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## **NORTH DAKOTA PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY**

BISMARCK – The state’s fallen law enforcement officers will be remembered Wednesday, **May 18, 2011**, designated as North Dakota Peace Officer Memorial Day. The memorial service will be held on the state capitol grounds at **1:30 pm**, and is held each year during National Police Week (May 15-21, 2011) to honor the state’s fallen law enforcement officers. Fifty-nine North Dakota officers have been killed in the line of duty, although none has been killed in the past year.

“North Dakota’s law enforcement officers protect and serve the local communities without regard for their own safety, and too many have given their lives,” said Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem. “Each year, the Memorial Service gives us an opportunity to honor those officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice and to thank those who continue to serve.”

Chief Keith Witt, Bismarck Police Department, will serve as the master of ceremonies. Governor Jack Dalrymple and Attorney General Stenehjem will be speaking at the memorial service. The ND Peace Officers Honor Guard will present the Memorial Wreath. Chaplain Dan Sweeney, Bismarck Law Enforcement Chaplaincy, will read the Roll Call, after which there will be a rifle volley in tribute to the fallen heroes. Bob Gordon of the ND Peace Officers Honor Guard will play Taps.

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

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