



Memorandum

TO: ALL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL **FROM:** Paul Joseph
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: 2026 POLICE MEMORIAL **DATE:** May 6, 2026

Approved

Memo # 2026-019

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 2026, National Police Week will run from **Sunday, May 10th** through **Saturday, May 16th**. 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. This year's event will take place on **Wednesday, May 20th, 2026 at 1000 hours** in front of the Police Administration Building (PAB). Department members will convene in front of PAB. All Department members are encouraged to attend. Your families and friends are also invited.

For Department members, families, or the public unable to attend, a video of the ceremony will be produced by the Creative Services Unit. The video will be posted to YouTube and the Department's social media. A link to the video will be sent Department-wide via email later in the day. In addition, abbreviated ceremonies will be held at all briefings to allow on-duty Patrol and Communications personnel the opportunity to honor our fallen.

ORDER

On Wednesday, May 20th, 2026, 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 event 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.

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Paul Joseph
Chief of Police

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