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POLICE OFFICER'S MEMORIAL WEEK MAY 12th THROUGH MAY 18th, 2013

May 12th – 18th, 2013 has been designated Police Officer Memorial Week to honor fallen officers across the country. In 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day along with the week in which May 15th falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

Crime fighting takes a very special individual, one who would sacrifice their life to help another. Since the first recorded police death in 1791, there have been over 19,000 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Currently, there are 19,981 names engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. More than 1,500 law enforcement officers have died in the line of duty during the past 10 years, an average of one death every 57 hours or 154 per year. There were 120 law enforcement officers killed in 2012. There are currently more than 900,000 sworn law enforcement officers now serving in the United States, which is the highest number ever.

Please take the time during this upcoming week to remember all of the families who have lost a true hero in the line of duty. I would also ask the community to take the time to thank those currently serving in this community. They truly are the line between good and evil.

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