

37th Annual Kansas

# Law Enforcement Memorial



**Friday, May 3, 2019**

**11:00 a.m.: Reception**

Reception for family, friends and law enforcement officers in the Statehouse hosted by Attorney General Derek Schmidt

**Noon: Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony**

Governor Laura Kelly and Attorney General Derek Schmidt are scheduled to speak

**Kansas Statehouse - Second Floor Rotunda**

Followed by a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Kansas Law Enforcement Monument

## 2019 FALLEN OFFICER ROLL CALL

### **DEPUTY SHERIFF THERESA SUE KING - Wyandotte County Kansas Sheriff's Office**

On June 15, 2018, Deputies Theresa King and Patrick Rohrer were transporting a prisoner from a court hearing back to the Wyandotte County Correction and Court Services Building. As the deputies were removing the prisoner from the transport van in the building's exterior sally port the prisoner disarmed and shot Deputy Rohrer. The prisoner then shot Deputy King during an exchange of gunfire. The prisoner was shot several times by Deputy King however survived the encounter. Deputy King and Deputy Rohrer's valiant actions prevented the prisoner from escaping custody. Deputy King, 44 years old, succumbed to her wounds on June 16, 2018.

### **DEPUTY SHERIFF PATRICK THOMAS ROHRER - Wyandotte County Kansas Sheriff's Office**

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### **DEPUTY SHERIFF ROBERT KENNETH KUNZE, III - Sedgwick County Kansas Sheriff's Office**

On September 16, 2018, Deputy Robert Kunze was dispatched to a suspicious character call in rural northwest Sedgwick County. Alongside a rural roadway Deputy Kunze located a subject matching the suspicious character description, along with a stolen vehicle. Following his contact with the individual, Deputy Kunze activated his radio's emergency alert button, also calling out that he had been shot. During the encounter Deputy Kunze and the suspect exchanged gunfire. Both Deputy Kunze and the suspect succumbed to their wounds. Deputy Kunze, 41 years old, was a 12-year veteran with the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office and previously served six years with the Shawnee County Kansas Sheriff's Office.

### **UNDERSHERIFF GEORGE BURNAU - Jefferson County Kansas Sheriff's Office**

On April 29, 1920, Undersheriff George Burnau along with Jefferson County Sheriff Rindom were near the community of Williamstown Kansas in search of an individual suffering from mental illness. Upon locating and approaching the individual, he jumped from a wagon, leading both Undersheriff Burnau and Sheriff Rindom on an extended foot chase through fields and timber. Both Burnau and Rindom became separated from one another during the foot chase. Undersheriff Burnau disappeared during the foot chase but later that day he was found deceased in a field north of Williamstown. Undersheriff Burnau's cause of death was ruled as heart failure and apoplexy caused by over-exertion from the foot chase. The mentally-ill individual being pursued later turned himself in at a Topeka hospital. Undersheriff Burnau was 46 years old at the time of his death.

### **CITY MARSHAL JAMES FRANK HARRINGTON - City of Jewell Kansas**

On March 14, 1885 the Rice County Kansas sheriff and a deputy traveled to Jewell County in search of a horse thief. The sheriff and his deputy summoned the assistance of Jewell City Marshal Frank Harrington and two Jewell County deputies to go to the farm house where the suspect was known to reside, several miles south and west of Jewell. Upon arriving at the farmstead, the suspect ran from the opposite side of the house, shooting as he retreated. City Marshal Harrington, pulling his horse-drawn wagon up to the farm house, was struck by the horse thief's gunfire. A deputy with Marshal Harrington exchanged gunfire, killing the horse thief. Marshal Harrington was transported back to the city of Jewell where he was pronounced deceased. Marshal Harrington was 38 years old at the time of his death.