



NEWS RELEASE

HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

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HCPD to honor fallen officers at memorial ceremony

WHAT: --Howard County Police Memorial Ceremony
--Unveiling of new “Blue Line” in the roadway in front of Police Headquarters to honor and support law enforcement

WHO: Gary L. Gardner, Chief of Police
Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive
Jon Weinstein, County Council Chair
Family members of fallen heroes

WHEN: Thursday, May 4, 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 ceremony honoring fallen heroes on Thursday, May 4, at 11:30 a.m., at HCPD Headquarters in Ellicott City. The service will honor the seven law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty in Howard County. Police Chief Gary L. Gardner also will unveil a new “Blue Line” painted in the roadway in front of the police headquarters building to honor and support law enforcement.

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

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

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 cyclists from HCPD will ride 275 miles from Philadelphia to the Memorial for the Police Unity Tour.

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