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The Front Line Foundation and the Minnesota Wild will Honor Minnesota's First Responders at the Hometown Heroes Series Game

April 26 game versus Arizona will bring awareness to the sacrifices and needs of Minnesota's front line workers and first responders

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (April 13, 2022) – <u>The Front Line Foundation</u> (TFLF) announced, today that it has been selected to participate in the Minnesota Wild's annual Hometown Heroes Series game on Tuesday, April 26, when the Wild host the Arizona Coyotes.

The Wild's Hometown Heroes Series helps bring attention and recognition to Minnesota's 60,000 front line workers and first responders. This is the second time in three years, TFLF has participated in an event saluting everyday heroes.

"We are extremely humbled to join the Wild for this special evening to honor Minnesota's front line workers," said Suzanne Holt, President and CEO of TFLF. "This is a great way to say thanks, on a large scale, to our first responders."

On gameday, a Washington County squad car will be parked outside of Gate 1, emblematic of all Minnesota frontline workers. In addition, an information table staffed by The Front line Foundation will be in the concourse inside of Gate 1 helping to educate hockey fans of the many ways front line workers can be supported.

A portion of each ticket package for this game will be donated back to The Frontline Foundation. Please visit here to purchase tickets for this Hometown Heroes Series game.

"We are always ready to bring awareness to the sacrifices our first responders make every day," said Holt. "The Minnesota Hockey Community has always stood strong for its' front-line workers."

To date The Frontline Foundation has paid out \$308,000 in death benefits and equipment funding since its inception in 2018. This includes providing death benefits to six first responder families in 2021. In January, The Frontline Foundation announced it was doubling its death benefit to the families of first responders who die in the line of duty from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

"We want to thank the Wild for this opportunity to garner support for the men and women who protect us every day," said Holt. "We hope that this will be an annual tradition."

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 www.thefrontlinemn.org

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