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First Nevada Highway Patrolman Killed in the Line of Duty in 1975 Honored 40 Years to the Day

The Nevada Department of Public Safety recognizes the 40th anniversary of the first Highway Patrolman to lose his life in the line of duty in the early 26 year history of the Nevada Highway Patrol. On Tuesday, October 14, 1975 Highway Patrolman Gary Gifford was shot killed by a man who had robbed the Round Hill Lake Tahoe, Branch of the First National Bank of Nevada.

After the robbery, the suspect was stopped by Patrolman Gary Gifford just before the Cave Rock tunnel on the eastbound side. After an altercation between the Gifford and the suspect, Gifford was shot and killed. The suspect was able to force another man to drive him around the lake to Kings Beach where he took four people hostage. Later that evening the suspect surrendered to authorities.

Several Patrolmen of the Nevada Highway Patrol who was working at the time of the tragedy gathered on Wednesday to honor their fellow Patrolman. Also in attendance was Highway Patrolman Gary Gifford's son James who was five at the time of his father's death. A portion of US 50 from Spooner Summit to the State Line is dedicated to Patrolman Gary Gifford.



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