

You are Invited
Denver Police Memorial Day
May 14, 2015

8-10AM Police Museum Reception
Art Dill Auditorium (1331 Cherokee)
Light refreshments

10-11AM Denver Police Memorial Ceremony
1331 Cherokee Street Plaza

* *Retiree appreciation lunch immediately following*
DPPA Building (2105 Decatur)
RSVP by May 8th to 720.913.6779
or denverpoliceweek2015@gmail.com

* *Parking and bus transportation available from DPPA bldg*
(2105 Decatur) to Police Headquarters starting at 8 AM



By this time you have received the invitation for the Denver Police Memorial to be held at headquarters on Thursday May 14th. It is important to know that the whole week is recognized as National Law Enforcement Week. In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week, the City and County of Denver is in full support. The City and County Building will be lit up in Blue for the entire week.

The Denver Rockies will sponsor a game free of charge to the officers and their families on a first come first served basis, information will be following. The Denver Police Museum will open early at 8AM on the 14th, donuts will be supplied by Dunkin Donuts as well. There will also be other events sponsored and those involve will be notified.

The luncheon this year will be held at the PPA Event Center following the Memorial Service. RTD will have one or two busses at certain times to transport to headquarters and back, you need to park in the South Lots across from the PPA Event Center. Please note the PPA is gracious enough to work with us on the Memorial and Luncheon but they do not coordinate the RTD Bus trips, do not complain to them if you miss a bus. The buses will start at 9AM, the last bus returning shortly after the celebration will be announced. The parking lot east across the street from headquarters has been purchased for the day. There will also be dashboard parking slips, you will be able to print them when we send them to you. We would like two or more volunteer retirees to assist us in maintaining order in getting people on the buses and back.

The Denver Police Memorial was built by the PPA in 1992 along with the officers of the Denver Police Department, it belongs to you. Over the years, at the request of Chief Gerald Whitman and the support of Chief Robert White, the Denver Police Officers Foundation has become the custodian of the Memorial and maintains it. The Denver Police Officer Foundation along with the Denver Police Foundation finance the Annual Police Memorial and luncheon. Therefore this is not a political issue, it is for the memory of the Hero's names on the wall, which is why we show up and give respect to those who have fallen.

As the executive director of the Denver Police Officers Foundation I have attended the planning meetings over the years along with board member Sharon Sekerak, who was the original caretaker, to keep the celebration on going and to represent you. This year we hope and expect a lot a strong turn out from our supporters and the public. I applied for a private permit/authorization to have the event which was approved and it will be handled as such, with only the supporters and guest allowed. At the entrances please show your invitation or ID and you will be given a ticket. No large bags, back packs, etc. will be allowed in; it will be handled like a Rockies or Broncos game.

We are very proud of what the Foundations, Museum and the Department working with the City has done over the years to have the Denver Police Memorial Celebration one of the biggest in the Nation. We thank Sgt. Jim Pelsoni and his committee on the preparation of the event. We thank Mike Hess of the Denver Police Museum. We thank the PPA for starting the Memorial and their support throughout the years. As in the past this year we look forward to your support. As always if you have any questions, concerns or complaints please let me know.