

## "Components of Public Safety II"

Stainless steel and recycled steel from melted weapons

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American, b. 1953

This sculpture is constructed of five stainless steel component sections. Four sections form an incomplete circle and star. The fifth section, which would complete both, is lying on the ground and represents those who lost their lives in the line of duty.

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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