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## ***A Message from Chief Knight***

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Chaska sergeant Mike Duzan wrote the following tribute to his uncle, and mentor Maplewood sergeant Joe Bergeron, who was ambushed and killed in the line-of-duty, on Saturday, May 1st.



Nearing the end of high school, I didn't know exactly what I wanted to do with my life. I had some ideas, but nothing that really felt right. That all changed during my senior year.

My uncle was a great guy. He was the person that everybody loved and wanted to be around. He was a cop. He was a paramedic. He was a firefighter. He was larger than life, and I wanted to be just like him.

My uncle let me ride along as he worked his shift with the Maplewood PD. I was hooked, and I knew why God had put me here. I was going to be a cop. I was going to be like Uncle Joe. When I told him what I had decided, he reminded me that I wouldn't be able to change the whole world. Through his example, however, I learned that as a police officer, I had the power to change *somebody's* world each and every day. He taught me what a huge responsibility that was, and to always do the right thing.

My uncle, Maplewood Police Sergeant Joseph Bergeron, was murdered as he was protecting his community. This tragedy wasn't necessary to prove to me that he is a hero. He was already my hero.

We police officers don't do this job simply for a pay check. More money can be made in easier ways, even today. We don't do it because we need to feel the "power." We work at the pleasure of society, and our only power comes from you. Sure, there have been some ugly examples that would indicate the opposite, but please know that almost all of us are just like you. We're your neighbors, we're your family and your friends. We are a little bit odd, in that we run toward trouble rather than away, but all of us together make a community.

I want to thank all of the Maplewood and Saint Paul Officers, the Ramsey County Deputies, and the State Patrol for their efforts. I know there were more agencies involved – thank you as well.

Thank you, Uncle Joe, for your guidance and your sacrifice. We will all miss you.

Sergeant Mike Duzan

Chaska Police Department

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