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The Deputy Sheriffs Magazine is a veteran-owned small business dedicated to memorializing our fallen law enforcement officers by supporting organizations that offers assistance to the families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Each year many make the ultimate sacrifice and Deputy Sheriffs Magazine is honored to give friends, family, other officers the opportunity to remember them and their sacrifices.

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A Hero's Welcome

By Robert Longley

Time to come home dear brother
Your tour of duty through
You've given as much as anyone
Could be expected to do

Just a few steps further
The smoke will start to clear
Others here will guide you
You have no need of fear

You have not failed your brothers
You clearly gave it all
And through your selfless actions
Others will hear the call

So take your place of honor
Among those who have gone before
And know you will be remembered
For now and evermore

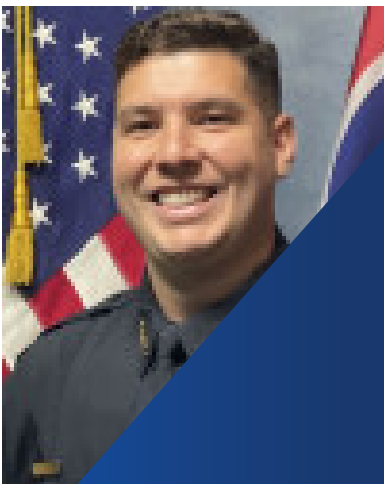




CORRECTIONAL OFFICER I ROBERT DANFORTH CLARK

Georgia Department of Corrections, Georgia
End of Watch Sunday, October 1, 2023

Correctional Officer I Robert Clark died after being assaulted by an inmate with a homemade weapon at the Smith State Prison. He was escorting two prisoners from the dining hall when one of them attacked him from behind with the weapon. The second prisoner attempted to stop the attack but was also assaulted and injured before the attacker was subdued. Officer Clark and the wounded inmate were both transported to a local hospital where Officer Clark succumbed to his wounds. The inmate who attacked him, who was already serving a life sentence for murder, was charged with Officer Clark's murder. Officer Clark had served with the Georgia Department of Corrections for only six months. He is survived by his mother, two brothers, four sisters, six nephews, and nine nieces.



DEPUTY SHERIFF TUCKER BLAKELY

Knox County Sheriff's Office, Tennessee
End of Watch Monday, October 2, 2023

Deputy Sheriff Tucker Blakely succumbed to gunshot wounds he received while responding to a domestic violence call at the 3200 block of Denver Lane in Knoxville. At 11:30 p.m., deputies encountered an armed subject after receiving a domestic violence call. The situation escalated, and a gun battle ensued. Deputy Blakely was struck twice. The subject was shot and killed by returning gunfire. Deputy Blakely was transported to UT Medical Center and remained on life support so his organs could be donated. Deputy Blakely was a United States Army veteran and had served with the Knox County Sheriff's Office for two years. He is survived by his wife, son, and brother.

HONORING AND COMMEMORATING SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

About The Memorial

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial is centered in the 400 block of E Street, NW, Washington, DC and is the nation's monument to law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. Dedicated on October 15, 1991, the Memorial honors federal, tribal, state, and local law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the safety and protection of our nation and its people.

The Memorial features two curving, 304-foot-long blue-gray limestone walls. Carved on these walls are the names of more than 23,000 officers who died in the line of duty throughout U.S. history, dating back to the first known death in 1786. Unlike many other memorials in Washington, DC, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial is ever-changing: new names of fallen officers are added to it each spring, in conjunction with National Police Week.

Designed by architect Davis Buckley, the Memorial sits on three acres of federal park land in an area of Washington, DC called Judiciary Square, the historic seat of our nation's judicial branch of government. The Memorial grounds boast plush carpets of grass, nearly 60,000 plants and 128 trees. Each April, more



than 10,000 daffodils bloom at the site, providing a burst of color for visitors. The Memorial's central plaza features an intricate paving pattern and a bronze medallion with the Memorial Fund logo: a blue shield with a red rose draped across it.

Bordering the Memorial's beautifully landscaped park are the two tree-lined "pathways of remembrance" where the names of the fallen officers are engraved. Each of the pathway entrances is adorned with a powerful statuary grouping of an adult lion protecting its

cubs. Sculpted by Raymond Kaskey, the bronze statues symbolize the protective role of law enforcement officers and convey the strength, courage and valor that are hallmarks of those who serve and protect.

A number of commemorative ceremonies are held at the Memorial each year, and the site is visited by nearly a quarter million people annually. The Memorial's beauty and tranquility make it a special place for reflection, contemplation or just a quiet moment away from the hustle and bustle of city life.



POLICE OFFICER CHAD SWANSON

Manhattan Beach Police Department, California

End of Watch Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Police Officer Chad Swanson was killed in a motorcycle crash on the 405 Highway at Del Amo Avenue. While on his way to work at 5:15 a.m., a vehicle struck his department motorcycle after another vehicle made an unsafe lane change. The impact threw Officer Swanson off his motorcycle. He was transported to Harbor Medical Center where he died from his injuries. In 2017, despite being wounded at the Route 91 Harvest Country Music Festival, he repeatedly ran into the crowd bringing people to safety. Officer Swanson had served with the Manhattan Beach Police Department for 13 years and previously served with the Hawthorne Police Department. He is survived by his wife, three sons, and parents.



SERGEANT RICHARD CARRERO MENDEZ

Philadelphia Police Department, Pennsylvania

End of Watch Thursday, October 12, 2023

Sergeant Richard Mendez was shot and killed at the Philadelphia International Airport's Garage D at about 11:00 p.m. He and his partner arrived in the parking garage, preparing to start their shift, when they observed subjects breaking into a vehicle. As they approached the men, the subjects fired at them. Sergeant Mendez was struck multiple times, and his partner was shot in the arm. Sergeant Mendez was transported to Penn Presbyterian Medical Center where he succumbed to his wounds at 11:34 p.m. The suspects fled in a stolen vehicle. One of the suspects, who died from gunshot wounds, was dropped off at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The rest of the suspects remained at large until October 16, 2023, when an 18-year-old suspect was arrested. Sergeant Mendez had served with the Philadelphia Police Department for almost 23 years and was assigned to the Airport Unit. He is survived by his wife and daughter. Sergeant Mendez was posthumously promoted to Sergeant and awarded the Purple Heart and Medal of Honor.



LIEUTENANT MILTON RESENDEZ

San Benito Police Department, Texas
End of Watch Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Lieutenant Milton Resendez was shot and killed during a police pursuit at the 1100 block of North Sam Houston Boulevard in San Benito. At 10:58 p.m., the San Benito Police Department was notified that a fleeing vehicle being pursued by the Texas Department of Public Safety was entering their jurisdiction. Lieutenant Resendez was traveling north on North Sam Houston Boulevard when the fleeing vehicle approached from the southbound lanes. The subjects fired at his patrol vehicle. One bullet hit the front of his vehicle, and the second struck the driver's side door. One of the bullets pierced Lieutenant Resendez in the abdomen below his vest. He was transported to Valley Baptist Hospital where he succumbed to his wounds. The two subjects were arrested after a pit maneuver stopped their vehicle. They have been charged with evading arrest, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, and capital murder. Lieutenant Resendez had served with the San Benito Police Department for 27 years and previously served with the Brownsville Police Department and Palm Valley Police Department.



