

Billboards to honor area law enforcement in memory of slain Virginia State Police trooper

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Law-enforcement personnel will receive a special message this holiday season from the family of a slain Virginia State Police trooper.

The message thanking state and local officers for the work they do will appear on digital billboards in Richmond and Hampton Roads, Virginia State Police said.

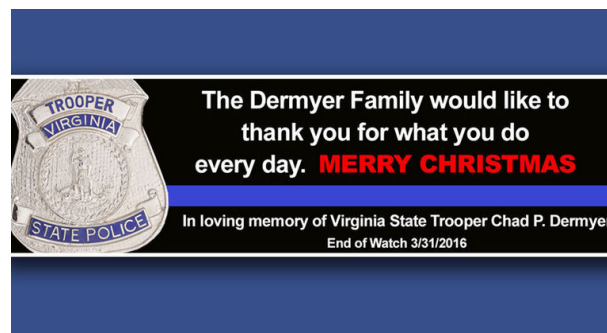
The signs honor Trooper Chad P. Dermeyer, who was shot to death March 31 during a training exercise at the Richmond Greyhound bus terminal. He was 37.

The signs were the idea of Dermeyer's father, John, who lives in Kansas City, Mo. John Dermeyer reached out to Lamar Advertising, which put up four of the signs for free in the Kansas City area, state police said.

Lamar agreed to do the same in Richmond and Hampton Roads.

"The Dermeyer family would like to thank you for what you do every day. Merry Christmas," the billboard reads. "In loving memory of Virginia State Trooper Chad P. Dermeyer. End of Watch 3/31/2016."

The signs will run through Christmas Day, state police said.



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