



Roxboro Elks Lodge #2005

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"ROXBORO ELKS RAISE FUNDS TO EXPAND HONOR GUARD"

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The Roxboro Elks Lodge #2005 held a fundraiser to raise money for the City of Roxboro Police Department's drive for new Honor Guard Uniforms. A special group of City Police officers volunteer their time off to be a part of the police department's Honor Guard. RPD's Honor Guard serves as a ceremonial unit that presents the United States of America flag at special events and military honor events when requested. The department unveiled the Honor Guard during last year's Christmas Parade. Now, the department will add two more members thanks to donations. The community raised an additional \$2,750 bringing the total to \$7,850 allowing the department to purchase the uniforms to allow proper honor to be given at ceremonial events. The Roxboro Elks lodge recently donated a significant amount.

A group of Elks consisting of John Bullock, Brian Horner and Darrell Long felt the need was important and presented the department a check this week. A special thank you also goes out to Maggie Long who assisted with the fundraiser. "The generous donations have brought to life a dream of ours that took fifteen years", said Sergeant Walker in December 2016, who trains the unit. Walker, a former Marine, continues to be humbled by the support of the community. Four of the five current unit officers have prior military service. Walker said, "Without your support we likely would not be in these uniforms." Walker remains optimistic that the Honor Guard will be able to add two more officers to bring the unit total to nine. The special dress uniform costs about \$1,100 per officer.

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