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IN MEMORIAM December 1, 1853 – November 3, 1929 – *We will never forget!*

John Osborne, Watchman
Cleveland City Marshal's Office
EOW December 1, 1853

Michael Kick, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW May 15, 1875

George Brenner, Marshal
Wellington Village Marshal's Office
EOW July 18, 1883

William Hullivan, Detective
Cleveland Police Department
EOW February 8, 1887

Nicholas Sheehan, Sergeant
Cleveland Police Department
EOW September 5, 1894

John Shipp, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW May 6, 1900

William L. Foulks, Detective Lieutenant
Cleveland Police Department
EOW September 29, 1900

Louis D. Weick, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW December 10, 1903

James H. Stedman, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW January 25, 1905

Spooner C. Crapo, Marshal
Rochester Village Marshal's Office
EOW November 11, 1905

Herman Reimer, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW January 28, 1911

Walter C. Chapman, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW August 22, 1911

Edward Parker, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW June 19, 1912

Leroy E. Bouker, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW November 28, 1912

Albert Miller, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW December 3, 1913

Rupert Becker, Night Watchman
Amherst Village Constable's Office
EOW April 10, 1916

John H. Gates, Watchman
Medina Village Marshal's Office
EOW April 18, 1916

Charles H. Goetz, Sergeant
Cleveland Police Department
EOW May 6, 1916

Harry Nelson Sayle, Deputy Marshal
Village of Shaker Heights
EOW August 27, 1916

Henry Froelich, Sergeant
Cleveland Police Department
EOW September 25, 1916

Edward M. Meany, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW November 29, 1916

Elmer P. Glaefke, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW September 13, 1917

William Brown, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW September 29, 1917

Alfred Ressler, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW August 6, 1918

Patrick Gaffney, Detective
East Cleveland Police Department
EOW December 19, 1918

William P. Armstrong, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW March 9, 1919

Ernest C. Gray, Deputy
Willoughby Township Marshal's Office
EOW July 16, 1919

Frank M. Moranz, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW September 26, 1919

William Isaac, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW December 1, 1919

Robert Shelton, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
December 7, 1919

Thomas Cook, Detective
New York Central Railroad Police
Department - July 12, 1920

David H. Barnes, Detective Sergeant
New York Central Railroad Police
Department - July 28, 1920

John Vapenik, Marshal
Maple Heights Village
EOW August 28, 1920

Edward Connolly, Captain
Cleveland Heights Police Department
EOW September 8, 1920

Walter Preuhs, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
October 17, 1920

Albert Block, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW February 11, 1921

August Dyke, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW March 24, 1921

Elmer Sprosty, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW April 21, 1921

Frank J. Koran, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW November 26, 1921

Carl Metta, Agent
Federal Prohibition Enforcement Officer
EOW February 19 1923

Samuel Kilbane, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW April 19, 1923

Dennis Griffin, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW May 14, 1923

Fred J. Webber, Patrolman
Lorain Police Department
EOW December 22, 1923

Roy Nightwine, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW May 11, 1924

Frank A. Sukan, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW June 28, 1924

Michael J. Hahnel, Patrolman
Shaker Heights Police Department
EOW October 20, 1924

Peter Fromm, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW February 13, 1925

Henry Richter, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW February 27, 1925

Charles J. Frantz, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW April 14, 1925

Harvey A. Yoder, Marshal
Bay Village Police Department
EOW July 20, 1925

Charles C. Deal, Patrolman
Lorain Police Department
EOW November 6, 1925

John F. Saxton, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW February 15, 1926

Edwin A. Janes, Patrolman
Shaker Heights Police Department
EOW April 17, 1926

William G. Borgman, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW April 20, 1926

Michael B. Beuerlein, Patrolman
Parma Police Department
EOW May 20, 1926

George J. Buttermore, Patrolman
Shaker Heights Police Department
EOW May 24, 1926

Clinton Wolf, Deputy Marshal
Parma Police Department
EOW June 28, 1926

Lawrence R. Yaxley, Deputy Marshal
Mentor Village Marshal's Office
EOW January 30, 1927

Richard White, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW August 4, 1927

Albert Flemke, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW March 22, 1928

Anthony Wieczorek, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW September 13, 1928

Ernest L. Ford, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW September 19, 1928

Carl Sherman, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW March 6, 1929

Edward Butler, Detective
Cleveland Police Department
EOW November 3, 1929

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IN MEMORIAM – June 30, 1930 – September 28, 1970 – *We will never forget!*

Franklin J. Strohl, Deputy
Lorain County Sheriff's Office
EOW June 30, 1930

James Ryan, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW January 8, 1931

John Buettner, Detective
Cleveland Police Department
EOW August 9, 1932

Harry Rose, Marshal
Seven Hills Police Department
September 25, 1932

Herman Pahler, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW March 8, 1933

George Effinger, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW March 20, 1933

Harold Beingesser, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW July 29, 1935

Harry McCue, Detective
Cleveland Police Department
EOW July 29, 1935

Martin J. Carlin, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW August 3, 1935

William J. Burmeister, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW October 20, 1935

