

I have been learning, with extreme interest, of the proposal to discontinue the "Griffin" patch from the police officers uniforms.

My first question is this: In consideration of the reason the patch was initially placed into use, why in the name of common sense would you wish to remove it when it means so much to the police department and "all" of your officers?

My second question is: This patch is in no way a racist one, and instead it sets the bar for morals, pride, integrity and personal standards that "any" replacement will never be able to match. So why would you take away this pride and the resulting moral destabilizing effect upon the officers?

I challenge you all to deeply consider what effect you will have by this change because it means so terribly much to so many!

Yes – if you ask, I am a retired officer and wore the Griffin with pride and integrity for 22 years. I considered the Griffin my constant friend, still do.

May God be in your hearts as you make these decisions and I pray you do the right decision!

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