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This is Lieutenant Larry Depee, Commander of the California Highway Patrol, Crescent City Area. 16 years ago today, the attacks of September 11 struck our nation. This horrible event will forever be remembered by all of us.

I just wanted to take a moment to say thank you to all of our brave men and women who serve in all branches of our military. Active and retired. And thank you to all the fire personnel, EMS staff and law enforcement that keep us safe during our times of need.

All of these brave people risk their lives each and every day. I think it's important for to just stop for a minute and say thank you. Maybe something as simple as a smile, or a hand shake, can go a long way. All of these people do what they do, not for recognition, but because they care about all of us. At times, it can be a very thankless job, but they push forward anyway.

I have had the honor to recognize a few of these heroes, and the underlying theme I get from them is that they are appreciative of the recognition, but feel as though they are only a small sliver in the bigger tree. To me, this once again rereinforces why these heroes deserve at least a smile.

So Thank You, to all the heroes of our nation for keeping us safe. I know I appreciate all you do, and I know millions more like me, appreciate all your hard work and sacrifice. And one last thought, I would also like to say thank you to all the families of all of these heroes. Without your support, they couldn't do what they do. So thank you!

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