CORRECTIONAL OFFICER I KELLY BERNARD ROLANDO

Missouri Department of Corrections, Missouri
End of Watch Sunday, October 22, 2023

Correctional Officer Kelly Rolando was killed in a vehicle crash at 7:14 p.m. on the 54 Bypass in Mexico, Missouri. Officer Rolando was returning to the Northeast Correctional Center in Bowling Green from a temporary assignment at the University Hospital in Columbia when he collided head-on with a vehicle traveling southbound. He and the driver of the other vehicle were killed instantly. Officer Rolando had served with the Missouri Department of Corrections for eight years. He is survived by his mother, father, grandmothers, grandfather, three sisters, and two brothers.



SERGEANT JON ARDEN JENSON

Fort Worth Police Department, Texas
End of Watch Saturday, October 28, 2023

Sergeant Jon Jenson died because of contracting COVID-19 in the line of duty. Sergeant Jenson was a United States Army veteran and had served with the Fort Worth Police Department for 26 years. He is survived by his wife, daughter, son, and sister.



SENIOR POLICE OFFICER PHOUKHAM TRA

Des Moines Police Department
End of Watch Thursday, November 2, 2023

Senior Police Officer Phoukham Tran succumbed to injuries he received when he was struck by a drunk driver at the intersection of East 30th Street and East Grand Avenue in Des Moines on August 19, 2011. Officer Tran was directing traffic at the Iowa State Fair when the driver of a pickup hit him and threw him 47 feet into the air. He was transported to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics where he was treated for traumatic brain injury, broken ribs, and ruptured spleen. The driver was convicted of serious injury by vehicle, operating while intoxicated-2nd offense, and possession of a controlled substance and was sentenced to seven years. Officer Tran remained wheelchair-bound, suffering from seizures and speech, memory, vision, and coordination issues. On November 2, 2023, he passed away from his injuries. Officer Tran had served with the Des Moines Police Department as a police officer for over 12 years and was a cadet with the agency for 18 years. He is survived by his wife and two children.



DETECTIVE JAMES MICHAEL LETT

Benton Police Department, Arkansas

End of Watch Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Detective Mike Lett succumbed to critical injuries he received in a vehicle crash on October 28, 2023. At 11:00 a.m., Detective Lett hydroplaned on Interstate 430 while responding to a service-to-assist with the Benton Police Department's Drug Take Back Program and struck a guardrail. He was transported to Baptist Hospital in Little Rock, where he died from his injuries. Detective Lett was a United States Air Force veteran and had served in law enforcement for over 30 years, serving with the Benton Police Department, Saline County Sheriff's Department, Pulaski County Sheriff's Department, Arkansas Attorney General's Office, Maumelle Police Department, and the Salt Lake City (Utah) Police Department. He is survived by his four daughters, a son, two sisters, adopted parents, and two grandchildren.



SENIOR POLICE OFFICER JORGE PASTORE

Austin Police Department, Texas

End of Watch Saturday, November 11, 2023

Senior Police Officer Jorge Pastore was shot and killed during a hostage barricade at 9308 Bernoulli Drive at about 4:10 am. Patrol officers had initially responded to the residence for a domestic violence call involving a stabbing shortly before 3:00 am. Arriving officers located an injured victim outside of the home and learned there were two more injured victims inside. As the officers attempted to enter the home to rescue the victims the subject inside opened fire, causing the officers to retreat. The agency's SWAT team arrived at the scene and attempted a hostage rescue at about 4:30 am. The subject opened fire on the SWAT team, fatally wounding Officer Pastore and wounding a second officer. The officers returned fire, killing him. The other two victims were also found deceased inside the home. Officer Pastore had served with the Austin Police Department for four years. He is survived by his wife, two stepsons, and parents.



CORRECTIONAL OFFICER III JOVIAN MOTLEY

Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Correctional Institutions Division, Texas
End of Watch Monday, November 13, 2023

Correctional Officer III Jovian Motley died while helping restrain a combative inmate at the J. Dale Wainwright Unit at 2665 Prison Road 1 in Lovelady. The cause of death is under investigation. Officer Motley had served with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Correctional Institutions Division for over one year. He is survived by his mother and father.



BORDER PATROL AGENT FREDDY ORTIZ

United States Department of Homeland Security - Customs and Border Protection - United States Border Patrol, U.S. Government
End of Watch Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Border Patrol Agent Freddy Ortiz was killed in an ATV crash in Douglas, Arizona, while responding to reports of undocumented immigrants in the area of Chino Road and 5th Street. His ATV left the roadway and struck a utility pole as he drove along International Drive while searching the area at about 7:00 pm. The collision caused the ATV to overturn and he suffered fatal injuries. Border Patrol Agent Ortiz was a U.S. Navy veteran. He had served with the United States Border Patrol for 13 years and was assigned to the Douglas Station, Tucson Sector. He is survived by his mother and stepfather.



CAPTAIN RICHARD LOUIS RUIZ, SR.

Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police

Department, New York

End of Watch Saturday, November 18, 2023

Captain Richard Ruiz died as the result of cancer that he developed following his assignment to the search and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center site following the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks. Captain Ruiz had served with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police Department for 25 years. He was survived by his wife, two daughters, a son, his mother, and three grandchildren.



SERGEANT MICHAEL MORAN

Cortez Police Department, Colorado

End of Watch Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Sergeant Michael Moran was shot and killed while making a traffic stop near the intersection of South Broadway and San Juan Drive at about 11:25 am. An occupant of the car shot Sergeant Moran before the suspects fled in the vehicle. Other officers located the two suspects approximately 1-1/2 miles south of the original shooting. One subject was shot and killed after opening fire on officers. A second subject was taken into custody. Sergeant Moran was a U.S. Marine Corps Iraq War veteran and had served with the Cortez Police Department for 11 years. He is survived by his two daughters.



SERGEANT MICHAEL ABBATE

Nevada Department of Public Safety - Nevada Highway Patrol, Nevada

End of Watch Thursday, November 30, 2023

Sergeant Michael Abbate and Trooper Alberto Felix were struck and killed by a drunk driver at 3:23 a.m. off Interstate 15 near D Street in Las Vegas. Sergeant Abbate and Trooper Felix had stopped to check on a driver who appeared to be sleeping in his car. Another vehicle hit them and fled the scene. One officer died at the scene. The other officer was transported to UMC Trauma Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. The subject was apprehended six hours later and was charged with two counts of each charge: reckless driving resulting in death, driving under the influence resulting in death, and duty to stop at the scene of an accident involving death. Sergeant Abbate had served with the Nevada Department of Public Safety - Nevada Highway Patrol for almost 11 years. He is survived by his wife and children.



