## A message from founder Bobby Tolley:

First, I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported the foundation in its mission. From our humble beginnings in the shadow of tragedy, we have strived to give back to a community of first responders that has been tremendously kind and supportive since that heartbreaking day in 2017.

Indeed, it is that kindness and support that compelled Amy and I to start the foundation. In my humble opinion, we can never do enough to say thank you to the men and women in uniform that care for all of us when we need them most. I ask that you consider joining us in our mission to continue the legacy of service that so identified my brother.

Regards,

Bobby



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### Latest news and updates

Hello everyone! This is our very first foundation newsletter, thank you for taking the time to read what we are up to! We are hopeful that this newsletter will prove to be a valuable source of information for those of you that follow us. As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please reach out!

# Bobby travels to Tennessee to promote the foundation

Bobby and Dennis attended a national-level precision rifle event in Finger, Tennessee on October 5-6, 2024. The event had over 400 attendees, including many influential leaders in the firearms industry. The goal in attending the event was to reach a broader audience and promote the foundation's various lines of effort. The response was tremendous, with several large companies expressing a desire to support us going forward.

Foundation supporter spotlight

**Dennis Nourry** 



Dennis is a retired FDNY firefighter, having served the department for 17 years prior to medically retiring due to a job-related injury. Dennis was a member of Engine 286/ Ladder 135, working alongside Billy for most of his career.

He has been one of the foundations' largest advocates and supporters, working to expand our presence on a national level. When he isn't helping the foundation, Dennis can be found in the mountains of Colorado, or afloat on the Long Island Sound.

#### Amy works with Gold Star FDNY widow to support veterans in need

Amy is currently working on a project with the widow of a fallen FDNY firefigher to donate blankets to veterans and their families for the upcoming winter season. The FDNY veterans program, led by Lynda Thompson, is the primary organization leading this effort. If you are interested in donating new, unused blankets, please contact us.

#### New swag available

Explore our latest collection of Foundation hats featuring new designs, snap back closure, and breathable mesh panels. Foundation logo on the front, and Billy's badge number in bunting purple on the back. Available in Multicam and Black/red.



#### Coming Soon...

The Foundation is excited about its next project, which will involve donating training aids to fire departments nationwide. Stayed tuned for further details!

#### Notable dates in Foundation history:

- 2017- First official donation on behalf of the foundation
- 2018- Donations exceed \$25,000 for the first time
- 2020- Foundation purchases and donates thousands of personal protective masks to area hospitals during the height of COVID.
- 2022- Foundation delivers water, serves food and helps local residents rebuild after a devastating tornado in Kentucky.
- 2023- Foundation donations exceed \$100,000.



### Did you know?

Fires & Drums has provided financial support not only in New York, but North Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee as well.