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Dear Chief:

As you aware, the annual Trooper George L. Hanna Memorial Awards for Bravery ceremony has provided the Commonwealth an opportunity to recognize the selfless and heroic actions of our law enforcement community since 1983. As Secretary of Public Safety, it is an honor for me to ask each Massachusetts police chief to submit eligible candidates for consideration of this prestigious award.

I respectfully ask that you take the time to forward any nominations you may have for outstanding acts of bravery performed by a member (or members) of your department between **January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016**, following the guidelines attached. The selection committee will require a detailed narrative of the incident for which your member is being nominated, along with news clippings or any substantiating information you feel will assist the selection committee with its decision.

Your selections should be forwarded by **June 19, 2017** to the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, to the attention of:

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I encourage you to select your candidates carefully, keeping in mind the level of high esteem associated with the award. Please note that in an effort to preserve the sanctity of the Hanna Awards, the Selection Committee has decided to recognize only Medal of Honor and Medal of Valor recipients and has adopted more selective criteria for award nominations.

The nomination form, criteria and application checklist are attached and available online at:
<http://www.mass.gov/eopss/george-l-hanna-memorial-awards-for-bravery.html>.

Thank you for your time and for your continued support of this important recognition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Bennett".

Daniel Bennett
Secretary of Public Safety and Security