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HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

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HCPD to honor fallen officers at memorial ceremony

- WHAT:** Howard County's Police Week Memorial Service
- WHO:** Gary L. Gardner, Chief of Police
Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive
Calvin Ball, County Council Chair
Family members of fallen heroes
- GUEST SPEAKER:** Mark Maggio, Ph.D., National Expert in Critical Incident Stress Management
- WHEN:** Thursday, May 5, at 11:30 a.m.
- WHERE:** Howard County Police Headquarters, Memorial Courtyard and Garden
3410 Court House Drive, Ellicott City

In recognition of National Police Week, Howard County police will hold a memorial service honoring fallen heroes on Thursday, May 5, at 11:30 a.m., at HCPD headquarters in Ellicott City. The service will honor the seven law enforcement officers who have been lost in the line of duty in Howard County.

Police, friends and family members will remember these officers in a wreath-laying ceremony:

- 2011: **Maryland State Police Trooper Shaft S. Hunter**, who was killed in a collision during a vehicle pursuit.
- 2007: **Cpl. Scott Wheeler**, who was struck by a speeding motorist while conducting speed enforcement.
- 1994: **Recruit Officer Roger D. Cassell Jr.**, who died after a physical exercise at the HCPD academy.
- 1990: **Maryland State Police Cpl. Theodore D. Wolf, Sr.**, who was shot during a traffic stop of two men smuggling drugs in a stolen vehicle.
- 1961: **Officer Randolph E. Brightwell Sr.**, who was shot during a traffic stop of two men who had just robbed and killed a gas station attendant.
- 1946: **Deputy Sheriff Frank J. Miller**, who died of a heart attack after struggling with a prisoner.
- 1924: **Constable Charles T. Weber**, who died after being dragged alongside a speeding vehicle.

The event's honored speaker is Mark Maggio, Ph.D., who has served as an expert in disaster mental health and Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) for law enforcement and emergency services personnel for nearly 30 years. Dr. Maggio has provided services during Hurricanes Andrew and Katrina, the September 11 terrorist attacks and the Washington Naval Yard shooting.

Members of the department will participate in various activities in honor of Police Week, including a Howard County memorial ride by HCPD vehicles on Thursday morning, passing the sites where each of the county's seven fallen officers died. HCPD members also will attend a candlelight vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. and a team of 15 cyclists from HCPD will ride 275 miles from Philadelphia to the Memorial for the Police Unity Tour.

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