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NATIONAL POLICE WEEK – NORTH DAKOTA PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY

BISMARCK – The state's fallen law enforcement officers will be remembered on **Wednesday May 16, 2007**, designated as North Dakota Peace Officer Memorial Day. The memorial service will be held on the state capitol grounds at **1:30 pm**. The memorial service is held each year during National Police Week (May 13-19, 2007) which honors the nation's law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

"North Dakota's law enforcement officers protect and serve the communities without regard for their own safety," said Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, who will be speaking at the memorial service. "Each year, we pay tribute to peace officers who have given their lives in the line of duty. Fifty-seven North Dakota law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice, and they will be remembered."

Chief Justice Gerald Vandewalle and Bill Goetz, Governor Hoeven's Chief of Staff, also will be speaking at the Peace Officer Memorial Service. The ND Peace Officers Honor Guard will make a presentation of a Memorial Wreath. Bismarck Police Chaplain Les Wolfgram will read the Roll Call, after which pipers from the Cass County Sheriff's Department and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police will provide a tribute to the fallen heroes. The memorial service, which is open to the public, will be followed by a reception in Judicial Wing Atrium.