As usual the golf event will also commemorate the 21st Anniversary of the September 11 attacks that forever impacted our country and our country's First Responders. Before golfers hit the links, a memorial ceremony will take place to honor all of those impacted by the events of 9-11-01.

"We are very excited to take a day to support the men and women who are first on the scene to offer us care and protection," said Holt. "2022 has been a hard year for many. I am hopeful that we can remember how 9-11 brought us all together and remind us how fortunate we are to be served by these courageous men and women."

We Got Your 6 Car Show At-A-Glance:

What: Classic Car Show hosted by the Metropolitan State University School of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice to benefit TFLF

When: Sunday, August 7 from 12 to 4 p.m.

Where: Metropolitan State University School of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, 9110 Brooklyn Blvd, Brooklyn Park, MN 55445 For more info or to register for event visit:

<https://www.eventcreate.com/e/wegotyour6>

TFLF Annual Golf Tournament and Sept. 11 Ceremony At-A-Glance:

What: Annual golf tournament to raise funds and awareness for TFLF

When: Monday, Sept. 12

Where: Edinburgh USA Golf Course, 8700 Edinbrook Crossing, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443

Why: Fundraiser link to help sponsor, donate or play in tournament go to:

www.flf2022.givesmart.com

About the Front Line Foundation:

The Front Line Foundation began as an attempt to help and support our Fallen Heroes, including Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, EMTs, and the Minnesota National Guard. The Frontline Foundation provides support to those who died while in the line of duty, by giving benefit payments to dependents of fallen first responders. Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, and EMT First Responders face armed and dangerous criminals, impaired individuals wielding weapons, even emotionally charged, and threatening domestic disputes. They are The Front Line Defenders of our neighborhoods, towns, and cities who face and diffuse the high-risk, frequently appalling situations we know or hear about, with disbelief, on the news. In addition to providing endowments and support for the families of fallen heroes, The Front Line Foundation will underwrite scholarships and training registration costs for Front Line personnel as well as support preparedness training for safety officers in hospitals, schools, and places of worship. Further, we assist with the purchase of needed safety and tactical equipment not currently within the budget of the local unit of government. For more information, please visit <https://www.thefrontlinemn.org/> All media inquires contact Robb Leer 612.701.0608 or robbl@leercommunication.com

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