

	STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE State Form 39870(R/S-06)	Reference Number PRO-004
	Subject National Police Memorial Week – Attendance	
	Special Instructions Replaces ENF-030 dated July 29, 2022	Effective Date March 18, 2025

I. PURPOSE

Establish guidelines for attending the National Police Memorial Week in Washington, D.C.

II. POLICY

Police personnel killed in the line of duty will have their name inscribed on the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C. in the month of May following the year of their death. The surviving spouse or family member of police personnel killed in the line of duty will be invited by the National Fraternal Order of Police to participate at the National Police Memorial Service on May 15th of each year. A Department employee(s) will be permitted to accompany the spouse or family member to the National Police Memorial Service in Washington, D. C., according to this procedure.

III. PROCEDURE

A. It is the responsibility of the Protocol Officer and applicable commanders (where a deceased employee was assigned at the time of their death) to ensure that the surviving spouse or family member is made aware of the service each year.

B. The surviving spouse or family member may request (subject to approval by the Superintendent) a member(s) of the Department to accompany them at the annual service in Washington D. C. The selection shall be made no later than March 1st of the year following the death.

C. The approved member(s) shall submit a travel request for out-of-state travel, as per [FIS-003](#), with the following information to the Protocol Officer:

1. Travel dates: May 12th and May 16th

2. Memorial events:

- a. May 13th: Annual Candlelight Vigil,
- b. May 14th: National Police Survivor’s Conference and C.O.P.S. Events
- c. May 15th: Memorial Service at the U.S. Capitol, and
- d. May 16th: National Police Survivor’s Conference and C.O.P.S. Events, Picnic on the Patio

D. The approved member(s) shall be permitted duty time, including travel, to attend the service.

E. Any overtime accrued will be compensated with compensatory time.

F. Use of a Department issued out-of-state or unmarked commission is authorized.

G. Wearing of the official Department Dress Uniform for sworn personnel is mandatory at the May 13th Candlelight Vigil and the May 15th Memorial Service.

H. Coordination with the Department Protocol Officer is mandatory to ensure the Statement of Justification (SOJ) and the attendance itinerary is in order before departure.

I. This procedure is to be used in conjunction with all relevant Department regulations, rules, policies, and procedures.