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## Officials and First Responders Get Wills Done for Free

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They put their lives on the line everyday, not knowing what situation they may face.

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Many officials and first responders aren't prepared for the unthinkable.

Thursday, they filled out some paperwork that could one day help their families if the unthinkable happens. □

Brian Cherry has been putting his life on the line for the past 16 years, walking into the line of fire each day. "I don't have a will until today. I believe it'll help my family if I'm killed in the line of duty or pass away."

Cherry is one of many officers and first responders who are taking part in the "Wills for Heroes".

The project is put together by the Alabama State Bar Association.

Lawyers from the Dothan area volunteered to draw wills together, free of charge.

Linda Lund, with the AL State Bar of Volunteer Lawyers Program said, "It's a great project for first responders because of the profession that they're in, they're always in danger, and they're always putting their lives on the line. This way, they know that at the end of the day, they have their affairs taken care of should something bad happen to them."

Lind says the project has been a success since it began in September.

Along with helping those who keep us safe each day, she says it is also rewarding to the lawyers who offer to help, at no cost.

Lawyer Hamp Baxley said, "It makes me feel good to be a lawyer to be able to provide my services to those who put their life on the line everyday. It's a small thing I can do to give back from my personal experience."

And for Brian, it's a sense of security for the most important people he protects each day, his family.

The program will continue until Saturday.

Officials hope to make it an annual event.

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