



# United States Capitol Police

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### **Capitol Police Officers' Tribute to Officer Evans**

The Officers of the United States Capitol Police (USCP) will pay their deepest respects to fallen Officer William “Billy” Evans, when he lies in honor at the Capitol Rotunda on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Our friend and our colleague, Officer Evans will be honored for his long service to the country and for making the ultimate sacrifice while protecting the US Capitol.

Officer Evans was an 18-year veteran of the police force and serving as a member of the First Responders Unit. He was killed when a driver rammed a vehicle into a police barricade outside the Capitol, on Friday April 4<sup>th</sup>.

A second officer was injured in the attack and a third officer has been placed on administrative leave after coming to their aid and using lethal force to stop the suspect. That officer too, has been traumatized.

Capitol Police Union Chairman, Gus Papathanasiou says, “Like his colleagues, Billy was back at work enduring the long hours and additional stress of the job following the trauma and tragedy of the January 6<sup>th</sup> Capitol insurrection.”

“It is a fitting tribute to Officer Evans that he be honored next week, though we deeply regret that it is necessary. This is the second time in just a few months, that we have bid farewell to a colleague in this manner.”

Officer Evans’ family issued a statement that captures the pride Capitol Police officers feel in their work.

“Billy was proud to be a United States Capitol Police Officer," it reads, "His colleagues from the North Barricade were the people he spent so many hours with, and their friendship was one of the best parts of his job. We hold them in our hearts, as we know they acutely share our grief."

Chairman Papathanasiou says, “We have continued to find the necessary reserves to fulfill our mission these past few months. We hope and pray help is coming from our leadership and from the Members of Congress who will determine the level of support and security needed to secure the Capitol in the future.”

“Capitol Police officers can be relied on to do their best. We ask that the voices of officers and their Union be allowed to help guide the solutions that are needed.”

“Please keep Officer Evans and his family in your hearts as those who grieve for him, seek the strength to go on.”

“His life and service will not be forgotten.”