

Thank You Letter from Chief Mike Brodnax, Rowlett Police Department - Re: Tornado They Suffered.

On December 26, 2015, around 6:45 PM the City of Rowlett was hit by an E4 tornado. The tornado struck our southeastern city limits pushing northwest for three and half miles with a half mile wide wind radius with over 160-200 mile an hour winds. The destruction and devastation to our community within those short few minutes was devastating.

Rowlett Police and fire instantly found themselves overwhelmed. We responded immediately into the affected areas in an effort to save lives. We had six police officers on duty. Our communication center was overwhelmed with 911 calls coming in. Rowlett found themselves in immediate need of resources. We knew you were just a phone call away. The problem was we didn't have time to make that call. That didn't matter. You along with other law enforcement sister cities knew we needed help and help you sent.

Rowlett had over a thousand homes damaged from minor to total destruction. We had a three and half mile long, half mile wide debris field. Streets were impassable. Managing exit and entry points into the affected area was critical. This took massive resources to be able to cover the affected streets. It was your resources that gave Rowlett Police Department the ability to manage this event. You stayed with us until we were able to handle it ourselves. The following agencies came to our aid and many others not listed were just a phone call away.

Addison, Allen, Balch Springs, Carrollton, Cumby, Dallas County Constable Precint2, Dallas County D.A. Invest., Dallas County SO, Dallas ISD, P.D., Dallas PD, DART, Farmers Branch, Flower Mound, Frisco, Ft. Worth, Garland, Gun Barrel, Heath, Kaufman County Constables, Kaufman County SO, Lindale, Mansfield, McClendon County SO, McKinney, Milford, Murphy, North Richland Hills, Plano, Quinlan, Richardson, Rockwall County SO, Rockwall, Sachse, Sherman, Tarrant County College PD, Texas Parks & Wildlife, Texas DPS, U. S Army CID, Wilmer.

On behalf of the Citizens of Rowlett, Rowlett Police Department and myself I cannot begin to thank you enough for your agencies immediate response to our time of need. I am humbled to work beside you as a law enforcement official. Should you ever need assistance, rest assured Rowlett will be there to help.

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Sincerely,

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Chief of Police

