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In the wake of the pre-meditated murder of numerous Dallas Police Officers by one or more snipers, the Burlington Police Department is suspending solo officer patrols until the prospect of copycat attacks on other police officers diminishes. America is protected by a patchwork of 18,000 police agencies, and a repeat incident in one of them is not unfathomable.

Burlington police are friends, neighbors and Vermonters. Their work conditions are adjusted as the hazards they face change, as in any profession. Double patrols are safer for officers and are in fact the standard in many urban agencies. These patrols may result in delayed response times for noncritical incidents.

Please keep the families of all of those killed and injured in recent days in your thoughts and prayers and thank you in advance for trading some response time to less important calls for a modicum of peace of mind for your police officers.

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