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**The Honorable Joshua A. Bushweller
Cabinet Secretary**

Chief Kenneth McLaughlin
Ocean View Police Department
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Dear Chief McLaughlin:

Almost 10 years ago, a group of public safety leaders came together in Delaware with a shared goal: to ensure we had a coordinated approach to responding to an active shooter or active assailant event. You and your team led the way in Sussex and assisted us all.

That effort eventually became the Active Assailant Committee. It was not created by regulation or law. It happened because leaders like you recognized the need to be better prepared and were willing to invest time, resources, and expertise to make it happen.

Over the years, there have certainly been ups and downs with the training and program. However, over the last several months, we have seen some very positive and consistent movement forward.

I wanted to take a moment to simply say thank you.

Your agency has provided instructors, who have helped facilitate this effort, often as an additional duty on top of everything else they are responsible for. Without that commitment and partnership, we would not be where we are today.

We all have countless projects, responsibilities, and priorities within our own organizations. The fact that you and your team continue to make time to help prepare our state for one of the most challenging events we could face is something I truly appreciate.

Thank you for your partnership, your leadership, and your continued commitment to keeping Delaware's public safety community prepared.

Respectfully,


Joshua A. Bushweller
Cabinet Secretary