Joseph Ternansky, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW April 1, 1936

Otto Mosholder, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW December 10, 1936

Virgil T. Bayne, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW December 18, 1937

Gerald Bode, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW December 18, 1937

John J. Cleary, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
January 4, 1938

Raymond Griffin, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW May 30, 1938

Robert Wehagen, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
July 8, 1938

Louis Mlakar, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW July 20, 1938

John Luses, Deputy
U.S. Marshals Service
EOW September 8, 1938

James Goggin, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW January 13, 1939

Otto Jirecek, Marshal
Solon Police Department
EOW March 31, 1939

Clarence Smith, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW June 6, 1939

Otto J. Ziska, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW March 31, 1940

James Goodwin, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW May 4, 1942

Howard B. Taft, Patrolman
Elyria Police Department
EOW August 8, 1942

Patrick Ryan, Sergeant
Cleveland Police Department
EOW January 14, 1944

George Kirk, Patrolman
Lorain Police Department
EOW March 30, 1944

Lewis Hauschild, Detective
East Cleveland Police Department
EOW September 22, 1945

Clarence Cerell Chance, Patrolman
Cuyahoga Falls Police Department
EOW May 30, 1947

Norman Carl Reker, Patrolman
Cleveland Heights Police Department
EOW February 21, 1948

Henry L. Walton, Chief
Fairview Park Police Department
EOW March 12, 1950

Forney L. Haas, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW December 8, 1951

Earl D. Thomas, Lieutenant
Gates Mills Police Department
EOW December 26, 1951

Eugene Stinchcomb, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW May 12, 1952

Joyce Robbin Moore, Lieutenant
Willoughby Police Department
EOW March 22, 1955

William Hudec, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW August 30, 1955

Warren Stainbook, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW August 30, 1955

Joseph Haydu, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW May 19, 1956

Garner M. Robertson, Patrolman
Valley View Police Department
EOW July 8, 1956

Howard Scott, Deputy
Geauga County Sheriff's Department
EOW August 14, 1956

Nicholas R. Catalano, Patrolman
Mayfield Heights Police Department
EOW December 26, 1956

Edmund G. Smith, Patrolman
Wellington Police Department
EOW May 4, 1957

Edward G. Lentz, Lieutenant
Cleveland Police Department
EOW December 9, 1957

Edgar Nagie, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW March 26, 1958

Edward H. Perdian, Captain
Newburgh Heights Police Department
EOW September 15, 1960

Martin E. Mrugacz, Detective
Cleveland Police Department
EOW September 29, 1960

Michael J. George, Deputy
Lorain County Sheriff's Office
EOW January 9, 1961

Arthur W. Guenther, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW December 19, 1961

John P. Palermo, Deputy
Lorain County Sheriff's Office
EOW January 21, 1964

Lester G. Peterman, Chief
Bentleyville Police Department
EOW February 10, 1964

William Greller, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW September 18, 1964

Chester Burmeister, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
December 23, 1964

Lummie Sanders, Deputy
Geauga County Sheriff's Office
EOW July 28, 1965

Frank Humr, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW October 29, 1965

John R. Bohl, Chief
Chardon Police Department
EOW October 25, 1966

Steve J. Huber, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
May 11, 1967

Brian Kloka, Patrolman
Broadview Heights Police Department
EOW August 29, 1967

Leroy Jones, Lieutenant
Cleveland Police Department
EOW July 23, 1968

Willard J. Wolff, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW July 23, 1968

Louis Golonka, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW July 23, 1968

Roy Buckner, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW November 11, 1968

Kenneth Houser, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW April 2, 1969

John Apanites, Detective
Cleveland Police Department
EOW April 7, 1969

Joseph Tracz, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW September 28, 1970



*May this Christmas Season and the New Year Bring
Hope and Peace to a World in Need of Both.*

– Editor of The Epitaph



IN MEMORIAM – March 10, 1971 – December 31, 2021 – *We will never forget!*

Robert Woodall, Patrolman
Oberlin Police Department
EOW March 10, 1971

Tom Hakaim, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW April 3, 1971

William A. Nagy, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW May 14, 1971

Michael Chihil, Chief
Newbury Police Department
EOW January 1, 1972

Robert W. Bennett, Sergeant
Parma Heights Police Department
EOW October 25, 1972

Richard Miller, Patrolman
East Cleveland Police Department
EOW January 11, 1973

Frederick D. Vacha, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW June 20, 1973

William N. Shapiro, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW April 26, 1974

Philip P. Maher, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW May 29, 1975

Edward Murray, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW July 3, 1975

William Prochazka, Detective Sergeant
Bedford Heights Police Department
November 10, 1975

Jerome C. Poelking, Captain
Cleveland Police Department
EOW December 8, 1975

Joseph Baca, Deputy
Medina County Sheriff's Office
EOW August 28, 1976

John S. Reese, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW September 2, 1976

Hubert S. Smykowski, Patrolman
Garfield Heights Police Department
EOW October 5, 1976

George Maxin, Auxiliary Captain
Willowick Police Department
EOW December 31, 1976

