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**For Immediate Release:**

**December 11, 2021**

 On Thursday December 9, 2021, our brother, Officer Anthony Pasquarello passed away after a courageous battle with COVID-19. Sheriff Kevin F. Coppinger has classified Anthony’s passing as a line of duty death, which will allow for his family to collect line of duty death benefits at the State and Federal level. Anthony leaves behind his father Mario, mother Norine, fiancé Rio Joyce Mendoza, and his 6-year-old son Vincent. The family has requested all donations be made to a trust being set up for Vincent.

 Anthony was a friend to many, a model partner with the ability of working with anyone. He had a personality and sense of humor that made him a joy to be around. Anthony was a kindhearted, genuine human that showed up to work through a pandemic with professionalism and dedication towards his brother and sister officers. His passing will leave a void that will go unfilled.

I have spoken with many people that loved Anthony over the last two weeks, and through the tears I have heard many stories of laughter involving Anthony. These are the stories we will remember him by. These are the memories that will heal a broken heart. Cherish these memories. He may be gone today, but he will forever be remembered for his impact on each and everyone of our lives. We love you, Anthony. We thank you for your impact on our lives. We have the watch from here, please watch over us and we will continue honor you.

To memorialize Anthony the Essex County Correctional Officers Association has begun planning numerous memorial events to support Anthony’s family and son Vincent.

* The annual Holiday Party on January 29, 2021 at Theresa’s Italian Eatery in Middleton, Massachusetts will be a celebration of life for Anthony. All raffle proceeds will be donated towards his son, Vincent’s trust. Open to ECCOA members only.

* ECCOA has begun planning a comedy night to benefit Anthony in March of 2022 at Breakaway Danvers. All proceeds will benefit his son Vincent’s trust.
* ECCOA in partnership with the Essex County Sheriff’s Department will be selling Autism Patches during the month of April, with all proceeds to benefit his son’s Vincent trust.
* A GoFundMe as been created to benefit his son Vincent’s trust. [Fundraiser by Alex Wilson : Help the Pasquarello Family (gofundme.com)](https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-the-pasquarello-family?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=p_cf%20share-flow-1&fbclid=IwAR1BMEtiRu6RcdOp8m-h8RIIy3aEBrqeJNMGzMSGIPa7v2rZQFvDmJ5roHY)
* A monetary donation will be made to his son’s Vincent’s trust fund at a later date.

Lastly, for all members struggling with the passing of Anthony, I strongly encourage you to reach out to the department’s Peer Support team and/or Employee Assistance Program. We will get through this together. We will honor him, and we will do right by him. It is what he deserves.

In solidarity,

Alex Wilson