TROOPER ALBERTO FELIX

Nevada Department of Public Safety - Nevada Highway Patrol, Nevada

End of Watch Thursday, November 30, 2023

Trooper Alberto Felix and Sergeant Michael Abbate were struck and killed by a drunk driver at 3:23 a.m. off Interstate 15 near D Street in Las Vegas. Sergeant Abbate and Trooper Felix had stopped to check on a driver who appeared to be sleeping in his car. Another vehicle hit them and fled the scene. One officer died at the scene. The other officer was transported to UMC Trauma Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. The subject was apprehended six hours later and was charged with two counts of each charge: reckless driving resulting in death, driving under the influence resulting in death, and duty to stop at the scene of an accident involving death. Trooper Felix was a United States Air Force veteran and had served with the Nevada Department of Public Safety - Nevada Highway Patrol for four years. He is survived by his wife and children.



SERGEANT JAMES MICHAEL RUSS

Chattanooga Police Department, Tennessee
End of Watch Saturday, December 2, 2023

Sergeant Mike Russ suffered a fatal heart attack after working three 16-hour days supporting the Blue Cross Bowl at Finley Stadium at 1826 Reggie White Boulevard in Chattanooga. From November 30th, 2023, to December 2nd, 2023, Sergeant Russ was at Finley Stadium at 8:00 a.m., supporting record-breaking crowds at festivities and events before the bowl game. He also maintained his regular duties as a court liaison and his assignment at the Emergency Operations Center. During the three days, coworkers expressed concern for symptoms he was displaying, such as shortness of breath and coughing. He went home at about 10:00 p.m. to complete department documentation when he collapsed. Despite resuscitation efforts, he was unable to be revived. Sergeant Russ was a United States Navy veteran and served with the Chattanooga Police Department for 16 years. He was survived by his wife, mother, brother, nieces, and nephew. Sergeant Russ a member of Law Enforcement United.



TECHNICAL SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER PHILIP ROCK

New York State Police, New York
End of Watch Sunday, December 3, 2023

Technical Sergeant Chris Rock died as the result of cancer that he developed following his assignment to the search and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center site following the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks. Technical Sergeant Rock had served with the New York State Police for 26 years. He was survived by his wife, mother, brother, nieces, and nephews.



POLICE OFFICER PAUL TRACEY

Waltham Police Department, Massachusetts
End of Watch Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Police Officer Paul Tracey was struck and killed by a vehicle while he was working a construction detail near 158 Totten Pond Road in Waltham. The subject was driving east on Totten Pond Road at 4:15 p.m. when he attempted to make a U-turn and collided with another vehicle. He drove away from the crash and struck Officer Tracey and three National Grid utility workers about a quarter mile from the initial collision. The subject continued driving, and when he struck two additional vehicles, he fled on foot, brandished a knife, and then stole a police cruiser. He was apprehended after a foot pursuit. Officer Tracey and one of the utility workers died from their injuries. Two other utility workers were transported to the hospital. The subject was charged with failure to stop for police, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, larceny of a motor vehicle, armed robbery, assault with a dangerous weapon, two counts of manslaughter, and leaving the scene of an accident after causing personal injury and death. Officer Tracey had served with the Waltham Police Department for 28 years. He is survived by his wife, who is also a law enforcement officer, and two children.



SERGEANT RUSSELL EARL LAVARL JONES

Pamlico County Sheriff's Office, North Carolina
End of Watch Wednesday, December 6, 2023

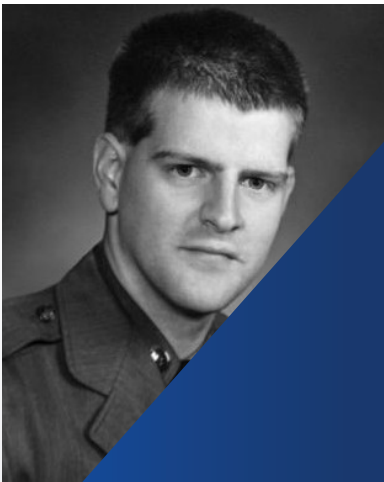
Sergeant Russell Jones suffered a fatal heart attack after responding to a disruptive inmate at the Pamlico County Detention Center in Bayboro. While trying to subdue the inmate at 8:33 p.m., Sergeant Jones was punched in the face. Fifteen minutes later, Sergeant Jones collapsed. Despite life-saving measures, he was unable to be resuscitated. Sergeant Jones had served with the Pamlico County Sheriff's Office for four years. He is survived by his mother and two sisters.



DEPUTY SHERIFF PAUL MARTIN

Mercer County Sheriff's Office, North Dakota
End of Watch Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Deputy Sheriff Paul Martin was struck and killed while deploying spike strips in an attempt to stop the pursuit of a stolen vehicle on Highway 200 at 5:35 p.m. Authorities were notified of a stolen vehicle that crashed through the door of an ambulance bay from Sanford Medical Center in Bismarck. When Mercer County deputies located the SUV in Hazen, the driver fled, and a pursuit began. Five miles west of Hazen, the driver crashed into a Mercer County Sheriff's Office patrol vehicle with its emergency lights activated. The impact propelled the patrol vehicle into Deputy Martin, who was deploying stop sticks. The subject was apprehended at the crash scene. He has been charged with manslaughter, fleeing a police officer, and reckless endangerment. His manslaughter charge was upgraded to homicide. Deputy Martin had served with the Mercer County Sheriff's Office for 18 years. He is survived by his wife, three children, and four grandchildren.



TROOPER ROBERT M. BURNEY

New York State Police, New York
End of Watch Saturday, December 9, 2023

Trooper Bob Burney died as the result of cancer that he developed following his assignment to the search and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center site following the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks. Trooper Burney had served with the New York State Police for 27 years. He was survived by his mother, two brothers, a sister, a longtime companion, and four nephews.



CHIEF OF POLICE CHRISTOPHER BYARD CUMMINGS

Samburg Police Department, Tennessee
End of Watch Sunday, December 10, 2023

Chief of Police Christopher Cummings suffered a fatal heart attack after assisting with the dismantling of a beaver dam. The beaver dam was obstructing roads and causing flooding. Chief Cummings worked with other officers to tear down the structure, which was solid and difficult to tear apart. He stated that he did not feel well and was going back to the station. An hour later, when officers returned to the station, they found Chief Cummings unresponsive. Despite resuscitation efforts, he was pronounced deceased. Chief of Police Cummings was a United States Army and Tennessee National Guard Iraq War veteran. He had served with the Samburg Police Department for two years and previously served with the Obion Sheriff's Office for three years and the Union City Police Department for 24 years. He is survived by his son, mother, father, girlfriend, and stepson.



