

President Obama speaks in Dallas

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DALLAS, TX - Today, President Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, and Dr. Jill Biden are headed to Texas to join the city of Dallas in honoring the memory of the five police officers who lost their lives last Thursday.

[**You can watch President Obama's remarks at the interfaith memorial service here at 1:40 pm ET.**](#)

Lorne Ahrens, Michael Krol, Michael Smith, Brent Thompson, and Patrick Zamarripa served their city and every one of its citizens with incredible courage and dedication. Their deaths, and the senseless deaths of Alton Sterling and Philando Castile, have left Americans across the country with more questions than answers.

But as President Obama said:

"I reject the idea that these issues are somehow too big for us -- that America is too divided to find common ground. As I've said, I know that we can honor the incredible courage and service of our police officers -- and also recognize the racial disparities that exist in our criminal justice system. There's no contradiction there. And if we are going to come together to solve these problems, we have to understand that. So we'll have to talk to each other. We'll have to listen to each other. And we'll have to see each other as equal parts of the American family."

[**Tune in today at 1:40 pm ET to watch his remarks to the families of the fallen and members of the Dallas community.**](#)