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The Front Line Foundation Grants Death Benefit Support to the Family of Pope County Deputy Joshua Owen

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MINNEAPOLIS, MN (April 25, 2023) – The Front Line Foundation (TFLF) announced today that it has given a \$20,000 death benefit to the family of Pope County Deputy Joshua Owen, who was killed in the line of duty on April 15 in Cyrus, MN. Tragically, Owen was killed on his 44th birthday.

Deputy Owen was responding to a call when he paid the ultimate sacrifice to protect the community. He leaves behind a wife and son. He had been with the department for 12 years. Owen was also a proud Army veteran. He was laid to rest following an April 22 funeral at Minnewaska Area High School, in Glenwood, MN

Since its inception in late 2018, The Front Line Foundation has supported 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. To date The Frontline Foundation has paid out \$348,000 in death benefits and equipment funding since it was founded in 2018.

“The death of Deputy Owen is a tragic remainder of the sacrifices our first responders face on daily basis,” said Suzanne Holt, President, and CEO of TFLF. “We hope that this death benefit will have a positive impact on his family during an incredibly difficult time.”

In order to provide death benefits of a substantial amount, like the one granted to Deputy Owen's family, TFLF fundraises tirelessly to ensure funds are available when they are needed.

TFLF has created a new golf tournament fundraiser that will not only bring awareness to the support

