In a little more than a week we will be hosting the 21st Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Breakfast. This event allows our Chaplain’s, local businesses, and Community members to show their support and appreciation for those who give so much protecting us. This year’s theme is “No one fights alone.” In today’s climate our LEO’s face the reality that they may be blatantly attacked, whether in action or word at any time. There are groups of people who dislike LEO’s based on misunderstandings and misinformation. This can cause LEO’s to distance themselves and their families as a manner of protection. The distance can feel like they are fighting a battle alone. Our goal with this year’s theme, and all year long, is to communicate that our LEO’s never fight alone.

In addition to the brother and sisterhood our Law Enforcement Officers have with each other, they are supported and believed in by this Chaplaincy. All of those involved with this event stand behind them.

In John 15:13 it says “Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.” Our LEO’s wholeheartedly risk losing their lives day in and day out serving not only their friends but also those who hate and reject them. An outstanding inspiration for each of us - what a world this would be if every person followed this example of love.

I am so very thankful for the God we serve and all the ways He allows me to serve these amazing heroes. I hope they know that they never fight alone.

Chaplain Mark Smith