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MEDIA ADVISORY

**Police Memorial and Flag Ceremony
San Jose City Hall
840 N. 1st St.
Tuesday, May 17th, 2005
10:00AM**

"We Will Never Forget"

The City of San Jose will commemorate National Police Week with the annual Police Memorial and Flag Ceremony on Tuesday, May 17th, 2005 at 10:00AM. The ceremony will be held on Flagstone Court, located on the Mission Street side of City Hall. Speakers will include Mayor Ron Gonzales, Chief of Police Robert L. Davis, and San Jose POA President Don DeMers. Representatives from public safety agencies, city government, and survivors of San Jose Police officers killed in the line-of-duty will be in attendance.

On October 1, 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726. This law authorized the President to proclaim May 15 of each year as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week of May 15 as Police Week. This year, Police Week will be May 15-21. The intent of the law is to honor peace officers killed in the performance of their duties, and to recognize the service of peace officers throughout the country.

The first recorded peace officer death in the United States was May 17, 1792. Since that time, more than 15,000 peace officers across the country have been killed in the line of duty. The San Jose Police Department has lost 11 officers, killed while performing their duties. The Police Memorial and Flag Ceremony will honor and recognize our 11 officers. We will never forget.

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