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Lieutenant Special Assignment Michael Pigott

This is a very tragic day for us. We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Lieutenant Pigott for this tragic loss.

Lt. Pigott was a caring and dedicated member of the NYPD for more than 20 years and a member of ESU for the past six years.

During that time he distinguished himself as a capable and effective leader who was recognized for his efforts by promotion to special assignment this past June.

The members of the ESU are the best trained and most capable emergency response officers in the country. Lt. Pigott was an outstanding member of that unit who was called upon to make a split second decision which had a tragic result. Contrary to many accounts, that decision did indeed weigh very heavily on him.

It is worth remembering that our police officers are not supermen but rather flesh and blood human beings who deal with life and death situations that most of us cannot even imagine on a daily basis. They deserve a kind thought and the benefit of the doubt for all the good that they try to do especially when things do not work out exactly as we would have hoped for.

Please keep Mike Pigott and his family in your thoughts and prayers!

Thomas R. Sullivan, President
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