



## **JANUARY 9, 2026 -LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY**

The hallmark of many outstanding communities is its commitment to creating a safe and welcoming environment for its residents and visitors, and in Darien, our concern for public safety continues to be one of our greatest strengths.

While we truly believe we have one of the finest, public safety programs in all of DuPage County, from time to time, we like to acknowledge the fine work of our department's officers, and Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, provides us with an opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of our men and women in blue.

On Friday, January 9, we will be recognizing Law Enforcement Day and we commend the men and women of the Darien Police Department who put themselves in harms way each day in order to keep our community safe, as well as to provide residents with a sense of comfort, knowing that wherever they go, the officers of the Darien Police Department will ensure their safety and security.

One of the hallmarks of our department is the outstanding command structure, with leaders who prioritize exceptional training, the use of modern equipment, high professional standards, and their concern for the physical and mental well-being of our officers and staff. As a result of their excellent training, the professionalism, dedication, and integrity demonstrated by the members of the Darien Police Department fosters public trust and contributes to the high quality of life enjoy by our residents, and has fostered a mutual respect shared by residents and our officers.

On behalf of Darien's elected officials and the residents of the City of Darien, we extend our sincere gratitude to the men and women of the Darien Police Department for their unwavering service and commitment to keeping Darien, "a nice place to live." As I have said several times in the past, in Darien, "superheroes do not wear capes—they wear blue." Today and every day, we honor your service, and say thank you for all that you do. You are, in our opinion, simply the best.!

  
Joseph A. Marchese

Mayor – City of Darien