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National Police Week – May 10-16, 2009

The Anderson County Sheriff's Department will join law enforcement agencies across the nation in celebrating **National Police Week, May 10 through May 16, 2009.**

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 seven officers in the line of duty. Six were killed by gunfire and one died in an automobile accident.

• Deputy Sheriff James Stafford	Shot To Death	June 15, 1899
• Deputy Sheriff Robert Harmon	Shot To Death	February 7, 1904
• Sheriff Cleve Daugherty	Shot To Death	July 19, 1933
• Deputy Sheriff Lee McGhee	Shot To Death	January 9, 1934
• Deputy Sheriff Willie West	Shot To Death	October 23, 1954
• Deputy Sheriff William Scott	Died In Car Crash	January 21, 1980
• Reserve Deputy Ray Brown	Shot To Death	June 9, 1981

A memorial service sponsored by Chief David Beams and the Oak Ridge Police Department will be held at **1:00pm on Friday 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.

Sheriff Paul White