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## National Police Week 2016: 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 9-21, 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 128 officers who were killed during 2015, plus other officers who died in previous years but whose stories of sacrifice had been lost to history until now.

We honor the local officers and their families who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty:

- Sergeant Manuel Trenary – Harrisonburg Police Department – End of Watch 10/8/1959
- Patrolman Wayne Stoutameyer – Bridgewater Police Department – 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 Department – End of Watch 07/21/1988

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

**On Monday May 09<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.**, there will be a Flag Ceremony in front of the Public Safety Building, 101 N. Main Street. Harrisonburg City Mayor Christopher B Jones and Harrisonburg Police Chief Stephen Monticelli will be speaking.

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**On Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**, the Valley Mall will be hosting a Harrisonburg Police Department open house from 3pm-7pm outside the Main Mall entrance and inside the JC Penny Courtyard. More details for that event will be released next week.

**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 United States Capitol to honor fallen law enforcement officers and their families.

**On Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**, Greenberry's Coffee Company will be hosting the next Harrisonburg Police Department "Coffee with a Cop" at the 400 South High Street Harrisonburg business.

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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