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In conjunction with National Police Week the Edmonds Police Department will be honoring the federal, state and local law enforcement officers in America who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their communities. This is a time for law enforcement officers and citizens alike to reflect on the loss of nearly 19,000 law enforcers in this country since the first recorded death in 1792. Currently, there are 18,983 names engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington DC.

(See <http://www.nleomf.org/facts/enforcement/> for additional facts and figures.)

The Edmonds Police Department will be holding their annual Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 19, 2011, at which time they will be recognizing the accomplishments of local police officers as well as the individual efforts of citizens who have gone above and beyond. During this ceremony nine public safety employees and nine citizens will be officially recognized. The ceremony will begin at 6:30pm in the City of Edmonds Council Chambers at 250 5th Ave N., Edmonds WA 98020.

Invocation and benediction will be offered by Chaplain Ken Gaydos. Speaking will be Edmonds Mayor Mike Cooper and Edmonds Police Chief Al Compaan. Presentations will be made by Chief of Police Al Compaan, Assistant Chief of Police Gerry Gannon and Sergeant Mike Blackburn. Additional presentations will be made by American Legion Post #66 Commander Duane Pounds and Mr. Les Abel and from the Rotary Club of Edmonds, Doug Purcell and Mrs. Darlene Stern. Refreshments will be provided by the Rotary Club of Edmonds.

Members of the Media are welcome to attend.

“National Police Week” was enacted October 1, 1962 in the Congress of the United States. This resolution authorized the President of the United States, then John F. Kennedy, in 1963 to proclaim May 15th of each year as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week of each year during which May 15th occurs as National Police Week.

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