

36th Annual Kansas

Law Enforcement Memorial



Friday, May 4, 2018

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 Jeff Colyer 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

2018 FALLEN OFFICER ROLL CALL

Special Officer Leonard M. Kennedy - Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad Police

Special Officer Leonard M. Kennedy died in the early morning hours of July 19, 1922 as he was guarding the Otter Creek Bridge near Burlington, Kansas during a railroad strike. His body was found in the water beneath the bridge by his relief officer. A coroner's jury ruled that Special Officer Kennedy was most likely knocked off the bridge by a passing freight train. Special Officer Kennedy was 26-years-old at the time of his death, and was survived by his father and two brothers.

Deputy Sheriff Otho H. Munger - Smith County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Sheriff Otho Munger was shot and killed on September 27, 1919 while attempting to arrest two men suspected of robbing banks and businesses in the Smith County area. A druggist by trade, Deputy Munger had been commissioned by the Smith County Sheriff after his store was robbed two weeks prior to his murder. It is believed that Deputy Munger recognized the men as they were driving near Athol, and was killed as he attempted to arrest them. Deputy Munger was 27-years-old at the time of his death and was survived by his wife, Iva, son, Bernard, his father, mother, and sister.

Deputy Marshal Marcus L. Parker, United States Marshals Service

Deputy United States Marshal Marcus L. Parker was shot and killed during a gun battle on March 22, 1873, as he and other law enforcement officers were attempting to arrest a group of suspected horse thieves near Silverdale, in southern Cowley County. One of the suspected thieves was convicted of manslaughter for the death of Marshal Parker and sentenced to three years in prison. Another of the suspects, who was shot and wounded during the gunfight, was taken from law enforcement officers by a group of armed citizens and hanged several days after Marshal Parker's murder.

Patrolman E. Clay Thompson, Leavenworth Police Department

Leavenworth Police Department Patrolman E. Clay Thompson was struck by a passing motorist at approximately 8:45 p.m. on October 28, 1925 as he and another officer were walking the southwest beat on Second Avenue. Patrolman Thompson was transported to St. John's Hospital where he died from his injuries a short time later. The driver stopped immediately and cooperated with the investigation. Patrolman Thompson was survived by a son, John, three brothers and a sister.