



News Release

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Northwest Arkansas Law Enforcement Memorial

Washington County Sheriff Tim Helder reminds everyone that May 10-16 is National Police Week.

With the signing of Public Law 87-726 in October 1962, President John F. Kennedy and Congress designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, *“In honor of the Federal, State, and municipal officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty”*, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week, *“In recognition of the service given by the men and women who, night and day, stand guard in our midst to protect us through enforcement of our laws”*; this year's commemoration occurs from May 10-16. The law was amended by the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, Public Law 103-322, and signed by President Bill Clinton, directing that the flag of the United States be displayed at half-staff on all government buildings on May 15 each year.

In honor of all fallen officers in Northwest Arkansas, The Northwest Arkansas Law Enforcement Memorial service will be held on **Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.** at the Washington County Sheriff's Office, 1155 Clydesdale Dr., Fayetteville, AR.

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