



# Greater Middletown Interfaith Council

## PRAYER SERVICE

### HONORING FIRST RESPONDERS

April 27, 2017

Dear members of the Greater Middletown Interfaith Council,

At a G.M.I.C. meeting earlier this year a particularly moving letter was read to us which was written by the wife of a police officer who asked that in view of the dangers and challenges faced by her husband and other officers and the sacrifices they make to serve the community, that a service be organized to support them in prayer.

In response to the request and in recognition of the endless work and sacrifices of all first responders/emergency services personnel in our area, we offer an Interfaith Prayer Service – a celebration in recognition of the men and women in our community who sacrifice of themselves to protect and serve others. It is scheduled for Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm, at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, New York. A reception will follow.

We hope you will be with us and please extend an invitation to those in your congregation who may be active, retired or auxiliary first responders/emergency services personnel including, but not limited to police, fire fighters, EMTs, paramedics, corrections officers, hospital/institution security officers, and all those who are involved in emergency services in some way, their families and those who would like to pray in thanksgiving for the service they perform for the community at large.

Please also find attached a flyer which we hope you will place prominently in your house of worship and perhaps also place in your bulletin. It will be helpful in planning to know how many will attend. The flyer contains RSVP info. As an alternative, you can also give us a total count of those coming from your house of worship by return email no later than June 15<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Rev. Peter Rustico  
President and Convening Chair  
Greater Middletown Interfaith Council

Gary Texter  
Prayer Service Committee Chair  
Greater Middletown Interfaith Council