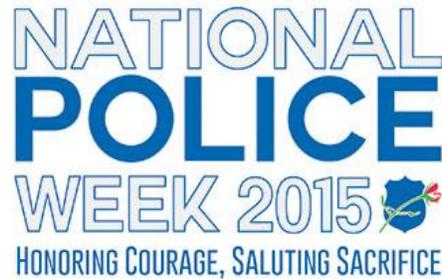


NPS To Join In Police Week Events



In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation, which designated May 15th 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, D.C. to participate in a number of 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.

Whether you attend national events in Washington, D.C. or events in your local area please keep the memory of our colleagues who have fallen in the line of duty, as well as their families, during *Police Week*.

Here is a schedule of some of the main events leading up to and also during Police Week, May 11 – 17, 2015:

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

Blue Mass - the Twenty-first Annual Blue Mass for law enforcement and public safety officers will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2015. The celebration of the Blue Mass is one of the first events in National Police Week and is a fellowship gathering to remember the contributions of those who have served in law enforcement and public safety agencies and to ask for continued protection for them in the future. Representatives of Federal and local law enforcement and public safety agencies from the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area and around the country will attend.

The Mass begins at 12:10 p.m., and is held at St. Patrick's Church, 10th and G Street, NW. The principal celebrant and homilist is Archbishop Donald Wuerl. For additional information please call 202-347-2713 or visit <http://www.saintpatrickdc.org/bluemass.shtml>

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

Police Unity Tour - the Police Unity Tour arrives at the Law Enforcement Memorial on May 12th. Hundreds of officers and supporters on bicycles are welcomed after completing their multi-day, 300-mile journey in honor of fallen officers. http://policeunitytour.com/chapter_1/calendar-2/

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

DOI Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Ceremony - formerly known as the DOI Wreath Laying Ceremony, the DOI LEO Memorial will be held on Monday, May 13th at 1:00pm at the Daughters of the Revolution(DAR) Hall. The National Park Service Honor Guard will be participating in this event.

27th Annual Candlelight Vigil - the 25th annual Candlelight Vigil takes place on Monday evening at 8:00pm, May 13th, at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial – 400 block of E Street, NW. An anticipated 20,000 people will pack the Memorial grounds to raise candles in honor of all fallen officers and to hear the

names newly engraved on the Memorial walls read aloud. No tickets are required and everyone is welcome. Due to parking limitations, it is strongly advised that anyone attending the event take the Metro Red Line to Judiciary Square. For additional information please call 202-737-3400 or visit <http://www.nleomf.org/>

Thursday, May 14, 2015

The National Police Week Survivors Conference - organized by Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.), the conference occurs on May 14th and 16th. Law Enforcement survivors from all across the nation gather for in-depth grief and issue-oriented information sharing.

Friday, May 15, 2015

32nd Annual Peace Officers' Memorial Day Service - organized by the Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police and the Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary. The Memorial Service will be held on Friday, May 15th at 11:00 a.m. on the West Front of the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C. A Wreath Laying Ceremony will be held immediately following the Memorial Service at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial – 400 block of E Street, NW.

Various other special events will take place in and around the memorial during the entire week. For more information please visit <http://www.policeweek.org/index.html>

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