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A HERO'S LOVE

This month I would like to share my admiration, appreciation and awe for all those LEO Spouses, partners, significant others, friends and family who stand alongside our Officers and Deputies, supporting them day in and day out.

As I get to meet and work with these supporters on a regular basis, I am continually blown away by their strength, endurance and resiliency. Just as it takes a very special calling to be an LEO, it takes a similar calling to be an LEO spouse. I have heard so many stories that give, just a glimpse, into the family life of an LEO. One Spouse had shared with me that

this past Christmas their son made mention that this was their first "real" Christmas because dad had Christmas day off. Another spouse shared how normal it is to find bullets in the wash machine. And another spouse shared about how the very best sound in the world is the Velcro of her husband's Kevlar vest being torn off when he gets home. He takes off the weight of his vest—taking the weight off of her shoulders and mind—if only for 12 hours.

These spouses don't just support their LEO, they support one another, near and far, whenever there is a need. They will rally, raise awareness, raise funds,

baby-sit, provide meals, and fight for each other no matter the cost. They will forfeit meals, planned dates, holidays, birthdays and kids activities so that their LEO can serve our community and keep us safe.

What a blessing and an honor it is to have the opportunity to watch and serve some of these outstanding heroes.

These spouses, these partners, are a force to be reckoned with, and one that I look up to every day.

Thank you for all you do. Thank you for all the moments that no one will ever see or even notice. You all are my heroes!

~Teresa Smith