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Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police Line of Duty Death Committee Report

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On June 5, 2007 the Executive Board of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police adopted the Line of Duty Death Response Policy to honor Ohio's Fallen Police Officers. As part of this policy, each year Ohio's Police Chiefs have committed to honor our fallen officers at the annual conference.

This year we honor and remember the following Ohio Peace Officers who have fallen since our last conference.

Chief of Police Steven Eric Disario (38), Kirkersville Police Department – End of Watch: Friday, May 12, 2017. Chief of Police Steven DiSario was shot and killed while responding to reports of an armed subject outside of a nursing home on Main Street.

As he arrived on scene, he notified dispatchers that he had the subject in sight. As he made contact with the subject, he was shot and fatally wounded in front of the nursing home. The subject then went into the nursing home and murdered his girlfriend, who worked in the nursing home, and a second employee.

Chief DiSario had only served with the Kirkersville Police Department for three weeks. He is survived by his expectant wife and five children.

Patrolman Marvin Scott Moyer (66), Lancaster Police Department – End of Watch: Friday, May 26, 2017. Patrolman Marvin Moyer died as the result of contracting an infectious disease while backing up another officer apprehend a resisting subject on February 25th, 1998.

The officer had to break the window to remove the man from his car during a traffic stop as the man attempted to flee near the intersection of Forest Rose Avenue and North Street. Some of glass became embedded in the man's foot, causing lacerations. The man begged Patrolman Moyer to help remove the glass. Patrolman Moyer, who also had a cut on his hand, came in contact with the infected man's blood.

Patrolman Moyer contracted the infectious disease and died as a result on May 26th, 2017.

Patrolman Moyer had served with the Lancaster Police Department for 18 years.

Police Officer Justin A. Leo (31), Girard Police Department – End of Watch: Saturday, October 21, 2017. Police Officer Justin Leo was shot and killed while responding to a domestic disturbance call at 408 Indiana Avenue at approximately 10:15 pm.

The subject was intoxicated and was known to have firearms inside the home. Responding officers made contact with the subject, who produced a handgun and shot Officer Leo. Another officer returned fire and killed the subject.

Officer Leo was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his wounds.

Officer Leo served with the Girard Police Department for five years. He worked for the Mahoning County Sheriff's Department and the Vienna Police Department prior to joining the Girard Police Department in 2012. Officer Leo is survived by his parents, aunt, and extended family.

K9 Officer Eric Joseph Joering (39), Westerville Division of Police – End of Watch: Saturday, February 10, 2018.

Police Officer Anthony Pasquale Morelli (54), Westerville Division of Police – End of Watch: Saturday, February 10, 2018. Police Officer Anthony Morelli and Police Officer Eric Joering were shot and killed when they responded to a 911 hangup call in the 300 block of Crosswind Drive.

As officers arrived at the home they made contact with the residents of the apartment and were let inside. As they walked into the apartment a 30-year-old male subject opened fire on them, mortally wounding Officer Joering and Officer Morelli. Despite their wounds, both officers were able to return fire and wounded the subject who was taken to a hospital.

Officer Morelli was transported to a local hospital where he died a short time later.

Officer Joering had served with the Westerville Division of Police for 17 years. He is survived by his wife, four daughters, and his K-9 partner Sam.

Officer Morelli had served as a police officer for 29 years and is survived by his wife and two children.

Police Officer Bradley T. Scott (30), Elyria Police Department – End of Watch: Friday, August 27, 2004. Police Officer Brad Scott was killed in a motorcycle crash while detailed to support a police association event shortly after 4:00 pm. Officer Scott was struck when a vehicle pulled out in front of him at the intersection of Sixteenth Street and Middle Avenue. Officer Scott was thrown from his motorcycle upon impact and suffered fatal injuries. The driver of the vehicle was charged with driving under the influence of marijuana and subsequently convicted and sentenced to one year in jail. Officer Scott is the brother of Chief Jeff Scott of the Notre Dame College in South Euclid, Ohio who has worked tirelessly to have his brother's death recognized as a line of duty death.

Since we last met we have lost 6 of our brother police chiefs:

Chief Douglas L. Knight, Vandalia PD, EOW: April 13, 2018

Chief Milton Fowler, (retired), East Liverpool PD, EOW: November 12, 2017

Chief Dennis L. Deskins, (retired), Grove City PD, EOW: October 2, 2017

Chief Frank Sorrell (retired), Village of Granville, EOW: September 23, 2017

Chief Carson Newman (retired), Waverly PD, EOW: August 3, 2017

Chief Richard Amriott (retired), Mentor PD, EOW: May 1, 2017

Chief James Farrell, (retired), South Euclid PD, EOW: April 22, 2017

Police K9's

K9 Dino, Green Township Police Department – End of Watch: Monday, September 25, 2017. K9 Dino died after suffering a medical emergency during an active track of several suspects involved in a burglary and abduction of a 15-month-old child.

Several men pushed their way into a home in Forest Park and stole a large amount of cash. They abducted the child as they fled. Responding units began to pursue the vehicle on I-75, until it crashed near Forest Park in Springfield Township. One subject was arrested at the scene of the crash but the other three fled on foot. The child was recovered unharmed from the vehicle.

A Springfield Township canine unit tracked the suspects, but due to the heat, was taken out of service. K9 Dino responded to continue the track. Several minutes into the track Dino collapsed in the 6200 block of Collegeview Place in the city of Cincinnati. He was taken to a local veterinary hospital where he died.

Please rise and join me in a moment of silence to honor our fallen brothers.

Let us pray that God will keep His hand on our law enforcement brothers and sisters as we work to keep the peace for those we serve.

At this time, I would like to remind our members that the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police desire to quickly respond to Line of Duty Deaths in Ohio and that it is very important for our members to relay information to the association offices or your district representative for our quick response. If you have any questions on our policy, please do not hesitate to contact your representative.

Finally, each year the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police solicits our members to donate to Ohio Concerns of Police Survivors with a monetary gift to be sent in with your dues. Please consider making a donation to this most worthy organization.

God Bless and Keep the Men and Women of Law Enforcement.