Tips for sharing messages

Make it personal

Mention specific names, actions, or moments that made a difference.

Example: *"Thank you, Officer Smith, for always taking the time to check in on our community. Your kindness doesn't go unnoticed!"*

Be genuine and sincere

Authenticity makes gratitude more meaningful. Write from the heart.

Highlight the impact

Share how the person's actions made a difference in their life or community.

Example: *"Your support during the recent storms helped us feel safe. We're truly grateful!"*

Keep it concise (but meaningful)

A few heartfelt sentences can be just as impactful as a longer message.

Use positive uplifting language

Encouraging, appreciative words help make the message even more special.

Make it public (if appropriate)

Post on social media, write a letter, or share in a group setting to amplify appreciation.

Consider a creative touch

A short video, a drawing, or even a handwritten card can add a unique and personal element.

#ThankAFirstResponder #PowerOfThanks #TAFRD

Public social media messages using these hashtags will appear on the Thank a First Responder Day website Gratitude Gallery.