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President Trump and Vice President Pence Join FOP in Salute to Fallen Heroes

37th Annual Memorial Service Honors Officers' Sacrifice

Today, the Fraternal Order of Police and the law enforcement community will assemble on the West Front of the U.S. Capitol to honor 199 law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. The National Peace Officers' Memorial Service is the capstone event of National Police Week.

"We come together today to grieve the loss of these fine men and women, but also to honor their lives and their sacrifice," said Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police. "We will find peace and renew our commitment to the safety of the communities we protect."

National President Canterbury will host the event which will feature remarks by Vice President Michael R. Pence and a keynote address by the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump.

"National Police Week is a special time for our nation as we all pause and reflect on these fallen heroes who gave their all, who put themselves in harm's way to protect the nation and the neighborhoods they served. We remember and celebrate not only their lives, but also the lives of the families and loved ones these officers have left behind, Canterbury said. "And today, at this National Peace Officers' Memorial Service, we come together with the President and Vice President of the United States, to honor the memories and mourn with the families of the fallen."

During National Police Week, thousands of law enforcement officers in every region of the nation and corner of the country gather at memorial services to honor their fallen brothers and sisters. More than 25,000 officers, as well as the surviving family members and friends of slain officers, have traveled to the nation's capital to attend the 37th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service, which remains the nation's largest and most prominent memorial service held on behalf of fallen law enforcement officers.

"In our grief, we find solitude. In our healing, we find gratitude. We carry on and renew our dedication and service to the communities we protect and serve," said President Canterbury

In October 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15th as National Peace Officers' Memorial Day. Since the signing of this proclamation, this date has been the official day of recognition for law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the performance of their duty. This is the 36th year that the Fraternal Order of Police and its Auxiliary have held the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service. Additionally, this year will be the largest turn out to recognize our law enforcement and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the United States, with more than 335,000 members.