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To: Print Media, PRESS RELEASE
From: Town of Marlborough Police Dept. Officer Fulton
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Re: BLUE LIGHT TREE CEREMONY

For Immediate Release

The Town of Marlborough, in conjunction with police officers and staff of the Town of Marlborough Police Department, will be conducting a BLUE LIGHT TREE lighting ceremony at Marlborough Police Headquarters located at 21 Milton Turnpike, Milton, New York.

The ceremony will take place on the lower level. (police/court entrance) on Monday evening, December 12, 2016, at 6 PM.

Blue lights are traditionally used to honor or commemorate police officers who have died in the line of duty. This current year, police officers who have died due to gunfire are up 64%; auto-related deaths are up 18%; deaths in the "all other category" fortunately have declined by 46% since last year.

As of this press release, 132 police officers have made the ultimate sacrifice upholding their oath to "serve and protect". Our "BLUE LIGHT TREE" will be trimmed appropriately with blue lights. Additionally, 132 glass ornaments will be hung on the tree in memory of the 132 officers who have given their lives

The public is cordially invited to attend this ceremony.