

Paying Tribute to Those Police That Have Fallen

The United States Congress in a joint resolution has designated May 15th of each year as Police Memorial Day and the week in which it falls as Police Memorial Week. Also, the state of Tennessee has designated May 11th of each year as Police Memorial Day. Ceremonies are conducted nationwide to recognize the law enforcement officers that have been lost in the line of duty. In Tullahoma we remember the five (5) officers that have died while serving the citizens of our community. In a tribute to those fallen officers, the Police Department will have a memorial ceremony at 12:00 noon, on Wednesday, May 11, 2016. The ceremony will be held at the flag pole at the South Jackson Civic Center. The officers to be remembered and their End of Watch (EOW):

Chief E.C. Armstrong, 30, EOW-Dec 3, 1934, Fatally shot while responding to a disturbance.

Officer Charles Holt, 30, EOW-Dec 3, 1934, Fatally shot while responding to a disturbance.

Officer James Flippo, 65, EOW-Sep 5, 1936, Fatally shot with his own weapon after a prisoner he was placing in jail attacked him and took his firearm.

Officer Henry Travis, 49, EOW-Sep 26, 1970, Fatally injured in an automobile accident after taking a prisoner to the jail in Manchester.

Officer Clifford Riddle, 65, EOW-Oct 10, 1987, Seriously injured in the automobile accident on Sep 26, 1970. Remained in a coma for 17 years as a result of the accident.

Although May 11 and May 15 are designated as Police Memorial Day, all citizens are encouraged to recognize and thank the officers throughout the year for their dedicated and selfless service to our community. Hopefully you can join us for this ceremony.