



# THE EPITAPH



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Joe Mannion** | President / Member of the GCPOMS Executive Board / Board of Directors

Welcome to the GCPOMS *The Epitaph*, the official publication for the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society®. *The Epitaph* is in its 10th year of publication.

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to Claudia Wilson and the Lorain County Community College Police Academy Class #24-081. Claudia, who serves as the treasurer/secretary for the class, along with her peers, organized a fundraiser as part of their academy activities. They chose to sell challenge coins, and in a wonderful show of generosity and commitment, the class donated all proceeds to the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society. The class should be incredibly proud of their efforts and dedication. It was an honor to visit the school to personally meet the class and accept their donation. During my visit, I also had the opportunity to connect with the Commander of the Police Academy, Duane Whitely. Commander Whitely, a lifetime member of GCPOMS and the former Chief of Police for the city of Elyria, expressed his pride in the class and their hard work to make the fundraiser a success. Their contribution exemplifies the values of selflessness and community spirit, and we are deeply grateful for their support.

For 40 years, we have honored the lives of Peace Officers who made the ultimate sacrifice. Thanks to the dedication of Tom Armelli, Chas Lane, and a few others, the Memorial became a reality after they met following a fellow officer's funeral. From 1985 until 1993, the Memorial service was held in different locations until Huntington Park was built and dedicated as its permanent home. Sadly, as the years passed, the Memorial had to be expanded. In 2016, we held a rededication ceremony with the addition of two more columns – ensuring that every Fallen Hero would be remembered for generations to come.

Since becoming president of this great organization, we have made several meaningful changes. First and foremost, we are growing. After careful board discussions and meetings, the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society has expanded its region to include Portage County. Each year, officers from many Portage County police departments attend our Memorial events, parade, and service. We are honored to officially welcome Portage County Law Enforcement Agencies into our organization. Portage County has lost four officers in the line of duty, and we remain steadfast in ensuring their sacrifice is never forgotten.



Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society

*Keeping Our Promise to Never Forget Our Fallen Heroes*

Additionally, we have taken steps to protect the integrity of our mission. The Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial logos and writings are now officially trademarked and copyrighted. We have also reaffirmed our commitment to service by ensuring that no board members receive a salary – GCPOMS remains totally an entirely volunteer-led organization, including board members, committee members, committee chairs, and the editor of *The Epitaph*. I want to sincerely thank the many volunteers and board members, past and present, for your unwavering dedication to GCPOMS. Because of your commitment, we remain strong, united, and devoted to ensuring we *Keep the Promise to Never Forget.* I would like to personally thank Dr. Mary Agnes Lentz for the countless hours she dedicates as Editor of *The Epitaph*. Her efforts in making the publication both informative and engaging keeps readers eagerly anticipating each new edition, *The Epitaph* plays a crucial role in the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society, and her hard work ensures the continued success.

Stay safe and healthy,  
**Joe Mannion, President**





# IN MEMORIAM – December 1, 1853 – March 6, 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

**Franklin Stone, Constable**  
Oberlin Police Department  
EOW June 4, 1881

**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 Wiczorek, 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

## *Keeping the Promise to Never*



# IN MEMORIAM – November 3, 1929 – April 2, 1969 – *We will never forget!*

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

**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

**David C. Willis, Deputy**  
Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office  
EOW October 18, 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

## *Forget our Fallen Heroes!*

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# IN MEMORIAM – April 7, 1969 – July 4, 2024 – *We will never forget!*

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

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

**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

**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

**Jacob J. Derbin, Patrolman**  
Euclid Police Department  
EOW May 11, 2024

**Jamieson Ritter, Patrolman**  
Cleveland Police Department  
EOW July 4, 2024

***Celebrated in Cleveland with the  
40th Annual Police Memorial Commemoration***

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# 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREATER CLEVELAND PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL SOCIETY

Mary A. Lentz | Survivor / Editor of The Epitaph

The Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society, established in 1985, is celebrating its 40th anniversary and Keeping the Promise to Never Forget the 196 Fallen Police Officers whose names are etched on the black granite walls of the GCPOMS Memorial. The Memorial is located at West Lakeside Avenue and West 3rd Street in historic Fort Huntington Park. The End of Watch (EOW) for the Officers date from 1853 to the present. GCPOMS includes Officers from Cuyahoga, Lorain, Lake, Medina, Geauga, Portage and northern Summit Counties. Police Week, May 10-17, 2025, remembers all law enforcement and especially those killed in the Line of Duty.

The Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society this year begins its remembrance on Saturday, May 10th with the placement of professionally designed metal grave markers on the grave of each Fallen Hero whose name appears on the GCPOMS Memorial. On Monday evening, May 12th, GCPOMS sponsors the annual Candlelight Ceremony to honor the Fallen Officers. Survivors, relatives and friends of the heroic Officers, law enforcement, government officials and the public are invited to attend.

One of the last official acts of President John F. Kennedy was the signing of an Executive Order naming May 15th as national Police Memorial Day. When a law enforcement Officer is killed in the Line of Duty, a family loses a beloved member, the law enforcement agency loses a respected colleague, and the community loses the protected services of a dedicated Officer.

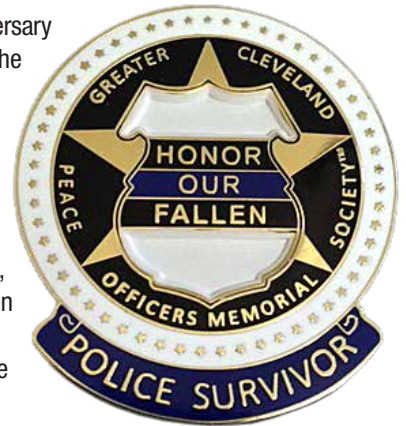
The granite Walls of the GCPOMS Memorial are on a site consisting of nearly 1,000 square feet and feature a curved wall that gently slopes from two feet high upward to six feet surrounding pillars. Each wall measures seven feet wide, twelve feet high and two feet thick. The walkways approaching the Memorial Walls are lined with commemorative pavers which can be purchased by the public in support of GCPOMS and its maintenance of the Memorial.

GCPOMS is incorporated in the State of Ohio, is a registered trademark, and is approved as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit charitable organization by the IRS. The names and logo of the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society are all registered trademarks.

In 2012 GCPOMS and the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles announced the availability of the special Honor Our Fallen® vehicle plates to remember all law enforcement Officer who died in the Line of Duty.

Keeping the Promise to Never Forget also involves the Mini-Market which provides opportunities on-line and at numerous GCPOMS events, especially during Police Week, to purchase top quality items including shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, caps, golf balls, holiday ornaments, coffee mugs plus much more to remember fallen law enforcement Officers. The new GCPOMS trailer brings all these items from the Mini-Market to GCPOMS events.

On Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, prior to the GCPOMS Memorial Parade and Memorial Service, the name of each Fallen Officer will be read aloud at the Memorial site. Please come to the Memorial Services and help GCPOMS Keep Our Promise to Never Forget our Fallen Heroes.



Lorain County Community College Police Academy Class of Police Cadets presenting Joe Mannion with a check for the Greater Cleveland Police Officers Memorial.

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# POLICE WEEK MAY 10-17, 2025



- Saturday, May 10**      **Grave Marker Event** | 8:00 am | Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial® | Lakeside Ave & W 3rd St
- Monday, May 12**      **Candlelight Vigil** | 7:45 pm | Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial®
- Thursday, May 15**      **Badge Case Ceremony** | 11:00 am | 1st Floor, Cleveland Police HQ, Justice Center | 1300 Ontario St  
**Hero's Welcome** | 8:00 pm - 12:00 am | CPPA Hall | 1303 West 58th St
- Friday, May 16**      **Parade** | 10:30 am | Lakeside Ave & East 12th St | continuing along Lakeside Ave to GCPOM®  
**Memorial Service** | 11:30 am | immediately following parade | Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial®  
**Gathering** | for parade participants following Memorial Service | FOP Lodge No. 8 | 2249 Payne Ave  
**Greater Cleveland Police Emerald Society Fellowship Event** | 4:00 - 6:00 pm | CPPA Hall | 1303 West 58th St  
**Steak Roast** | 6:00 - 8:00 pm | CPPA Hall | 1303 West 58th St
- Saturday, May 17**      **Police Collectors Show** | 10:00 am - 3:00 pm | Double Tree Hotel | 1111 Lakeside Ave  
**Holy Name Society Safety Forces Mass** | 4:30 pm | Mary Queen of Peace | 4423 Pearl Rd  
**Cleveland International Tattoo®** | 7:00 pm | Huntington Convention Center

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