

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 177

WHEREAS, Manchester Township Police Officer Scott R. Thompson was born in Ridgewood, New Jersey, and lived in Beachwood, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Officer Thompson began his career as a Special Officer in Seaside Park, and later graduated from the Ocean County Police Academy; and

WHEREAS, Officer Thompson also served the communities of South Toms River and Lakehurst, and had been a member of the Manchester Township Police since 1999; and

WHEREAS, Officer Thompson received several awards and commendations including a 2014 Meritorious Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Officer Thompson had been slated for promotion prior to his passing and will be posthumously promoted to the rank of Corporal; and

WHEREAS, Officer Thompson was forty-seven years old, and a loving and devoted husband and father; and

WHEREAS, Officer Thompson tragically died after collapsing at the Manchester Township Police Headquarters; and

WHEREAS, Officer Thompson's selfless devotion to public service and the protection of others makes him a hero and a true role model for all New Jerseyans; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to recognize his commitment to the welfare and safety of others, to mark his passing, to honor his memory, and to remember his family as they mourn their tragic loss;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Friday, April 17, 2015, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of Officer Scott Thompson.

2. Furthermore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:3-12, the flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at the State House during appropriate hours in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of Officer Scott Thompson.

3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
16th day of April,
Two Thousand and Fifteen,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Thirty-Ninth.

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Christopher S. Porrino

Chief Counsel to the Governor