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## National Police Week 2015: Honoring and Remembering Our Fallen Law Enforcement Officers

**[Harrisonburg, VA]** – Again this year, communities across the United States will come together during National Police Week—May 10-16, 2015—to honor and remember those law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice, as well as the family members, friends and fellow officers they left behind.

On average, one law enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty somewhere in the United States every 58 hours. This year, the names of officers killed in the line of duty are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC. These officers include 117 officers who were killed during 2014, plus other officers who died in previous years but whose stories of sacrifice had been lost to history until now.

Harrisonburg City and Rockingham County officers lost in the line of duty:

- Sergeant Manual Trenary – Harrisonburg Police – End of Watch 10/8/1959
- Patrolman Wayne Stoutameyer – Bridgewater Police – End of Watch 05/25/1976
- Deputy John Rafter – Rockingham County Sheriff’s Office – End of Watch 02/07/1983
- Chief William Davies – Grottoes Police – End of Watch 07/21/1988

All fallen law enforcement officers from Rockingham County and Harrisonburg City will be remembered during Police Week services:

There will be a Flag Ceremony in front of the Public Safety Building, 101 N. Main Street, Monday May 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Senator Mark Obenshain and Chief Monticelli will be speaking.



On Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, HPD and Joe Muggs will be hosting Coffee with a Cop from 3pm-6pm at the Simon Valley Mall. From 4pm-7pm there will an Open House in the parking lot outside the Main Mall entrance. More details for that event will be released next week.

*Note to the media:*

*You are invited to attend the Flag Ceremony Monday at 9:00 am., and the Opening House Friday at 4:00 pm.*

The names of all 286 fallen officers nationwide will be formally dedicated on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC, during the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Vigil on the evening of May 13, 2015. So that people across the country can experience this unique and powerful ceremony, the vigil will be webcast live over the Internet beginning at 8 PM (EDT) on May 13<sup>th</sup>. To register for this free online event, visit [www.LawMemorial.org/webcast](http://www.LawMemorial.org/webcast).

The Candlelight Vigil is one of many commemorative events taking place in the nation's capital during National Police Week 2014. The national observance is organized by a group of organizations led by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), Concerns of Police Survivors, the Fraternal Order of Police and the Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary.

On May 15<sup>th</sup> each year, the Fraternal Order of Police and the Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary host a ceremony on the west steps of the U.S. Capitol to honor fallen law enforcement officers and their families.

In tribute to American law enforcement officers and at the request of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Public Law 103-322 designates May 15<sup>th</sup> National Peace Officers Memorial Day, which is one of only two days each year during which government agencies, businesses and residents are to fly their U.S. flags at half staff.

For more information about National Police Week, please visit [www.LawMemorial.org/policeweek](http://www.LawMemorial.org/policeweek).

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