



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**Police Memorial and Flag Ceremony  
San Jose City Hall  
200 East Santa Clara St.  
Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
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 Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 10:00AM. The ceremony will be held in front of the new City Hall building. Speakers will include Mayor Ron Gonzales, Chief of Police Robert L. Davis, and San Jose POA President Robert Lopez. 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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