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PUBLIC INVITED TO NORTH DAKOTA PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL SERVICE Friday May 13, 2016 – 1:30 PM

BISMARCK, ND – The state’s fallen law enforcement officers will be remembered on Friday, **May 13, 2016**. The North Dakota Peace Officer Memorial service will be held in Bismarck on the capitol grounds beginning at **1:30 pm**. It is open to the public.

“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. “Sixty-two officers have made the ultimate sacrifice and they will be remembered.”

Stenehjem encourages area residents to attend the service, which will be held at the Peace Officer Memorial wall, east of the judicial wing on the state capitol grounds. In addition, the North Dakota Heritage Center has a Law Enforcement Memorial display providing additional biographical information about the state’s fallen peace officers.

Lt. Governor Drew Wrigley and Chief Justice Gerald Vandewalle also will be speaking at the memorial service. Chief Dan Donlin, Bismarck Police Department is the master of ceremonies, Captain Mickey Harmon of the Cass County Sheriff’s Department will play the bagpipes and Randy Meissner (ND Game & Fish) will play Taps.

Burleigh County Sheriff’s Office Chaplain Rich Wyatt will provide the invocation and ND Highway Patrol Chaplain Les Wolfgram will read the roll call of fallen officers. Both Chaplains serve with Crisis Care Chaplaincy, a volunteer organization providing faith-based crisis counseling in concert with emergency service agencies in the Bismarck area.

The North Dakota Peace Officer Memorial Service is held during National Police Week honoring the nation’s law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty the previous year.

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