SERGEANT STEPHEN GIBSON

Somervell County Sheriff's Office, Texas
End of Watch Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Sergeant Stephen Gibson was killed in a vehicle crash on Texas State Highway 144. At 6:30 a.m., Sergeant Gibson was traveling northbound when a southbound truck lost control on the wet highway. The truck struck Sergeant Gibson's patrol vehicle head-on. Sergeant Gibson was pronounced deceased at the scene. The other driver was not injured. Sergeant Gibson had served with the Somervell County Sheriff's Office for 26 years. He is survived by his wife, two children, and grandchildren.



POLICE OFFICER DANIEL P. DIDATO

East Fishkill Police Department, New York
End of Watch Monday, December 18, 2023

Police Officer Dan DiDato was killed in a vehicle crash near Mile Marker 36.8 on southbound Taconic State Parkway at about 6:00 pm. He was en route to the Westchester Medical Center to interview a pedestrian who had been struck by a vehicle near the East Fishkill police station. Officer DiDato's patrol car left the roadway and struck a tree as he drove along the parkway. He was transported to Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. Officer

DiDato had served with the East Fishkill Police Department for 18 years and previously served with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection for four years. He is survived by his parents and two brothers.



DEPUTY SHERIFF JOSHUA HAMILTON

Preble County Sheriff's Office, Ohio
End of Watch Monday, December 18, 2023

Deputy Sheriff Joshua Hamilton died in a vehicle crash on Ohio State Route 503 at 4:00 a.m. Deputy Hamilton, traveling southbound, and a vehicle traveling northbound collided head-on. He was transported to the Kettering Preble ER Campus, where he was pronounced dead. The

driver of the other car was also killed. Deputy Hamilton was a United States Navy Reserve and Army National Guard veteran and had served with the Preble County Sheriff's Office for over 1 1/2 years. He is survived by his daughter and parents.



POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL CAIN MAXHEIMER

Shannon Hills Police Department, Arkansas
End of Watch Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Police Officer Cain Maxheimer suffered a medical emergency after an incident with two dogs who attempted to attack him. At 7:10 a.m. on December 18, 2023, Officer Maxheimer helped a disabled motorist and pushed a vehicle out of the roadway. By 7:40 a.m., he was sent on a vicious animal complaint on Skyline Drive in Shannon Hills. When one of the German Shepherds charged him, he was preparing to shoot the dog, but the strays ran into the woods. Officer Maxheimer returned to the department after 8:00 a.m. and complained of nausea and chest pains. He was admitted to the UAMS Medical Center, where he passed away the following day. Officer Maxheimer had served with the Shannon Hills Police Department for three years and previously served with the Benton Police Department, Bauxite Police Department, Saline County Sheriff's Office, Hot Springs County Sheriff's Office, Alexander Police Department, and Johnsons County Sheriff's Office. He is survived by three daughters and his father.



COURT OFFICER ROBERT J. SILVER

St. Clair County 72nd District Court, Michigan
End of Watch Thursday, December 28, 2023

Court Officer Bob Silver was shot and killed while serving an eviction notice in the 6100 block of Genaw Road in Clay Township. Officers from the Clay Township Police Department were dispatched to the address to locate Officer Silver after court staff were unable to reach him for several hours. They located his body on the property suffering from gunshot wounds. The tenant at the home barricaded himself inside of the home for a short time before being taken into custody.

The man was charged with murder. Officer Silver had served with the St. Clair County 72nd District Court for 35 years.



POLICE OFFICER TUAN Q. LE

Oakland Police Department, California
End of Watch Friday, December 29, 2023

Police Officer Tuan Le was shot and killed while responding to a burglary call at a cannabis store in the 400 block of Embarcadero at about 4:45 am. The store had already been burglarized one time before earlier in the night. As officers arrived at the scene following the second burglary, several suspects fled. Officer Le and his partner were in plainclothes when they were ambushed by a subject who was concealed nearby. The subject opened fire on the officers before they exited their vehicle. Officer Le was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his wounds several hours later. The suspects fled the scene but were taken into custody 4 days later. One suspect has been charged with 1st-degree murder, and two suspects have been charged with 2nd-degree murder. A fourth suspect is charged with three counts of burglary and probation violation. Officer Le had served with the Oakland Police Department for four years. He is survived by his wife and mother.



SERGEANT MARC ANDREW MCINTYRE

Spalding County Sheriff's Office, Georgia
End of Watch Friday, December 29, 2023

Sergeant Marc McIntyre was shot and killed from ambush while responding to a domestic disturbance call on Vineyard Road, near Deason Street, in Griffin. He and another deputy were walking across the home's yard when a male subject opened fire with a shotgun from an upstairs window. Sergeant McIntyre was killed, and the other deputy was wounded. Other responding deputies were able to rescue Sergeant McIntyre from the front yard. He was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. The man barricaded himself inside the home for several hours. He was eventually taken into custody by members of a regional SWAT team. The man continued to threaten deputies as he was removed from the scene. Sergeant McIntyre was a U.S. Army veteran and had served with the Spalding County Sheriff's Office for over 11 years. He is survived by his daughter, son, brother, fiancée, fiancée's son, and granddaughter.



SERGEANT PHILIP DALE NIX

Greensboro Police Department, North Carolina

End of Watch Saturday, December 30, 2023

Sergeant Philip Nix was off duty when he was shot and killed when he attempted to intervene in a crime that he witnessed while at a gas station at 3202 Sandy Ridge Road in Colfax. One of the subjects involved in the crime shot Sergeant Nix before all the subjects fled in a vehicle to the nearby interstate. Another off-duty officer and an off-duty paramedic who were also at the gas station immediately rendered aid to Sergeant Nix but he succumbed to his wounds. Three men were arrested the following day in Winston-Salem. The man who shot Sergeant Nix was charged with first-degree murder, larceny, and conspiracy to commit larceny. The other two subjects were charged with accessory after the fact to first-degree murder and other charges. Sergeant Nix had served with the Greensboro Police Department for 23 years and was assigned to the Family Victims Unit. He is survived by his wife, children, and parents.



DEPUTY SHERIFF JUSTIN SMITH

Stone County Sheriff's Office, Arkansas

End of Watch Tuesday, January 2, 2024

Deputy Sheriff Justin Smith was shot and killed while serving a warrant at the 300 block of Sawmill Road in Mountain View, Arkansas, at 4:30 p.m. When Deputy Smith attempted to arrest the subject for terroristic threats, he was shot. The subject was apprehended after a brief standoff and charged with capital murder. Deputy Smith had served with the Stone County Sheriff's Office for 14 years.



