



# MEDIA ADVISORY

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

<b>Subject:</b>	Media Coverage: Funeral		
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(Westerville, Ohio) – This information is specific to credentialed media planning to attend the funeral service for Officers Anthony Morelli and Eric Joering.

A joint funeral service has been scheduled for Friday, February 16 at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 313 N. State St. Mass is scheduled at the church earlier in the morning. Arrivals no earlier than 9:30 a.m. will be strictly enforced.

### **SCHEDULE**

- 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Public Viewing
- 1 p.m. Funeral Begins

The St. Paul's gymnasium will accommodate overflow. This area will stream the service for law enforcement personnel from other agencies.

Outdoor ceremonial services will take place following the funeral service. A final procession through Westerville will follow. The route will be posted to the Westerville website.

### **ROAD CLOSURES**

The following roads will be closed for the funeral. The closures are expected to begin 9:30 a.m. and last through 4 p.m.:

- CLOSED: County Line Road, between Africa Road and State Street
- CLOSED: State Street, between County Line Road and Old County Line Road
- CLOSED: Moss Road will be closed to traffic

### **ATTENDEES**

One area inside the church will be reserved for attending media representatives. Media inside the church **MAY NOT FILM OR PHOTOGRAPH** unless previously authorized. Seating will be allowed on a first-come basis. *Please do not send more than one*

*representative to attend indoor services from your organization unless previously authorized.*

**PARKING:** See road closures. Media trucks have been shown parking and camera placement positions.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** The Columbus Dispatch will take still photographs and make these available via the wire to all media outlets.

**VIDEO:** Arrangements are in place for the placement of a pool camera. Services are expected to air live on Columbus-based networks.

**CHANNEL INFORMATION:** This information will be available later Thursday, February 15.

**SPECIAL REQUEST:** WPD asks that all media avoid tight shots of the family during their mourning, particularly Joering's three young girls.

The Columbus Division of Police will handle on-site logistics and enforcement.

The most up-to-date information will be posted at [www.westerville.org/westervillestrong](http://www.westerville.org/westervillestrong) or via Twitter at @tellwesterville.

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