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Mayor William Courtright Offers a Statement on the Passing of Officer John Wilding

"It is with a heavy heart that I make this statement in recognition of the passing of Scranton Police Officer John Wilding. Officer Wilding was the first officer that I had the privilege of hiring during my tenure as Mayor. He was a dedicated professional, who truly cared about the City of Scranton, its citizens and their safety."

"He is a hero, who paid the ultimate sacrifice by losing his life in the line of duty. Words cannot express the debt of gratitude that all Scrantonians owe him and his family."

"On behalf of my family and of all of the citizens of the City of Scranton, I express my deepest sympathy to Officer Wilding's family and friends, Chief Graziano, and all of the dedicated members of the Scranton Police Department. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

"I request that all flags in the City of Scranton be lowered to half mast starting today through Officer Wilding's funeral, in his honor."

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