DEPUTY SHERIFF ERIC ANTHONY MINIX

Coweta County Sheriff's Office, Georgia
End of Watch Thursday, January 4, 2024

Deputy Sheriff Eric Minix died as a result of being struck by a police car while in a vehicle pursuit in Chambers County, Alabama. The pursuit began in Coweta County, Georgia, before crossing the state line into Alabama on I-85. An officer from Alabama successfully deployed spike strips, which caused the suspect vehicle to come to a stop. Deputy Minix exited his car and was giving commands to the driver when another officer arriving at the scene inadvertently struck him. He was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. At least seven law enforcement agencies were assisting in apprehending the subject, who was driving a stolen vehicle. The subject was arrested at the scene. Deputy Sheriff Minix had served with the Coweta County Sheriff's Office for 4-1/2 years and served on the canine unit. He had previously served with the Tyrone Police Department for over five years. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, father and stepmother, and four sisters. He was posthumously awarded the 2023 Officer of the Year.



DEPUTY SHERIFF JEREMY MALONE

George County Sheriff's Office, Mississippi
End of Watch Thursday, January 4, 2024

Deputy Sheriff Jeremy Malone was shot and killed during a traffic stop in front of 12298 US Highway 98 at about 5:15 pm. He was shot as he approached the vehicle. The suspect fled after shooting Deputy Malone and led officers on a pursuit through multiple counties before being shot and killed near Beaumont, Mississippi. Deputy Malone had served in law enforcement for 21 years, serving with the George County Sheriff's Office and previously served with the Leakesville Police Department, Jackson County Sheriff's Department, Biloxi Police Department, and Greene County Sheriff's Department. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, mother, and two brothers.



LIEUTENANT DAVID J. MCSHANE

New York State Environmental Conservation Police, New York

End of Watch Monday, January 22, 2024

Lieutenant David McShane died as the result of cancer that he developed following his assignment to the search and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center site following the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks. Lieutenant McShane had served with the New York State Environmental Conservation Police for 23 years. He was survived by his wife, three children, his mother, three sisters, and three brothers.



TROOPER JOEL POPP

Michigan State Police, Michigan

End of Watch Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Trooper Joel Popp was struck and killed by a vehicle while assisting with a DUI investigation on northbound I-75 near Birch Run at about 7:10 pm. He was standing outside of his vehicle when another motorist struck him and two patrol cars. Trooper Popp was transported to Hurley Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries. The 81-year-old driver sustained serious injuries. Trooper Popp had served with the Michigan State Police for four years and was assigned to the Tri-City Post. He is survived by his wife, daughter, parents, two brothers, and grandparents.



SERGEANT MICHAEL “ZINI” KURINZI

Elizabeth Police Department, New Jersey

End of Watch Saturday, January 27, 2024

Sergeant Mike Kurinzi died as the result of cancer that he developed following his assignment to the search and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center site following the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks. Sergeant Kurinzi was a United States Marine Corps veteran and had served with the Elizabeth Police Department for 20 years. He is survived by his wife, son, and daughter.



TROOPER JIMMY CENESCAR

Georgia State Patrol, Georgia

End of Watch Sunday, January 28, 2024

Trooper Jimmy Cenescar was killed in a single-vehicle crash attempting to stop a fleeing motorcycle on Interstate 85 North at 5:39 p.m. While pursuing a motorcycle for a traffic violation, Trooper Cenescar lost control of his patrol vehicle near Old Peachtree Road in Atlanta while maneuvering to avoid putting other drivers in danger. The motorcycle was traveling up to speeds of 140 miles per hour and weaving erratically between lanes. When the motorcycle made another lane split with vehicles in both lanes, Trooper Cenescar took evasive action to avoid the other vehicles, and his vehicle left the road and struck an embankment. He was transported to Northside Gwinnett Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. The motorcycle driver continued to flee northbound. The subject was arrested a few days later and charged with felony murder, first-degree homicide, felony fleeing and attempting to elude, and reckless driving. Trooper Cenescar had served with the Georgia State Patrol for one year, assigned to Post 9, Marietta. He previously served with the Atlanta Police Department for two years. He is survived by his parents, sister, three brothers, grandmother, cousins, and fiancée.



TROOPER ZACHARY FINK

Florida Highway Patrol, Florida
End of Watch Friday, February 2, 2024

Trooper Zachary Fink was killed in a vehicle crash during a pursuit on Interstate 95 north at Crosstown Parkway near Port St. Lucie at 3:00 a.m. At 2:40 a.m., the subject was speeding and reckless driving on I-95, and St. Lucie deputies attempted to initiate a traffic stop. Other agencies joined the pursuit when the subject did not stop. The subject made a U-turn on Interstate 95, driving southbound in the northbound lanes on I-95. Trooper Fink initiated a U-turn to stop the vehicle and was struck by a semi-tractor trailer. Trooper Fink was transported to HCA Lawnwood Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. The driver of the tractor-trailer was also killed. The pursuit continued, with the subject driving the wrong way on I-95. He eventually crashed and fled on foot. He was apprehended at 8:06 a.m. Trooper Fink had served with the Florida Highway Patrol for three years. He is survived by his mother, father, and fiancée.



CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF KEN PROROK

Moody County Sheriff's Office, South Dakota
End of Watch Friday, February 2, 2024

Chief Deputy Sheriff Ken Prorok was struck and killed by the driver of a vehicle being pursued by the Madison Police Department at 4:12 p.m. Chief Deputy Prorok responded to the call for assistance and was deploying spike strips at South Dakota Highway 34 and 472nd Avenue in Colman. The driver intentionally swerved toward Chief Deputy Prorok, killing him. The subject has been charged with one count of first-degree murder and one count of aggravated eluding. Chief Deputy Prorok had served with the Moody County Sheriff's Office for almost eight years. He is survived by his wife, a son, and two daughters.



DEPUTY SHERIFF TIMOTHY TAVARUS RIVERS

Crawford County Sheriff's Office, Georgia
End of Watch Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Deputy Sheriff Timothy Rivers was killed in a vehicle crash on Marshall Mill Road, south of Chapman Road in Lizella. At 10:09 p.m., Deputy Rivers was responding to an officer assistance call, traveling southbound, when his patrol car crossed the center line. When he attempted to correct his path, he hit another vehicle. He was transported to Atrium Health Navicent Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries. Deputy Rivers had served with the Crawford County Sheriff's Office for two years. He is survived by his four children, parents, three siblings, grandmother, nieces, nephews, and fiancée.



DEPUTY SHERIFF CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON

Harnett County Sheriff's Office, North Carolina
End of Watch Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Deputy Sheriff Chris Johnson was killed in a three-vehicle crash on Darroch Road in Lillington at 2:56 p.m. Deputy Johnson had left Highland Middle School and was on his way to another school when he collided with a tractor-trailer. His patrol vehicle was thrown into multiple vehicles. He died at the scene. Johnson was with the Harnett County Sheriff's Office for 16 months and was the Student Resource Officer at Highland Middle School. He previously served with the Sampson County Sheriff's Office for 16 years and the Dunn Police Department for 9 years. He is survived by his wife, four children, and father.

