

Plymouth Township Officer Bradley Michael Fox E.O.W. 9/13/2012

Officer Fox was murdered while pursuing Andrew Thomas on foot, along with his K9 partner Nick. Thomas had fled from a hit-and-run traffic accident. During the pursuit, Thomas ambushed both of them and shot Brad to death. Thomas then turned the Beretta 9mm pistol on himself and committed suicide. K9 Nick suffered non-life threatening injuries and recovered. He now lives with the Fox family. Investigation later determined that the pistol Thomas used to murder Officer Fox was registered to Michael Henry, who had illegally “straw-purchased” that gun, and eight others, for Thomas. Thomas was on probation and not permitted to own any firearms. Henry was subsequently arrested for multiple firearms violations, convicted, and sentenced in Montgomery County to 20-66 years in prison. This tragic event prompted passage of the “Brad Fox Law” in October 2012, restoring a minimum five sentence for anyone convicted of making repeat straw gun purchases in Pennsylvania.

In addition to the formal dedication of the Fallen Hero plaque at the site of Officer Fox’s death, District Attorney Ferman and the Police Chiefs of Montgomery County posthumously awarded Officer Fox the District Attorney’s Medal of Honor, the highest honor to be bestowed upon a law enforcement officer in Montgomery County. According to District Attorney Ferman, “Officer Brad Fox represents the very best of our community. A dedicated Marine, police officer, son, brother, friend, teammate, husband and father, his quiet strength and commitment to family, community and country are a shining example of the best of humanity. Brad Fox was a hero, a brave soldier who chased down evil so the rest of us could be safe. He gave his life protecting our safety and security. We are grateful for his service and the ultimate sacrifice he made.” Officer Fox was survived by his wife Lynsay, his daughter Kadence, his parents Tom and Kathy Fox and his brother James Fox. His son, Brad Fox, Jr, was born in March 2013, seven months after his death. Plymouth Township Police Chief Lawrence observed that “We will never, ever forget Officer Fox or his ultimate sacrifice. Brad will forever remain within the hearts of his family, friends, and colleagues throughout the law enforcement community.” Before joining the Plymouth Township Police Department in 2007, Brad served as a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Marines. He completed tours of duty in Iraq in 2003 and 2006, and was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Presidential Unit Citation, Selected Marine Corps. Reserve Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbon and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal.