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RIVERSIDE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

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34TH ANNUAL RIVERSIDE COUNTY PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL CEREMONY & RUN

Riverside, CA – On Monday, May 22, 2017, Riverside County law enforcement agencies and surviving family members will remember those peace officers who have died in the line of duty at a solemn ceremony. It will take place in front of the “Safe in His Arms” memorial statue, at 4102 Orange St., in Riverside, beginning promptly at 6:15 p.m. The public is invited to attend the ceremony and participate in the moderate run/jog which will begin prior at 5:45 p.m., at the corner of Orange Street and 10th Street. Registration is **NOT** required for the run and is open to everyone of all ages and abilities.

The ceremony, steeped with police service traditions, will recognize those who died in service prior to 2017. This year’s event has even more special meaning as the names of Fallen Palm Springs Police Officers Lesley Zerebny and Jose “Gil” Vega are added to the 62 other names listed on the monument.

Senior law enforcement officials taking part include: Master of Ceremonies - Chief Sergio Diaz of the Riverside Police Department, Riverside County Sheriff-Coroner Stan Sniff, Hemet Police Chief David Brown, Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin, Palm Springs Police Chief Bryan Reyes, and many other agency leaders and city officials from all over Riverside County.

The “Safe in His Arms” memorial statue displays the names of twenty-one Riverside County Sheriff’s Deputies, sixteen Riverside Police Officers, nine California Highway Patrol Officers, eight United States Border Patrol Agents, two Cathedral City Police Officers, and one each from the Corona Police Department, California Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement, Union Pacific Railroad Police Department and the California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation-Norco. And with last year’s tragic murders of Officers Zerebny and Vega, the Palm Springs Police Department is now represented with the names of four of its officers.

Join us as we honor those who have laid down their lives for the community members of Riverside County, and to support the families and friends they left behind.

There will be free parking available in the parking structures located at 3535 12th Street and 4080 Lemon Street.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES AND NO PARKING AREAS ON MAY 22, 2017

Orange Street between 10th and 12th Streets will be closed from 1:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There will be no parking on 12th Street between Orange and Lemon Streets from 1:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Proper signs will be posted in the affected areas.

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Agency</u>
1895	Frank Hamilton	Riverside County Sheriff
1907	Preston Swanguen	Riverside Constable for Temecula
1912	John Baird	Riverside Police Department
1912	Del Macintyre	Riverside Police Department
1913	Grant Alexander	Corona Police Department
1921	Henry F. Nelson	Riverside County Sheriff
1921	Theodore Crossley	Riverside County Sheriff
1925	Ross Gardner	United States Border Patrol
1938	Clinton Burtner	Riverside Police Department
1940	Edward Bertino	Riverside Police Department
1944	Arthur Simpson	Riverside Police Department
1947	Anthony Oneto	United States Border Patrol
1954	Frank Epperson	California Highway Patrol
1956	Raymond Geiger	California Highway Patrol
1956	Howard R. Scheffler	Riverside County Sheriff
1961	Gale G. Eldridge	Palm Springs Police Department
1961	Roger A. Strong	Riverside County Sheriff
1962	Lyle W. Larrabee	Palm Springs Police Department
1967	Theodore Newton Jr.	United States Border Patrol
1967	George F. Azrak	United States Border Patrol
1969	William J. Rutledge	Riverside County Sheriff
1969	William F. Carter	Riverside County Sheriff
1969	Ambers Shewmaker	California Highway Patrol
1971	Richard Morello	Calif. Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement
1971	Leonard Christiansen	Riverside Police Department
1971	Paul Teel	Riverside Police Department
1973	William Prettyman	Riverside Police Department
1974	Larry Walters	Riverside Police Department
1974	Edward Schrader	Riverside County Sheriff
1977	Edward A. Parker	California Highway Patrol
1980	James B. Evans Sr.	Riverside County Sheriff
1980	Dirk A. Leonardson	Riverside County Sheriff
1982	Phillip Trust	Riverside Police Department

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1987	Michael Brandt	California Highway Patrol
1987	Mark Taylor	California Highway Patrol
1988	Michael D. Davis	Riverside County Sheriff
1988	David Vasquez	Cathedral City Police Department
1989	Randy R. Lutz	Riverside County Sheriff
1993	Gary Cavender	Riverside Police Department
1993	Kent Hintergardt	Riverside County Sheriff
1994	Mark Kemp	Riverside County Sheriff
1996	Aurelio Valencia	United States Border Patrol
1997	Michael P. Haugen	Riverside County Sheriff
1997	James Lehmann Jr.	Riverside County Sheriff
1997	Saul Martinez	California Highway Patrol
1997	Daniel Muehlhausen	California Highway Patrol
1998	Claire Connelly	Riverside Police Department
1999	Eric Thach	Riverside County Sheriff
2001	Charles D. Jacobs III	Riverside Police Department
2003	Bruce Lee	Riverside County Sheriff
2003	Brent Jenkins	Riverside County Sheriff
2003	Shannon Distel	California Highway Patrol
2007	Richard Goldstein	United States Border Patrol
2007	Manuel Villegas	Riverside County Sheriff
2008	Aaron Garcia	Union Pacific Railroad Police Department
2009	Nathaniel A. Afolayan	United States Border Patrol
2009	Trena McLaughlin	United States Border Patrol
2010	Ryan Bonaminio	Riverside Police Department
2011	Jermaine Gibson	Cathedral City Police Department
2013	Michael Crain	Riverside Police Department
2013	Gilbert Cortez	Calif. Department of Corrections & Rehab.
2016	Jose "Gil" Vega	Palm Springs Police Department
2016	Lesley Zerebny	Palm Springs Police Department