

# “Thank You Blue” Week

In recent weeks we have seen protests, rioting, and violent attacks on police officers in parts of our country. These events have also drawn the attention of others who feel compelled to come out and show their support of the police. This is where the start of the “Thank You Blue” week began.

I was contacted by City Councilwoman Becky Higgins on Christmas Eve to discuss the possibilities of finding a simple, yet visible, way to show the officers of MVPD that there are those in the Mount Vernon community who appreciate them. Councilman Brian Jeffries and Mayor Tucker then got involved as well as several community members and businesses. The result was “Thank You Blue” week.

“Thank You Blue” week will be from January 25<sup>th</sup> – January 31<sup>st</sup>. During this time businesses and individuals who want to participate can get blue light bulbs to put in their front porch lights or lamp posts to show their support. Every residence can receive one free bulb. Light bulbs will be available at McKim’s IGA, Posey County Co-Op, or the Mount Vernon Democrat office. In addition to the blue lights, on Friday January 30<sup>th</sup> everyone is being encouraged to wear blue clothing as another sign of support for the officers of MVPD.

We all know being in law enforcement is generally a thankless job. I don’t know how much participation “Thank You Blue” week will get. I do know that I have been pleasantly surprised during the meetings I have had so far concerning it. Hopefully, we will see a lot of blue during “Thank You Blue” week. Make sure to pass this information on to your own family and friends.

Thank You Blue. You are truly appreciated.

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Grant Beloat, Chief of Police