Carl E. Summers, Captain
Lodi Police Department
EOW December 10, 1977

Francis Smolka, Patrolman
Vermilion Police Department
EOW October 29, 1978

Robert A. White, Parole Officer
Ohio Adult Parole Authority
EOW April 27, 1979

John Hubbell, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW June 4, 1979

Kenneth M. Tomaszewski, Deputy
Lorain County Sheriff's Office
EOW July 3, 1979

Johnnie L. Oliver, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
EOW August 9, 1979

Dominick J. Boscarelli, Patrolman
Olmsted Township Police Department
EOW August 23, 1979

David R. Wiley, Patrolman
Mayfield Village Police Department
EOW September 5, 1979

George Zicarelli, Detective
Cleveland Police Department
September 17, 1979

Desmond Sherry, Patrol Officer
Cleveland Police Department
EOW July 3, 1980

Anthony J. Johnson, Sr. Patrol Officer
Cleveland Police Department
EOW October 21, 1981

Benjamin F. Grair, Jr., Patrol Officer
Cleveland Police Department
EOW August 5, 1983

Stephen M. Kovach, Patrol Officer
Cleveland Police Department
EOW March 11, 1984

Mark S. Decker, Police Officer
Veterans Administration Police
EOW January 31, 1986

Leonard Wilcox, Police Officer
Veterans Administration Police
EOW January 31, 1986

Gary Paster, Patrolman
Macedonia Police Department
EOW May 29, 1986

Ernest C. Holbert, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW October 27, 1987

Jeffrey B. Olson, Patrolman
Solon Police Department
EOW March 15, 1989

Alcee S. McCray, Security Officer
CMHA Police Department
EOW October 14, 1989

Aubrey R. Williams, Auxiliary Police Officer
North Olmsted Police Department
EOW November 7, 1989

Thomas Smith, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW March 9, 1993

Dennis N. Glivar, Sergeant
Garfield Heights Police Department
EOW August 14, 1994

Michael W. Brown, Police Officer
Garfield Heights Police Department
EOW December 8, 1994

Robert A. Stefanov, Police Officer
Garfield Heights Police Department
EOW December 8, 1994

Derrik M. Lanier, Police Officer
CMHA Police Department
EOW March 2, 1996

Edward Claybrooks, Jr., Patrol Officer
Cleveland Police Department
EOW December 27, 1996

Hilary S. Cudnik, Sr., Patrol Officer
Cleveland Police Department
EOW December 30, 1996

Michael W. Muzychenko, Sergeant
Cleveland Police Department
EOW November 25, 1997

David M. Smith, Patrol Officer
Cleveland Police Department
EOW April 15, 1998

Robert J. Clark II, Detective
Cleveland Police Department
EOW July 1, 1998

Wayne A. Leon, Patrol Officer
Cleveland Police Department
EOW June 25, 2000

James M. Salvino, Jr., Deputy
Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office
EOW February 17, 2001

Jonathan J. Schroeder, Detective
Cleveland Police Department
EOW August 31, 2006

Jason D. West, Investigator
Cleveland Heights Police Department
EOW May 26, 2007

George M. Brentar, Patrolman
Euclid Police Department
EOW October 10, 2007

Derek W. Owens, Patrol Officer
Cleveland Police Department
EOW March 1, 2008

Joshua T. Miktarian, Police Officer
Twinsburg Police Department
EOW July 13, 2008

Jarod M. Dean, Police Officer
Boston Heights Police Department
EOW January 19, 2009

Thomas F. Patton II, Police Officer
Cleveland Heights Police Department
EOW March 13, 2010

James A. Kerstetter, Patrolman
Elyria Police Department
EOW March 15, 2010

Jonathan V. Bastock, Police Officer
Stow Police Department
EOW February 5, 2011

Jason Gresko, Police Officer
Willoughby Police Department
EOW September 21, 2012

Kenneth Velez, Trooper
Ohio State Highway Patrol
EOW September 15, 2016

David J. Fahey Jr., Patrol Officer
Cleveland Police Department
EOW January 24, 2017

Mathew Mazany, Patrolman
Mentor Police Department
EOW June 24, 2018

Vu X. Nguyen, Patrol Officer
Cleveland Police Department
EOW July 6, 2018

James M. Skernivitz, Detective
Cleveland Police Department
EOW September 3, 2020

Shane H. Bartek, Patrol Officer
Cleveland Police Department
EOW December 31, 2021

The Executive Board and the Board of Directors of the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society wish all the Survivors, loved ones and families of our Fallen Heroes, all of our Peace Officers both active and retired, all Peace Officers injured in the Line of Duty and all the supporters of the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society a healthy, safe and blessed Holiday Season and New Year!

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I want to thank all of you for your continued support. Our membership is increasing, your support does make a difference. We are grateful to our individual and corporate sponsors. I have received many comments from Survivors about how wonderful this year's Memorial Service was and how they appreciate their loved ones are not forgotten. Remember Police Week will start with our grave marker placement on May 11, 2024 and our Memorial Service on Friday, May 17, 2024. Have a blessed holiday season.

Joe Mannion, President



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