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National Police Week – May 11 - May 17

The Anderson County Sheriff's Department will join law enforcement agencies across the nation in celebrating **National Police Week, May 11 through May 17, 2014.**

May 15 is National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week containing May 15 has been National Police Week, since President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 on October 1, 1962. It was not until May 15, 1982, that the first National Peace Officers' Memorial Day service was held. Activities during National Police Week now include the annual Candlelight Vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial in Washington, DC. The National Peace Officers' Memorial Day Service on May 15 draws thousands from across the nation.

The Sheriff's Department has lost eight officers in the line of duty. Seven were killed by gunfire and one died in an automobile accident.

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| • Deputy Sheriff Robert Harmon | Shot To Death | February 7, 1904 |
| • Deputy Sheriff Byrd Daugherty | Shot To Death | April 9, 1922 |
| • Sheriff Cleve Daugherty | Shot To Death | July 19, 1933 |
| • Deputy Sheriff Lee McGhee | Shot To Death | January 9, 1934 |
| • Deputy Sheriff Reuben Fox | Shot To Death | August 20, 1943 |
| • Deputy Sheriff Willie West | Shot To Death | October 23, 1954 |
| • Deputy Sheriff William Scott | Died In Car Crash | January 21, 1980 |
| • Deputy Sheriff Ray Brown | Shot To Death | June 9, 1981 |

Since last year's memorial service an eighth officer from the Anderson County Sheriff's Department was found to have been killed in the line of duty. Deputy Sheriff Byrd Daugherty and both of his sons were shot and killed while walking home by two men one of whom was the father of a man that had been arrested a day earlier for transporting a load of whiskey. One of the two men convicted in these slayings was shot and killed by Anderson County deputies in 1940.

A memorial service sponsored by Chief James Akagi and the Oak Ridge Police Department will be held at **1:30pm on Thursday, May 15**, on the plaza in front of the Oak Ridge Municipal Building. Local, state, and federal agencies from the Anderson County area will be represented. Please join us in support of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Sheriff Paul White