



Rep. Tom Emmer on House Republican's Back the Blue press conference

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HOST (STEVE):

Thank you, Steve.

REP. TOM EMMER:

Going off that 200 number that you just gave, 135 police officers have been shot in the line of duty so far just this year. Of those, 15 were killed by gunfire. An officer in my home state of Minnesota was killed just last month after being shot three times while responding to a domestic violence call. But instead of backing the brave men and women in blue who placed themselves in harm's way to keep our communities safe, Democrats continue to cave to the leftist lunacy that has made them the most anti-law enforcement party in our history. We see the repercussions of their lawless policies on our streets every day. Crime is soaring in communities across this country with homicides spiking 13 percent over the past two years. Incidents of rape have increased by 23.5 percent and aggravated assaults skyrocketed by nearly 34 percent. But unfortunately, Democrats continue to double down on their pro-crime agenda. Just two short months ago, 173 House Democrats voted against bipartisan legislation that overturned the D.C. City Council's radical criminal code overhaul and forced even Joe Biden to admit the Democrat-run city has a crime issue. Our police departments are struggling to recruit and retain officers as it is, and they're looking to us for help. We can start by doing more to defend them rather than defund them. The National Police Week, this National Police Week, House Republicans will pass three pieces of legislation that send a message of support to our men and women in blue and give them the resources they need to keep our communities safe and themselves, by the way, safe. After the countless hours these officers have committed to an often thankless job, this is the least that we can do. I hope and pray that our colleagues on the other side of the aisle will put their politics aside and vote yes on these bills that prioritize the safety of our constituents by backing the blue. And with that, I turn it over to our conference chair, Lee Stefan.

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