

Subject: Re: Flags Along Parade Route
From: trusteebuescher@aol.com
To: evanguffin@gmail.com
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Date Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 11:03:43 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 11:03:50 PM GMT-04:00

Hi Evan;

The "Thin Blue Line" American flag represents our law enforcement personnel and we fly it to show support for the men and women who put their lives on the line every day to protect us. We are firm and dedicated supporters of our Sheriff's Office as well as the police officers in our surrounding communities, our great State of Ohio and the United States.

Just as in any profession, there are good people and bad people. What happened in Minneapolis to Mr. Floyd was disgusting and in my opinion, outright murder and rightfully raised the ire of many in our country. However, that does not necessitate or condone the urge to ignore the 99.99% of the rest of our law enforcement community whom we all respect and highly appreciate.

Your request, in my opinion, goes against the culture of our community and would show disrespect towards our law enforcement officers and I will not be a part of that. Therefore, I must respectfully decline your request to encourage me to take actions to remove the flag.

Respectfully,

Paul G. Buescher

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In a message dated 6/2/2020 2:24:15 PM Eastern Standard Time, evanguffin@gmail.com writes:

Hi Paul,

My name is Evan, and I'm a township resident that lives on [REDACTED]. While driving down Olde 8 the other day I noticed at the 5 way intersection of Olde 8, Brandywine, and 82, that there is a thin blue line flag mixed in with the American flags that are put up every year in celebration of Memorial Day. I was wondering why this is there? I honestly haven't noticed how long it has been there due to not traveling a ton during the state's stay at home orders, but now I drive past it frequently.

Given the current news around the nation of police behavior, I do not feel it is currently appropriate for our community to have this flag hanging in a main intersection. I wonder what people think of from out of town when they drive past it. What the thin blue line flag represents, is something that should not be mixed with the message that the American flags are also there for.

I would like to know if there is a timeline as to when this flag would be removed. If there is currently not anything in motion to remove this, I encourage you to please start. I feel our town is a safe community that requires little police enforcement, and I am grateful for that. For the people that are unfairly treated against by law enforcement let's please remove this flag from its post.

If you would like to discuss this further, please reach out to me.

-Evan Guffin