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A MESSAGE FROM NAUMD: END THE VIOLENCE!

Monday, December 7, 2009The North-American Association of Uniform Manufacturers & Distributors, whose membership faithfully serves the needs of the Public Safety Community, we are truly concerned by the recent increase in attacks on Police Officers, Fire Fighters and others in the community whose job is to protect us all.

The Lakewood, Washington Police Officers who were ambushed and executed in a senseless and despicable act of violence on November 30, 2009 are yet one more horrific example of this increasing violence against those who protect us.

Unfortunately, the 2009 Thanksgiving holiday weekend will be forever marked and sadly remembered for the tragic, senseless and despicable murder of the four dedicated Lakewood, Washington police officers:
Sergeant Mark Renninger, Age 39; Officer Ronald Owens, Age 37; Officer Tina Griswold, Age 40; and, Officer Greg Richards, Age 42.

Unfortunately they are far from alone. We cannot begin to express the remorse and sympathies we have for the families of all the many deceased officers who have given their lives in the line of duty and safeguarding their communities.

In recognition of this growing problem, NAUMD will begin to post on our website www.naumd.com links to organizations such as the **Lakewood Police Independent Guild Benevolent Fund**, PO Box 99579, Lakewood, WA 98499 (www.lpig.us), COPS and others so that our membership and others may become more aware of the important work they do in assisting the families of those who like the Lakewood Police Officers, give their lives while doing their best to protect us all.

The NAUMD Public Safety Committee will be continuing efforts to bring this issue before elected officials, business communities and the general public that NAUMD serves in hopes of reducing this violence as soon as may be possible. More must be done to protect those who protect us.

The members of NAUMD extend our sympathies, thoughts and prayers to the families and loved ones of Sergeant Renninger and Officers Owens, Griswold and Richards along with Chief Bret Farrar and all the men and women of the Lakewood Police Department.

The NAUMD Board of Directors & The NAUMD Public Safety Committee

About the NAUMD

The North American Association of Uniform Manufacturers & Distributors (NAUMD) has served as the voice of the Uniform Industry since 1933, and is a trade association representing the interests and needs of its over 500+ members, who manufacture, design, produce, and or sell uniforms and uniform accessories or who provide products and or services to the uniform industry. NAUMD represents the interests of the industry to the public, appropriate federal, state, and local governmental agencies, and to the consumer and trade news media. The Association provides services to member firms collectively for the betterment of all member companies and the industry at large. NAUMD also provides the means for the education and interchange of ideas between our members and facilitates communications through several publications and services.

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