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# Press Release

## **Local Leaders Organize Unity Rally**

Invites Community to Show Support for Law Enforcement Personnel

**Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015**

**6:00pm – 8:00pm**

**Wellington Amphitheater, 12100 Forest Hill Boulevard, Wellington, FL**

Recent events have prompted two local officials to call on the community to show their support for all those in the field of law enforcement. Palm Beach County Commissioner Melissa McKinlay and Indian Trail Improvement District Supervisor Michelle Damone are hosting a Unity Rally featuring a peaceful candle light ceremony beginning at 6:00pm at the Wellington Amphitheater on Forest Hill Boulevard.

“Certain issues just light a fire under me and force me stand up for the things I believe in” said Damone. “Together we are stronger if we stand with our men and women in public safety as they protect and serve us” she added.

Commissioner McKinlay said she hopes local officials, community leaders, and residents can attend to show their support and gratitude for the dangerous situations that public safety personnel willingly respond to on a daily basis. “Many people may not realize how many times a day these people put themselves and their family on the line for our safety, and they do it willingly,” McKinlay said.

“Over the past month police have been taking unfair bashing over recent events across the country. We are getting sick and tired of being wrongly portrayed as the BAD GUYS. We are not. We want our community to know POLICE CARE ABOUT YOU,” said Palm Beach County Police Benevolent Association President John Kazanjian.

Local leaders have been invited to share their thoughts on peace, faith, safety and support. The event will end with a moment of silence in honor of those lost in the line of duty. Candles will be supplied at the event.

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