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## **South Carolina Law Enforcement Memorial**

Law enforcement officers across South Carolina will gather to honor and remember those officers who have died in the line of duty and also those officers that were still active or retired that died in 2016. The South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association is announcing the annual Law Enforcement Memorial to be held on Wednesday, May 03, beginning at 11:00am. The event is scheduled to take place at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy located at 5400 Broad River Road, Columbia.

“We encourage all citizens to attend this memorial as we remember those who devotedly gave their lives to guarantee safety and liberty for others,” Ryan Alphin, Executive Director of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers’ Association said. “The sacrifice of their families is truly incredible and I reassure you that these men and women will never be forgotten.”

The memorial ceremony, steeped in police tradition, will pay a special tribute to those who have given their lives in the line of duty. One fallen officer will be recognized for the ultimate sacrifice to the state of South Carolina.

Police Officer Allen Lee Jacobs was shot multiple times as he and other Community Response Team officers attempted to interview a known gang member at a home near Rebecca Street and Ackley Road. When the subject saw the officers he fled on foot onto a wooded path with officers in pursuit. He was chased into the backyard of a home where he fatally shot Officer Jacobs. He was able to continue fleeing but encountered other officers who had created a perimeter. He committed suicide before he could be

taken into custody. Other officers rendered aid to Officer Jacobs, who was transported to the hospital where he later died due to his injuries.

Officer Jacobs was a graduating member of basic law enforcement session 578, where he graduated on January 27, 2012, with an average of 95.4. Officer Jacobs was also a decorated United States Army veteran and served with the Greenville Police Department for 4-1/2 years. He is survived by his wife, children, parents and one sister.

Chief Ken Miller of the Greenville Police Department will deliver the memorial message. Chief Joe Hill, Detective Arthur Philson, and Deputy Michael Hickson will ring the law enforcement bell in recognition of Officer Jacobs and other members of the law enforcement community who have passed on.

The idea of a Peace Officers Memorial Day came into effect on October 1, 1961, when Congress asked the President to designate May 15 to honor law enforcement officers. President John F. Kennedy signed the bill into law on October 1, 1962. Each year, the President of the United States proclaims May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week of each year during which such May 15 occurs as Police Week.

Members of the community, media and surrounding areas are invited to attend in commemorating this event.

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