

Memorandum

TO: ALL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL **FROM: Anthony Mata**
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: 2021 PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL **DATE: April 28, 2021**

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BACKGROUND

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as *National Police Week*. In 2021, National Police Week will run from Sunday, May 9th through Saturday, May 15th. This week was created to honor peace officers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our safety.

The City of San Jose and the San Jose Police Department are proud to participate in these observances recognizing our own members who have lost their lives in the line of duty. In light of current restrictions from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department is modifying the traditional Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony. This year, the Department will be producing a video memorial to honor our fallen San Jose Police Officers. This video will be released on **Wednesday, May 12th, 2021**. Department personnel will be provided a link to view the video. The Department's flags will be flown at half-mast and a wreath will be laid at the base of the flags. The four briefings on Wednesday, May 12th will be attended by all personnel assigned to the watch, and an abbreviated bell ceremony will be conducted at each briefing. Additionally, there will be a radio moment of silence on May 12th at 1200 hours.

ORDER

On **Wednesday, May 12th, 2021**, all Department members who are required to possess uniforms will wear a Class "A" uniform to show respect for our fallen officers and their families. This includes all sworn members in any assignment and all civilian members in any assignment that requires uniforms. Individual Bureau Chiefs must clear any exception to this dress code. This day is very important to the families of our fallen officers and illustrates our support and commitment to all who proudly wear the uniform of a San Jose Police Officer.



Anthony Mata
Chief of Police

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