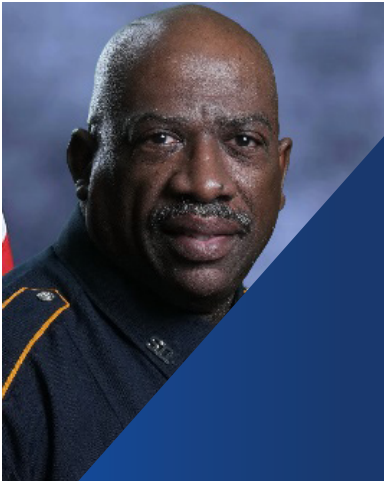


DEPUTY SHERIFF GREG MCCOWAN

Blount County Sheriff's Office, Tennessee

End of Watch Thursday, February 8, 2024

Deputy Sheriff McCowan was shot and killed while initiating a traffic stop at 4959 Sevierville Road in Maryville. Around 9:00 p.m., Deputy McCowan and his partner pulled over a vehicle for erratic driving. The driver would not cooperate and shot Deputy McCowan and the other deputy in the leg. She returned fire, but the subject fled on foot. Deputy McCowan was taken to Blount Memorial Hospital where he succumbed to his wounds. The other deputy was treated at the hospital and released. The subject, who is a convicted felon, was apprehended 5 days later. The felon's brother and girlfriend were arrested and charged with aiding the defendant after the commission of the homicide. Deputy McCowan had served with the Blount County Sheriff's Office for four years. He is survived by two children, a granddaughter, parents, and fiancée.



DEPUTY SHERIFF RONDALD BATES

Harris County Sheriff's Office, Texas

End of Watch Saturday, February 10, 2024

Deputy Sheriff Rondald Bates was killed in a vehicle crash while en route to the Harris County jail at 10:00 p.m. After finishing an overtime assignment, Deputy Bates was traveling on Travis Street when he lost control of his vehicle and struck a tree near Richmond Avenue in Houston. He was transported to the Ben Taub Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. Deputy Bates had served with the Harris County Sheriff's Office for 31 years. He is survived by his wife and two children.



PATROL OFFICER JONAH HERNANDEZ

Las Cruces Police Department, New Mexico
End of Watch Sunday, February 11, 2024

Patrol Officer Jonah Hernandez was stabbed to death while responding to a trespassing call at the 300 block of South Valley Drive in Las Cruces. A witness to the stabbing shot the suspect while another witness called 911 for help. Officer Hernandez was transported to MountainView Regional Medical Center where he died from a knife wound to his neck. The subject had a lengthy criminal record and mental illness. Officer Hernandez had served with the Las Cruces Police Department for two years. He was survived by his wife and two sons.



DEPUTY SHERIFF ROBERT JOHN LEONARD

Meigs County Sheriff's Office, Tennessee
End of Watch Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Deputy Sheriff R.J. Leonard died in a single-vehicle crash into the Tennessee River off the Blythe Ferry Boat Ramp in Birchwood. Deputy Leonard was at home when he took the call relating to a disturbance near the Highway 60 Bridge in Birchwood. He arrived at the scene at about 9:48 p.m. and, at 10:15 pm, radioed that he had arrested a female subject and was transporting her to the Meigs County Jail.

A few moments later, dispatchers received an unclear transmission where Deputy Leonard mentioned "water." The area is remote and rural, and it is difficult for cellphone signals and other radio traffic to go through. When he failed to respond to a status check, a search began. The next day, his patrol car was found upside down in the water with the female subject in the back. His window was rolled down, and he was not in the vehicle. His body was recovered at 6:30 p.m. on February 15, 2024. Deputy Leonard had served with the Meigs County Sheriff's Office for two months. He is survived by his wife, five children, mother, and two siblings.



SERGEANT NEVADA KRINKEE

Sheridan Police Department, Wyoming

End of Watch Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Sergeant Nevada Krinkee was shot and killed while serving a trespass warning near 5th Street and Val Vista Street in Sheridan. Sergeant Krinkee was transported to Sheridan Memorial Hospital where he succumbed to his wounds. The subject, who had a lengthy criminal record, fled and barricaded himself inside a residence. After a 30-hour standoff, the subject refused to surrender, attempted to flee, and was shot and killed. Sergeant Krinkee was a United States Army veteran and had served with the Sheridan Police Department for over six years. He is survived by his wife, who also served with the Sheridan Police Department, and a daughter.

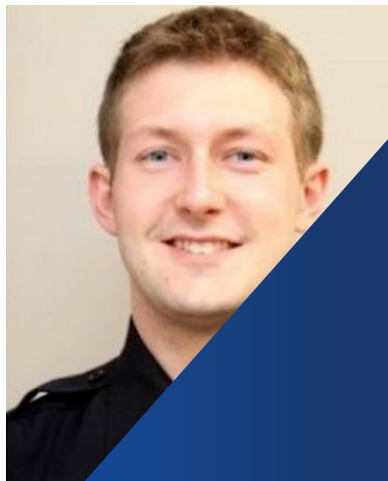


POLICE OFFICER PAUL ELMSTRAND

Burnsville Police Department, Minnesota

End of Watch Sunday, February 18, 2024

Police Officer Paul Elmstrand and Police Officer Matthew Ruge were shot and killed after responding to a domestic incident in the 12600 block of 33rd Avenue at about 2:00 am. A man who was a convicted felon had taken several family members hostage, including seven children, and barricaded himself inside the home. Officer Ruge, Officer Elmstrand, and two other officers had been negotiating inside the house with the man, who claimed to be unarmed. After three and half hours of negotiation, the subject fired on the officers suddenly at 5:26 a.m. Two officers returned fire, wounding the subject in the leg. While Officer Ruge and a Burnsville Police Department sergeant were exiting the home, they were struck a second time. Burnsville Firefighter/Paramedic Adam Finseth was shot while he was trying to help the wounded officers to an armored vehicle. The man continued to shoot at officers from an upstairs window. Officer Ruge, Officer Elmstrand, and Paramedic Finseth were transported to Hennepin County Medical Center where they succumbed to their wounds. The sergeant was treated and released. The man committed suicide and was found deceased in the home at about 10:15 am. The investigation revealed that the subject fired more than 100 rounds at the officers. The hostages were able to escape safely. Officer Elmstrand had served as a sworn officer with the Burnsville Police Department for five years and had previously served as a community service officer. He is survived by his wife and two young children.



