



## THE BLACK SHIELD POLICE ASSOCIATION

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### AN OPEN LETTER FROM VINCENT MONTAGUE, JR.

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This has probably been the hardest week of my police career. Thursday, September 3, 2020, at 2033 hours, I received a call and later update that Detective Skernivitz had expired. In law enforcement, the goal is to go home every night.

En route home from the coroner's office I received another message at 0346 hours that off duty 4th District Patrol Officer Sabo was found deceased in his home.

I implore you all to reach out to each other during these difficult times. Throughout this weekend, I've seen officers join together to lift both families up in their time of grief.

To all public safety officials: do not be afraid to seek professional help and find positive ways to cope with stress.

The Black Shield Police Association will be there to support officers and families and will also keep them in our nightly prayers.

Respectfully,

Vincent Montague, Jr.