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Press Release

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Subject/Topic: National Police Week May 10-16, 2015: Honoring and Remembering Our Fallen Law Enforcement Officers

Location: Manhattan Beach, Ca

Again this year, Manhattan Beach joins communities across the United States as they come together during National Police Week (May 10-16), also known as "Blue Ribbon Week," to honor and remember those law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice.

During Blue Ribbon Week (National Police Week), residents are encouraged to display blue ribbons on their cars, trees, lapel, as well as, on school campuses. Blue ribbons are available for free in the lobby of the Manhattan Beach Police Department.

This year, the names of 273 officers killed in the line of duty are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial in Washington, DC. These 273 officers include 117 officers who were killed during 2014, plus 156 officers who died in previous years but whose stories of sacrifice had been lost to history until now.

Fallen law enforcement officers from Manhattan Beach, to include: Officer Charles Frederick Grau, Officer Richard Timothy Giles and Officer Martin Lane Ganz will also be remembered during Police Week. In addition, a memorial floral wreath will be displayed at each of their names on the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial.

During the 27th Annual Candlelight Vigil on the evening of May 13, 2015, the names of all 273 fallen officers nationwide will be formally dedicated on the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial. So that people across the country can experience this unique and powerful ceremony, the vigil will be webcast live over the Internet beginning at 8 PM (EDT) on May 13th. To register for this free online event, visit www.LawMemorial.org/webcast

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The Candlelight Vigil is one of many commemorative events taking place in the nation's capital during National Police Week 2015. The national observance is organized by a group of organizations led by the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), Concerns of Police Survivors, the Fraternal Order of Police and the Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary.

On May 15th each year, the Fraternal Order of Police and the Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary host a ceremony on the west steps of the U.S. Capitol to honor fallen law enforcement officers and their families. In tribute to American law enforcement officers and at the request of the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Fund, Public Law 103-322 designates May 15th National Peace Officers' Memorial Day, which is one of only two days each year during which government agencies, businesses and residents are to fly their U.S. flags at half-staff.

For more information about National Police Week, please visit www.LawMemorial.org/policeweek

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