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National Police Week

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officer's Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls in as Police Week.

Starting in 1982, the Memorial Service held in Senate Park consisted of approximately 120 survivors and supporters of law enforcement.

Since its humble beginnings in 1982, the affair has grown into a series of events that attracts thousands of survivors and law enforcement officers to Washington D.C. each year.

National Police Week brings in between 25,000 and 40,000 attendees from across the United States and around the world to recognize the sacrifices

Honoring Our Heros



National Police Week

made by the men and women who have given their lives in performance of their duties.

Some of the events include the annual candlelight vigil for the fallen officers and a conference that is designed to help their spouse, children and co-workers receive support in understanding grief, preparing for trial, and learning coping skills in dealing with their loss.

A new event for the

2018 police week will include the 1st Annual Police K-9 Memorial Service.

This service will include a wreath laying ceremony to honor the memory of fallen K-9s who have given their lives in the line of duty.

For more information about Police Week, you can go to the website Policeweek.org.

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Line of Duty Death Statistics

According to the Officer Down Memorial Page, the first line of duty death occurred on January 3, 1791 when Constable Darius Quimby of the Albany County Constable's Office in New York was shot and killed while attempting to arrest a man on a trespassing warrant.

Since Constable Quimby's death in 1791, there have been over 23,293 additional law enforcement officers who have given their lives in the line of duty.

1854 is the first year where Line of Duty Deaths (LODD)

reached double digits. 1907 is the first year since LODD reached triple digits.

1930 was the deadliest year for police with 310 being killed.

1944 was the last year where fewer than 100 officers were killed in the line of duty.

In looking forward to 2017, 135 officers were killed in the line of duty; which is the second lowest number of line of duty deaths in the last 50 years.

Of the 135 officers killed in the line of duty, the top three causes of death were gunfire (46), automobile crashes



(28) and heart attacks (15).

Six additional police officers died from illnesses related to the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

2017 also saw 24 K-9 officers die in the line of duty.

The top cause of deaths for K-9 officers was heat exhaustion (8) followed by gunfire (5).

Local Line of Duty Deaths

The Officer Down Memorial Page shows two local officers have died in the line of duty.

Worthington Police Officer Roy Robert Fitch died on June 19, 1938 due to a brain hemorrhage after being injured in the line of duty.

Nobles County Sheriff Terrance Joseph McCall died on August 8, 1920 when he was shot to death while escorting a theft suspect to jail.

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Minnesota Line of Duty Deaths

Of the 135 officers killed in the line of duty in 2017, one police officer was from Minnesota; Officer William Mathews of the Wayzata, Minnesota Police Department.

Officer Mathews was killed when he stopped to remove debris in the road and was struck and killed by a motorist under the influence of narcotics.

Officer Mathews became the 245th Minnesota

officer to die in the line of duty.

Of the 245 Minnesota peace officers to die in the line of duty, gunfire was the leading cause of death with 130 officers being shot.

The other leading causes of death for Minnesota officers was heart attacks (22), being accidentally struck by vehicles (15), automobile crashes (14), motorcycle crashes (12), and vehicular assault (11).

There have been 6 Minnesota K-9 officers who have also given their life in the line of duty.

These numbers represent 103 different police and sheriff's departments across the state.

The Minneapolis Police Department lost the most officers with 48 while the St. Paul Police Department lost the next highest with 32 officers.

There were 74 agencies



that had one line of duty death, which includes both the Worthington Police Department and the Nobles County Sheriff's Department.

The Most Dangerous Profession

If you ever want to start a political argument, just talk about how dangerous policing is!

People quickly fall into one of two camps. One camp will talk about how it does not even make the top 10 lists for most fatalities, while the other camp will talk about the officers injured as well as killed in the line of duty.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health just completed a study into Law Enforcement as a profession in order to determine just how dangerous it really is.

Their study, *Nonfatal Injuries to Law Enforcement Officers: A Rise in Assaults*, was the first to examine nonfatal injuries among officers on a national scale and was published in the American Journal

of Preventive Medicine.

The study looked at nonfatal injuries to law enforcement officers from 2003-2014 and found the following trends:

- The law enforcement officer nonfatality injury trend increased across the 12-year period studied. This is in contrast with the trend for all other U.S. workers, which significantly decreased.
- Assault-related injury rates significantly increased by almost 10 percent annually from 2003 to 2011 while most other rates of injuries remained stable.
- The top three causes of on-duty injuries were assaults and violent acts (36%), bodily

reactions and exertions from running or other repetitive motions (15%), and transportation incidents (14%).

- Between 2003 and 2014, an estimated 669,100 law enforcement officers were treated in U.S. emergency rooms. This number was 3 times higher than all other U.S. workers.

These numbers were highest for the younger officers aged 21-24 with men and women having similar rates of injury.

These numbers would be much higher except for the high quality of training most officers receive. That is one of the reasons, the Worthington Police Department places a high emphasis on training!

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Humor in Law Enforcement

With the serious theme that has continued throughout this newsletter, it is time to end on a humorous note.

This month we turn to our friends with the Mankato Police Department who caught the dreaded chicken nugget bandit!

Back in March, the chicken nugget bandit was on the prowl in Mankato.

Finding an unlocked garage door, the bandit entered a home in the dead of the night and found his way to the kitchen and started

cooking some chicken nuggets.

Awoken by hearing a noise in the house, the woman living at the residence was met by the savory smell of chicken nuggets being cooked.

Instead of finding her son, the woman found and confronted the chicken nugget bandit inside her house.

The Mankato police quickly arrived on scene and was able to capture the bandit before he could make his daring escape.



For his trouble; the chicken nugget bandit was arrested on felony burglary charges.

Would you be surprised to hear the bandit was legally intoxicated?

Neither were we.

Mission Statement

**Serving Worthington with honor and integrity
by working WITH the community
to provide exceptional public safety.**

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