



NEVADA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL COMMISSION

MEDIA ADVISORY

ANNUAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL CEREMONY

EVENT: 16th Annual Nevada Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ceremony

DATE/TIME: May 2, 2013, Thursday 12:00 pm

LOCATION: Nevada Capitol Grounds between the Capitol Building and Legislative Building

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DETAILS: In conjunction with National Police Week, Thursday, May 2, 2013 the 16th Annual Nevada Law Enforcement Officers Memorial ceremony will be held on the Capitol grounds in Carson City. The service will honor the 123 Nevada Peace Officers that have been killed in the line of duty since 1861. In 1998, the memorial was dedicated on the Capitol grounds to recognize the ultimate sacrifice these officers made in service of their communities.

This year, the Nevada Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Commission will enshrine the name of Carson City Police Officer Vernon B. Carvin on the memorial during the annual Law Enforcement Officers Memorial ceremony. Officer Carvin died on Nevada Day 1949 when he was kicked in the chest by a violent prisoner that he and his partner were trying to place in a cell at the local jail.

In addition to Carvin's name, two additional officer names that died in the line of duty will be added to the memorial: Lt. Glenn Barnes from Washoe County Sheriffs' Office (1991) and Deputy Denny Van Lawrence from the Elko County Sheriff's Office (2012).

The first officer killed in the line of duty was Carson County Nevada Territory Sheriff John L. Blackburn who was killed in 1861 while making an arrest. The last officer that died in the line of duty was Deputy Lawrence who died of injuries sustained when he was shot in the head by a murder suspect in 1982.

The service will begin with the presentation of colors by the combined Nevada Law Enforcement Honor Guard and the delivery of a runner's baton. The baton is being relayed by peace officers from Las Vegas to Carson City. The Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Run starts April 25, 2013 and one leg of the run is completed in the memory of each officer listed on the memorial.

As part of the memorial service, a tree and memorial plaque will be dedicated to former Senator William "Bill" Raggio. Senator Raggio was Nevada's longest serving State Senator and a former District Attorney from Washoe County. He was always a strong supporter of Nevada Law Enforcement.