

First Responder Blessing,
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You have generously devoted yourself to helping others -- thank you.
Your work requires you to be prepared for whatever comes: You make
difficult and complicated decisions, often in a split second.
You put yourself at risk to serve your community -- often encountering
those among us who are the most vulnerable and most volatile.
You regularly confront the brokenness, evil, and suffering around us.
And so we offer you this blessing:

Blessing:

May you have courage when you are afraid;
Wisdom when a quick decision is required;
Strength when you are weary;
Curiosity to keep learning and growing;
Peace as you encounter pain and suffering;
And compassion in all that you do.
And may you return safely home each day,
Knowing that you are loved.

Blessing for a vehicle:

Keep all those within safe from harm
And to all those served:
Bring assistance, compassion, and hope.