

National Police Week

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National Police Week 2021

To Assure Opportunity for In-person Attendance, National Police Week Events Are Postponed to October 2021. Planned events include honoring fallen officers from 2019 and 2020.

Washington, (March 10, 2021) - Host organizations of National Police Week, which include the National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum, the Fraternal Order of Police and Auxiliary (FOP), and Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.), have made the difficult but necessary decision, due to the ongoing pandemic, to postpone in-person events of National Police Week to October 13-17, 2021, in Washington, D.C. The rescheduling of the originally planned events to be held May 11-16, 2021, is due to the inability to secure necessary permits in time for in-person gatherings due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions.

The National Police Weekend will offer the same honor, remembrance, and peer support as the extended National Police Week, while allowing law enforcement, survivors, and citizens to gather and pay homage to those who gave their lives in the line of duty.

The planned schedule of events includes:

- Thursday, October 14 - NLEOMF Candlelight Vigil



- Friday, October 15 - C.O.P.S. National Police Survivors' Conference
- Saturday, October 16 - FOP 40th Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Service

The three host organizations remain committed to their missions and to honoring the fallen law enforcement heroes from 2019 and 2020, while making sure their survivors are supported. In addition to the in-person events in October, each organization will host virtual events on originally scheduled dates in May 2021. More information on these events are forthcoming.

HISTORY

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The Memorial Service began in 1982 as a gathering in Senate Park of approximately 120 survivors and supporters of law enforcement. Decades later, the event, more commonly known as National Police Week, has grown to a series of events which attracts thousands of survivors and law enforcement officers to our Nation's Capital each year.

The National Peace Officers Memorial Service, which is sponsored by the Grand Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, is one in a series of events which includes the Candlelight Vigil, which is sponsored by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) and seminars sponsored by Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.)

National Police Week draws in between 25,000 to 40,000 attendees. The attendees come from departments throughout the United States as well as from agencies throughout the world. This provides a unique opportunity to meet others who work in law enforcement. In that spirit, the Fraternal Order of Police DC Lodge #1 sponsors receptions each afternoon and evening during Police Week. These events are open to all law enforcement personnel and are an experience unlike any other.

» [Watch recorded coverage of the 2019 Memorial Service at the U.S. Capitol](#)

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OCT. 13 – 17



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 13

10:00 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Museum Open
2:00 – 3:00 p.m. | Police Unity Tour Bicycle Ride-In | Memorial
3:00 – 3:30 p.m. | Police Unity Tour Ceremony | Memorial

THURSDAY, OCT. 14

10:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Museum Open
6:00 – 8:30 p.m. | Candlelight Vigil | National Mall and Livestream

FRIDAY, OCT. 15

8:00 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Destination Zero Conference | Invitation Only and Livestream
10:00 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Museum Open
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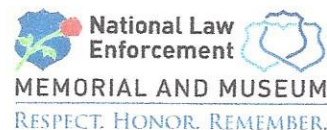
SATURDAY, OCT. 16

10:00 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Museum Open
2:00 – 3:00 p.m. | Wreath Laying | Memorial
2:00 p.m. – Midnight | Stand Watch for the Fallen | Memorial

SUNDAY, OCT. 17

10:00 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Museum Open

Note: All Times Eastern Time Zone



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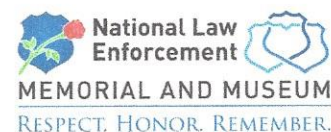
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