



# Saint Louis County

**Sheriff's Office** • 100 North Fifth Avenue West, Room 103 • Duluth, MN 55802  
Phone: (218) 726-2340 • Fax: (218) 726-2171 • [www.stlouiscountymn.gov](http://www.stlouiscountymn.gov)

**Ross Litman**  
Sheriff

## NEWS RELEASE

**For immediate release:**

November 19, 2015

**MEDIA CONTACT:** Father John Petrich, Chaplain  
St. Louis County Law Enforcement Chaplain's Assoc.  
(218) 348-0247

### **Law Enforcement Chaplains promote Project Blue Light**

It's that time of year to hang up strings of lights for the holidays. This year St. Louis County Law Enforcement Chaplains are encouraging people to incorporate blue lights into their decorations as a call for peace and a show of support for law enforcement.

"The color blue has long been associated with law enforcement, but the color is also a symbol of peace," said Father John Petrich, a chaplain with the St. Louis County Law Enforcement Chaplain's Association. "And it seems there has never been a better time to show our support for law enforcement and our desire for peace in our lives and community.

"Whether it's hanging a string of blue lights, or replacing a regular bulb with a blue one in a light fixture, the simple act sends a message to those passing by that you support our peacekeepers and hope for peace in the coming year," said Petrich.

Project Blue Light has been around since 1989. It was the idea of a woman whose son-in-law, a police officer, had been killed in the line of duty, and whose daughter had died in a car accident. It was later adopted by the group Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) as a way to honor the officers who continue to serve, and to remember departed law enforcement across the country.

###