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

The Wild's February 21 game versus Los Angeles Kings will put a spotlight on the needs and sacrifices of Minnesota's front line workers and their families

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (January 24, 2023) – The Front Line Foundation (TFLF) announced, today that it has been once again selected to participate in the Minnesota Wild's annual Hometown Heroes Series game on Tuesday, February 21, when the Wild host the Los Angeles Kings.

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

"We are humbled each time the Wild ask us to be a part of this special game to honor Minnesota's front line workers," said Suzanne Holt, President and CEO of TFLF. "The Wild organization does a great job of reaching out to the community and getting behind causes that make this place a great place to live and work."

The Wild's Hometown Heroes Front Line Workers Ticket Pack includes an exclusive, Wild-branded Hometown Heroes t-shirt, a pregame on-ice photo, and a pregame gathering. A portion of each ticket pack purchased will go to benefit the Front Line Foundation.

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.

"We are very happy to partner again with The Front Line Foundation to raise awareness to all of the good things they do to support our local first responders," said Brandon Grengs, Group Sales Manager of the Minnesota Wild. "In the past, these games have been a great way to salute the men and women who protect us on a daily basis."

To date The Frontline Foundation has paid out \$328,000 in death benefits and equipment funding since it was founded in 2018.

"We are thrilled to be making this an annual tradition," said Holt. "With the exposure an event like this provides, we are hopeful more people will learn about the great goals we have to support our frontline workers."

## **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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