



# NEWS RELEASE

## 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  
Mary Kay Sigaty, County Council Chair  
Family members of fallen heroes

**WHEN:** Tuesday, 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 Tuesday, May 5, at 11:30 a.m., at HCPD headquarters in Ellicott City. The service will honor the seven law enforcement officers lost in the line of duty in Howard County.

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

- MSP Trooper Shaft S. Hunter, who was killed in a collision during a vehicle pursuit in May 2011.
- Cpl. Scott Wheeler, who was struck by a speeding motorist while conducting speed enforcement in 2007.
- Recruit Ofc. Roger D. Cassell Jr., who died after a physical exercise at the HCPD academy in 1994.
- 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 after struggling with a prisoner in 1946.
- Constable Charles T. Weber, who died after being dragged alongside a speeding vehicle in 1924.

Members of the department will also participate in various activities in honor of Police Week, including a Howard County memorial ride by HCPD vehicles on Monday passing the sites where 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 as part of the Police Unity Tour.

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