TPD PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM
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Gracie the Goldendoodle
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*The Peer Support Team exists to help officers and their family members through any personal or professional issues that may come up throughout their careers.

*Team members work largely on a volunteer basis. Unless travelling out of town for another agency or responding to the LEC at the request of the PS Coordinator, many off duty contacts are not compensated.

*Team members are available 24/7 through phone calls, texts, emails, or face to face visits.

*Team members have all received, at minimum, a 40 hour Peer Support training by certified clinical psychologists.
*Each year, the Peer Support Team spends countless hours helping their brothers and sisters in blue through tough times.

*Some contacts are handled between the individual and the PS member, whereas some are referred to professionals and/or clinicians for specific treatment options.

*Hundreds of contacts are recorded, however details are kept confidential between the individual and the PS member.

*PS Members also conduct Critical Incident Stress Debriefings following traumatic incidents that effect numerous employees.
MOVING FORWARD

*The main areas of concern in 2020 were job related stressors, family concerns, marital issues, and critical incidents/trauma.

*More time and energy is being spent on preventative maintenance in regards to officers and their mental health.

*A Peer Support Library is currently being put together as a resource for employees.

*Efforts to increase the team size are currently underway.

*The Therapy Dog Program was implemented in 2020 and is currently working towards proper certifications. This will be ongoing. In general, Gracie goes to work with the program coordinator and responds to needs for her presence on a case by case basis.
POLICY AND PROCEDURE

General Order 3.7 Mental/Emotional Wellness guides the Peer Support Program.

Take away from the General Order: **Confidentiality** is the backbone of our program. Without it, we are without a program.

Legislation passed that keeps all conversations between officers and a Peer Support Team member protected the same as attorney/client privilege UNLESS: The officers has committed a crime, is a danger to themselves or others, or when they ask for divulgence.

Resources are plentiful.

Should an be involved in a critical incident, the Peer Support Team will be there to assist them throughout the entire process should they choose to have support.
Be STRONG enough to stand alone.

Be SMART enough to know when you need help.

Be BRAVE enough to ask for it.

Embracing the Badge