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Operation Delta 146

On December 01, 2020, the Charleston Police Department suffered a heavy blow when Patrolman Cassie Johnson was shot in the line of duty. Our hurt was compounded two days later when we learned Ptlm. Johnson's wound proved to be fatal. The City of Charleston was in one of its darkest hours, and our hearts ached while we mourned the loss of a true hero. Many federal, state and local agencies offered help and came to be by our side. These rays of hope began to brighten into a radiant beacon of inspiration as everyone came together. Those paying their respects and offering condolences knew no limits for our President and Commander In Chief, Joe Biden, personally phoned Ptlm. Johnson's family, along with West Virginia's Governor, Jim Justice, and West Virginia Senators Shelley Moore Capito and Joe Manchin, and many other dignitaries in our great state.

The week after we laid our hero to rest, Mike Baylous with the United States Marshals Service proposed a warrant sweep operation in honor of Ptlm. Cassie Johnson. The chosen name of this effort was Operation Delta 146. Ptlm. Cassie Johnson was assigned to our Patrol Division's Delta Shift, and her unit number was 146. Several law enforcement agencies from across West Virginia contribute to the USMS by providing a dedicated Task Force Officer (TFO). TFOs further the goals of the USMS by multiplying the number of agents in an area and by removing jurisdictional confines through their deputization. I commend each agency that helped make this a success. I know you have given some of your best officers as TFOs because meeting the USMS approval requisites is not easily attained. The agencies who helped the USMS make Delta 146 a success were police departments from Princeton, Ironton, Barboursville, Ravenswood, and Beckley. Sheriff's deputies from Cabell, Kanawha, Putnam, Roane, Jackson, Mercer, Wyoming, Raleigh Counties, WVDRC Parole, and the West Virginia State Police. Lissa Jordan with the ATF and Jack Sparks with the DEA also offered their agents and support. The accomplishments of this well-staffed event are attributed to the broad range of resources and skillsets each of our law enforcement partners brought to our city.

This warrant sweep exemplified the collaboration between these fine organizations and acted as a way to continue to honor Ptlm. Johnson's legacy. As one team, we served several warrants specific to gun crimes, violent crimes, felony drug crimes, and other serious felonies. A total of 72 arrests were made, of which 29 were federal warrants, and 43 were state/local warrants. 38 guns, approximately 6 pounds of methamphetamine, approximately 2 pounds of marijuana, and a significant amount of currency were seized as part of Operation Delta 146. The number of arrests coupled with the number of guns taken off our streets has made this the most successful warrant sweeps in Charleston in over 20 years.

Thank you to every agency and each officer that made Operation Delta 146 a record success in our city. This operation was the perfect way to honor Ptlm. Cassie Johnson. The results correlate well with her work ethic. Making our city safer is exactly why she chose her profession.

Humbly inspired,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tyke Hunt".

Chief James "Tyke" Hunt