



# THE EPITAPH



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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 Hulligan, 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. Sugan, 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 Beingsesser, 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



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# 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

**Dominck 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

**Derrick 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

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## POLICE WEEK MAY 11-18, 2024



- Saturday, May 11** Grave Marker Event | 8:00 am | Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial® | Lakeside Ave & W 3rd St
- Monday, May 13** Candlelight Vigil | 7:45 pm | Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial®
- Thursday, May 16** Hero's Welcome | 8:00 pm - 12:00 am | CPPA Hall | West 58th Street
- Friday, May 17** Parade | 10:30 am | Lakeside Ave & East 12th St | Continuing along Lakeside Ave to the GCPOM®  
Memorial Service | Encouraged to gather at the GCPOM® | immediately following the parade
- Saturday, May 18** Police Patch Collectors Show | 10:00 am - 3:00 pm | Double Tree Hotel | 1111 Lakeside Ave  
Cleveland International Tattoo® | Cleveland Public Hall | 500 Lakeside Ave E, 44114 | 7:00 pm

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