

# Idaho Falls Police Department

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## **Peace Officer Memorial Service To Be Held Monday**

Sixty-eight fallen Idaho Peace Officers will be honored Monday night during the annual Law Enforcement Candlelight Vigil in Idaho Falls.

The event will be held at the Bonneville County Courthouse starting at 7 p.m.

The National Peace Officer's Memorial Day started in 1962 after U.S. President John F. Kennedy signed a Presidential Proclamation designating May 15<sup>th</sup> as a day to pay tribute to peace officers that have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Concerns Of Police Survivors, a national organization that assists survivors of fallen officers, said that nationwide 140 to 160 officers are killed annually. Since 1883, the state of Idaho has lost 68 officers, including two Bonneville County Sheriff's Officers and one Bonneville County K9.

Kennedy also designated the week following May 15th as National Police Week.

At Monday's event, Idaho Falls Police Officer Jessica Hunt and 911 Dispatcher DaNell Hennis will speak in honor of the 68 fallen Idaho Peace Officers. The speakers will be followed by the lighting of candles and the playing of "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes by Bonneville County Deputy Nathan Downey.

This memorial service is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend.

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