

LEGACY OF A HERO FOUNDATION DONATES BALLISTIC PLATES TO HANOVER TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT 3

The Legacy of a Hero-The L/Cpl Chris Cosgrove III Foundation, Inc. recently donated 30 ballistic armor plates for the CKFD Rescue Task Force. The donation was a result of fundraising of the foundation and came as a grant to the department. The grant was in honor and memory of Christopher Cosgrove III. Christopher was a Hanover Township resident, a graduate of Whippany Park High School and Monmouth University, and a Marine. He paid the ultimate sacrifice on October 1, 2006, while on duty in Fallujah, Iraq.

These armor plates are designed to keep Fire and EMS personnel safe in the event of any dangerous and potentially lethal situations in the local area after police have neutralized the area. These plates would allow much quicker rescue of any victims involved. According to Lt. Michael Belott, "the quicker we can rescue any victims during these situations and still feel safe and protected, it would help improve the long-term positive outcome for the victims".

The donation was presented by Charlene Cosgrove Bowie, mother of Christopher and the President of the Foundation, Laura Gashlin, co-founder of the Foundation, and Russ Yorks, Foundation Board Member.