POLICE OFFICER MATTHEW RUGE

Burnsville Police Department, Minnesota
End of Watch Sunday, February 18, 2024

Police Officer Matthew Ruge and Police Officer Paul Elmstrand were shot and killed after responding to a domestic incident in the 12600 block of 33rd Avenue at about 2:00 am. A man who was a convicted felon had taken several family members hostage, including seven children, and barricaded himself inside the home. Officer Ruge, Officer Elmstrand, and two other officers had been negotiating inside the house with the man, who claimed to be unarmed. After three and a half hours of negotiation, the subject fired on the officers suddenly at 5:26 a.m. Two officers returned fire, wounding the subject in the leg. While Officer Ruge and a Burnsville Police Department sergeant were exiting the home, they were struck a second time. Burnsville Firefighter/Paramedic Adam Finseth was shot while he was trying to help the wounded officers to an armored vehicle. The man continued to shoot at officers from an upstairs window. Officer Ruge, Officer Elmstrand, and Paramedic Finseth were transported to Hennepin County Medical Center where they succumbed to their wounds. The sergeant was treated and released. The man committed suicide and was found deceased in the home at about 10:15 am. The investigation revealed that the subject fired more than 100 rounds at the officers. The hostages were able to escape safely. Officer Ruge had served with the Burnsville Police Department for four years. He is survived by his parents and sister.



TROOPER FIRST CLASS CHASE WINSTON REDNER

Georgia State Patrol, Georgia
End of Watch Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Trooper First Class Chase Redner was struck and killed while investigating a fatal pedestrian crash scene at Interstate 75 North near Mt. Zion Boulevard in Morrow. At 10:30 p.m. on February 19, 2024, a construction worker died after being struck by a vehicle while setting up a work zone. Trooper Redner was investigating the collision site and was standing outside his patrol cruiser at 12:30 a.m. when he was hit by a passing vehicle. He was transported to Grady Memorial Hospital where he died from his injuries. Trooper Redner had served with the Georgia State Patrol for over six years. He is survived by his mother and fiancée.



DEPUTY SHERIFF CHARLES RIVETTE

Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Texas
End of Watch Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Deputy Sheriff Charles Rivette was killed in a crash on southbound Interstate 45 in Centerville, Texas, at 10:30 p.m. Deputy Rivette was a passenger in a patrol vehicle transporting an inmate from Oklahoma to Montgomery County when it struck a tractor-trailer. Unable to stop, two tractor-trailers crashed into the back of the patrol vehicle.

The impact forced the vehicle into the northbound lanes. Deputy Rivette was thrown out of the vehicle and was hit by a pickup truck traveling in the northbound lanes. The other deputy, the inmate, and one of the tractor-trailer drivers also suffered serious injuries. Deputy Rivette had served with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office for 18 years. He is survived by his wife and children. His son also serves with the agency.



POLICE OFFICER WISBENS ANTOINE

Knoxville Police Department, Tennessee
End of Watch Sunday, February 25, 2024

Police Officer Wisbens Antoine passed away after collapsing at the completion of a 1.5-mile run during Basic Recruit Training at 1650 Huron Street in Knoxville on February 23, 2024. The training staff provided life-saving measures until he could be transported to UT Medical Center. His condition worsened, and he passed away on February 25, 2024. Officer Antoine had served with the Knoxville Police Department for one day. He was a member of the 2023-B Basic Recruit Class. He is survived by his wife and two children.



OFFICER CODY ALLEN

Independence Police Department, Missouri

End of Watch Thursday, February 29, 2024

Officer Cody Allen was shot and killed at 1100 N Elsea Smith Road while responding to the shooting of Civil Process Server Drexel Mack, of the 16th Judicial Circuit Court of Jackson County, at about 1:00 pm. Mr. Mack and several other process servers were serving an eviction notice at the residence when an occupant opened fire, wounding him. The other court officers and a neighbor called 911 following the initial shooting. As Officer Allen and other Independence

police officers arrived at the scene, they attempted to rescue Mr. Mack, but also were fired upon.

Officer Allen suffered fatal gunshot wounds while the other two suffered non-fatal wounds. Mr. Mack also succumbed to his wounds. The subject was taken into custody a short time later. Officer

Allen had served with the Independence Police Department for six years and had served in law enforcement for 15 years. He had previously served with the Grandview Police Department for six years and the Lafayette County Sheriff's Office for seven years. He is survived by his wife and two children.



TROOPER CHRISTOPHER M. GADD

Washington State Patrol, Washington

End of Watch Saturday, March 2, 2024

Trooper Christopher Gadd was killed when his patrol car was struck by another vehicle while he was parked on the shoulder of I-5, near 136th Street NE in Marysville, at about 3:00 am. He was conducting DUI enforcement patrols when the crash occurred. The vehicle that struck him was traveling at a high rate of speed when he drove into the back of his patrol car. Then, the vehicle ricocheted off his patrol vehicle and was hit by a van. The driver, who is in the United States illegally, has an eleven-year history of convictions for driving with a

suspended license, multiple tickets for speeding more than 49 mph over the speed limit, several orders of protection for domestic violence, and failing to make court appearances. Multiple times, he was granted non-felony plea deals for felonious crimes. He was arrested and charged with vehicular homicide and vehicular assault while awaiting toxicology reports. Trooper Gadd had served with the Washington State Patrol for 2-1/2 years. He is survived by his wife, 2-year-old daughter, parents, and sister. His father also serves with the Washington State Patrol, and his sister serves with the Texas Highway Patrol.



BORDER PATROL AGENT CHRISTOPHER LUNA

United States Department of Homeland Security - Customs
and Border Protection - United States Border Patrol, U.S.
Government
End of Watch Friday, March 8, 2024

Border Patrol Agent Chris Luna was killed in a helicopter crash along with two members of the New York National Guard in Starr County, Texas. The New York National Guard UH-72 Lakota helicopter was supporting the Department of Homeland Security as part of Joint Task Force North. Agent Luna was onboard the military aircraft when it crashed just north of the Rio Grande River, approximately two miles southeast of La Grulla, Texas. Chief Warrant Officer 2 Casey Frankoski and Chief Warrant Officer 2 John Grassia were also killed in the crash, while a third service member was injured. CWO2 Grassia was on active duty with the New York National Guard from his full-time position as a trooper with the New York State Police. Agent Luna was survived by his wife, two children, parents, and brother.



CHIEF OF POLICE WILLIAM ANTHONY ANDERSON, SR.

Northeast Mississippi Community College Police
Department, Mississippi
End of Watch Saturday, March 9, 2024

Chief of Police Anthony Anderson suffered a fatal heart attack while working extra hours at the National Junior College Athletics Association (NJCAA) Basketball Tournament game at the Bonner Arnold Coliseum in Booneville. Chief Anderson had been working his regular hours and added the additional college tournament games to his schedule, as well as high school and junior high games. He was working his fifth game in four days when he collapsed at 2:30 p.m. Despite life-saving measures, he was unable to be revived. Chief Anderson had served with the Northeast Mississippi Community College Campus Police for almost ten years and previously served as the Chief of Police of the Verona Police Department and with the Union County Sheriff's Office. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, a son, and three grandchildren.



