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NORTH DAKOTA PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY

BISMARCK – The state’s fallen law enforcement officers will be remembered on Thursday, **May 15, 2008**, 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 11-17, 2008) and 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 since statehood. Fifty-seven North Dakota law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice, and they will be remembered.”

US Attorney Drew Wrigley and ND Supreme Court Chief Justice Gerald W. VandeWalle also will be speaking at the Peace Officer Memorial Service. First Lady Mikey Hoeven will read the Governor’s Proclamation and the ND Peace Officers Honor Guard will make a presentation of a Memorial Wreath. Bismarck Police Chaplain Dan Sweeney will read the Roll Call, after which there will be a twenty-one gun salute in tribute to the fallen heroes.

The memorial service will be followed by a reception in the Judicial Wing Atrium. The public is invited to attend.

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