

## Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address July 15, 2016 “Dallas Police Shooting”

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Hello, this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess.

This week, the city of Dallas continues to mourn the great loss felt not only by the Dallas Police Department, but our entire community. My heart goes out to the loved ones of the five precious lives that were lost in an act of pure evil, driven by hatred and malice.

Our Dallas heroes in blue reported for duty the night of Thursday, July 7th, as they did every night, selflessly putting their lives on the line to protect their communities in the face of unimaginable danger.

As former President George W. Bush said at the memorial service in Dallas, “Your loved ones’ time with you was too short. They did not get a chance to properly say goodbye, but they went where duty called.”

In the midst of this turmoil, Dallas Police Chief David Brown took the time to provide a meeting with Members of Congress from the Dallas area to share what he knew of the attack in those early days afterwards.

I would like to commend Chief Brown on his poise and his strength in the aftermath of this ambush on his officers. His eloquence in handling this tragedy left Texans with a sense of comfort at a time when many felt that this tragedy hit far too close to home.

Chief Brown has been a true visionary in building a model police force in Dallas. And I thank him for that.

Now as this brave profession falls under harsh scrutiny on a daily basis, we must recognize the sacrifices of these men and women and their critical role in protecting our communities. And we must thank them and honor their service.

As always, I appreciate your comments and your questions on this issue or any other.

May God bless you and your family, may God bless our nation's police force and as always, may God bless Texas.