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**GOV. BESHEAR TO SPEAK AT CEREMONY HONORING  
KENTUCKY'S FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**  
*Ceremony to commemorate 2009 as a year with no line-of-duty deaths in Kentucky*

**RICHMOND, Ky. (May 11, 2010)** – Gov. Steve Beshear will address the families, friends and comrades of Kentucky's fallen officers during the Department of Criminal Justice Training's annual law enforcement memorial ceremony Tuesday, May 18 at 11 a.m.

For the first time since the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation's inception in 1999, Kentucky experienced no line of duty deaths in 2009, making this year's ceremony a unique tribute not only to the state's past fallen officers, but also to all officers who choose the law enforcement profession, knowing each day they put their lives on the line to serve the citizens of the commonwealth.

The ceremony will be conducted at the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial, located at DOCJT in front of the John W. Bizzack Law Enforcement Training Complex on Eastern Kentucky University's campus.

The name of Lexington Division of Police Officer Bryan Durman, killed in a hit-and-run incident on April 29, will not be dedicated at this year's ceremony since the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation has to submit the names of those who died on or before December 31 of the previous year to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. However, Durman's sacrifice will be honored during the ceremony. Lexington Mayor Jim Newberry and Chief Ronnie Bastin will attend. The Lexington Police Honor Guard also will be in attendance.

Durman will be dedicated to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial in May 2011.

The ceremony will honor 26 Kentucky officers killed in the line of duty between 1882 and 1969, but whose names were not added to the national memorial until recently. The criteria for having a name placed on the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial is that it be on the National Law Enforcement Memorial. Those officers names are:

**City Marshal James B. Day**, Menifee County Sheriff's Office, died June 24, 1882

**Officer Calvin Smith**, Paducah Police Department, died Oct. 3, 1893

**Deputy Joseph Patterson**, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, died May 21, 1897

**Corporal Fred Richterkessing**, Louisville Police Department, died April 1, 1901  
**Town Marshal James Cockrill**, Breathitt County Sheriff's Office, died July 22, 1902  
**Deputy James Williams**, Marion County Sheriff's Office, died March 19, 1903  
**Officer John Dolan**, Louisville Police Department, died Dec. 20, 1904  
**Deputy Oland Collins**, Bell County Sheriff's Office, died Oct. 3, 1911  
**Deputy Sam Collins**, Bell County Sheriff's Office, died Oct. 3, 1911  
**Deputy Neil Christian**, Bell County Sheriff's Office, died July 6, 1912  
**Deputy Edward Neece**, Bell County Sheriff's Office, died Nov. 7, 1912  
**Constable W. W. Tartt**, Graves County Sheriff's Office, died Feb. 8, 1915  
**Officer William Romain**, Paducah Police Department, died Aug. 12, 1917  
**Deputy Jailer Albert Roberts**, Breathitt County Sheriff's Office, died Dec. 10, 1921  
**Chief James C. Pope**, Harlan Police Department, died Nov. 28, 1922  
**Deputy Nathan P. Meredith**, Edmonson County Sheriff's Office, died July 19, 1925  
**Deputy Philip M. Daniel**, Bell County Sheriff's Office, died June 17, 1927  
**Constable James A. Boling**, Ohio County Sheriff's Office, died Sept. 8, 1928  
**Deputy Frank Bowman**, Bell County Sheriff's Office, died Aug. 6, 1932  
**Sheriff Peter L. Little**, Menifee County Sheriff's Office, died Aug. 19, 1934  
**Sheriff Johnie C. Morris**, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, died Sept. 23, 1934  
**Deputy Wilson Deaton**, Breathitt County Sheriff's Office, died March 16, 1940  
**Sheriff Ralph W. Haycraft**, Grayson County Sheriff's Office, died March 4, 1942  
**Officer Julius R. Cummins**, Kentucky Department of Corrections, died July 21, 1949  
**Sheriff Dona Arnett**, Magoffin County Sheriff's Office, died Sept. 27, 1959  
**Investigator William L. Jones**, Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, died May 13, 1969

The Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial monument is the only monument in the commonwealth that recognizes all Kentucky peace officers who have been killed in the line of duty. This year's additions bring the total number of names on the monument to 461.

The memorial foundation was established in 1999 to build the unique memorial. Once the memorial was completed in 2000, the organization expanded its efforts to include an ongoing financial endowment program, which helps Kentucky peace officers and their families with educational, medical and emergency needs.

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