SERGEANT THOMAS A. SANFRATELLO

Genesee County Sheriff's Office, New York
End of Watch Sunday, March 10, 2024

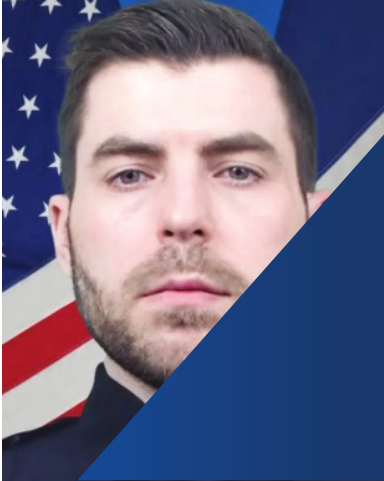
Sergeant Thomas Sanfratello died after being attacked after responding to a dispute between two patrons at one of the Batavia Downs Casino's bars at 8315 Park Road in Batavia. One of the patrons was arrested at about 12:30 am and was being escorted from the establishment by Sergeant Sanfratello and security when the second patron attacked him. A violent struggle ensued, during which Sergeant Sanfratello attempted to use his taser on the subject. Sergeant Sanfratello became unresponsive and died despite security personnel and bystanders administering CPR. One subject was charged with first-degree aggravated manslaughter, aggravated assault upon a police officer, and second-degree burglary. The second subject was charged with second-degree burglary and attempted second-degree assault. Sergeant Sanfratello had served with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office for 32 years and had twice been recognized as Officer of the Year. He is survived by his son, two daughters, mother, two sisters, nieces, and nephews.



PATROLMAN JUSTIN HARE

New Mexico State Police, New Mexico
End of Watch Friday, March 15, 2024

Patrolman Justin Hare was shot and killed at about 5:30 am while conducting a welfare check on a disabled vehicle that was stopped near mile marker 320 on I-40, west of Tucumcari. As Patrolman Hare stopped behind the vehicle, the driver exited and walked to the cruiser's passenger window. The two had a short discussion, and as Patrolman Hare offered to drive the man into town, the subject suddenly produced a handgun and shot him. He shot him a second time before pushing him into the passenger seat. He then abducted him and stole the patrol car, abandoning it approximately 16 miles away and fleeing on foot. Patrolman Hare was taken to a local hospital where he succumbed to his wounds two hours later. Unbeknownst to Patrolman Hare, the man was the suspect in the murder of an off-duty paramedic in South Carolina several days earlier. The car he was driving belonged to the murder victim. The subject was arrested two days later after exchanging gunfire with a Bernalillo County sheriff's deputy. Patrolman Hare had served with the New Mexico State Police for six years. He is survived by his girlfriend, two children, mother, father, and brother.



DETECTIVE FIRST GRADE JONATHAN DILLER

New York City Police Department, New York
End of Watch Monday, March 25, 2024

Detective First Grade Jonathan Diller was shot and killed during a traffic stop near 19-19 Mott Avenue in the Far Rockaway area of New York City. At 5:50 p.m., Detective Diller and his partner approached a vehicle that was stopped in front of a bus stop. Despite being asked numerous times to exit the vehicle, the subject refused. He pulled out a gun and shot Detective Diller in the stomach, striking him under his vest. Detective Diller was able to get the gun away from the subject, and his partner wounded the suspect. Detective Diller was transported to Jamaica Hospital where he succumbed to his wounds. The subject, who had an extensive criminal record, was taken to Jamaica Hospital and is in stable condition. Detective Diller had served with the New York City Police Department for three years and was assigned to Patrol Borough Queens South Community Response Team. He is survived by his wife and one-year-old son. He was posthumously promoted to Detective First Grade and given a new shield number, 110, which is his son's birthday.



DEPUTY SHERIFF CHRISTINA MUSIL

DeKalb County Sheriff's Office, Illinois
End of Watch Friday, March 29, 2024

Deputy Sheriff Christina Musil was killed when her patrol car was struck by a commercial vehicle on Illinois 23 south of Perry Road at about 10:40 pm. She was parked on the shoulder of the roadway when the approaching vehicle struck the rear of the patrol car. She was transported to a local hospital where she succumbed to her injuries. The driver was originally cited for failing to reduce speed to avoid an accident, improper lane usage, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. But six days later, he was charged with three counts of aggravated DUI and one count of reckless homicide. Deputy Musil was an Illinois Army National Guard Military Police Afghanistan War veteran and had served with the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office for five years. She is survived by her three children, parents, brother, and sister.



AGENT ELIEZER RAMOS-VELEZ

Puerto Rico Police Department, Puerto Rico
End of Watch Friday, March 29, 2024

Agent Eliezer Ramos-Velez was shot and killed while following several off-road vehicles whose riders had been shooting guns in the air and at passing cars along PR 26 at about 4:00 am. He was on his way home from his shift, driving his personal vehicle but still in uniform, when he witnessed the motorcycle and ATV riders shooting at vehicles as they drove along the highway. Agent Ramos-Velez radioed in the event and followed the vehicle along the highway and updated dispatchers as they turned into the Sabana Abajo Housing Project along Monserrate Avenue. After dispatchers received no additional radio contact from Agent Ramos-Velez, officers located his body in the driver's seat of his vehicle inside the housing complex. His service weapon and police radio had been stolen. The suspects remain at large. Agent Ramos-Velez had served with the Puerto Rico Police Department for 12 years. He is survived by his girlfriend and infant son.



LEAD POLICE OFFICER ADAM BUCKNER

Tucson Police Department, Arizona
End of Watch Sunday, March 31, 2024

Lead Police Officer Adam Buckner was struck and killed in a vehicle crash while responding to a call for service. Around 10:00 p.m., Officer Buckner was traveling north on Campbell Avenue in Tucson with emergency lights and sirens activated. As he went through the green light at the intersection at East 6th Street, a vehicle failed to yield and turned into his patrol car. He was transported to Banner University Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries. Officer Buckner had served with the Tucson Police Department for over two years and previously served with the New Orleans Police Department (Louisiana) for four years. He is survived by his wife, mother, brothers, and sisters.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2024

National Police Week offers honor, remembrance, and peer support, while allowing law enforcement, survivors, and citizens to gather and pay homage to those who gave their lives in the line of duty.

History

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in several planned events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The Memorial Service began in 1982 as a gathering in Senate Park of approximately 120 survivors and supporters of law enforcement. Decades later, the event, more commonly known as National Police Week, has grown to a series of events which attracts thousands of survivors and law enforcement officers to our Nation's Capital each year.

The National Peace Officers Memorial Service, which is sponsored by the Grand Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, is one in a series of events which includes the Candlelight Vigil, which is sponsored by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund



(NLEOMF) and seminars sponsored by Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.)

National Police Week draws in between 25,000 to 40,000 attendees. The attendees come from departments throughout the United States as well as from agencies throughout the world. This provides a unique opportunity to

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