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Once again the nation's law enforcement community has suffered another tragedy with the shooting and killing of two police officers and one sheriff's deputy in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The ambush, which is eerily similar to the Dallas shooting in which a lone gunman targeted and killed five officers, occurs at a time in which law enforcement officers, who swear an oath to protect the public, are being targeted by individuals who have a pure hatred for those men and women that put their lives on the line every day they wear a uniform.

The challenges all of us face are many in today's society and I ask you to stay vigilant as you perform one of the most difficult and dangerous jobs in the country.

As we have personally seen one of our members targeted and seriously hurt, there are some in this country who are anti-police and prefer to be divisive. I would like to remind you that the overwhelming majority of citizens recognize the difficult job you do on a daily basis.

We perform our jobs with little fanfare and under intense scrutiny, but you continue to serve with professionalism and integrity.

I personally would like to thank you for the job you perform and ask you to keep the Dallas Police Department, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Baton Rouge Police and Sheriff's Departments in your prayers.

Fraternally,
President Michael B. Powers