

"Components of Public Safety I"

Stainless steel and recycled steel from melted weapons

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This sculpture is constructed from five stainless steel component sections forming a circle and star. It was inspired by the structure of an arch. Each section is held in place by, and bears a load with, the support of the other sections defining the message of working together as a team to achieve a greater good.

Each component frames the interior portions which are filled with raw steel billets and rebar. These metal shapes were created from melted weapons collected from the community during the Cease-Fire volunteer gun buyback programs of Tampa Bay. The enduring stainless steel star and the rusting potential harm of the weapons, visually highlight the contrast of the materials and the concept of negative being contained by that which is positive.

The sculpture is a tribute to the brave men and women of law enforcement who work together and with members of the community to achieve the highest good, public safety.

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