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SHERIFF C.T. WOODY, JR. RECOGNIZES NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Richmond, Virginia – This week, Sheriff Woody and members of his agency pause to recognize National Police Week and National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and to honor those law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice.

As a veteran and a law enforcement officer for nearly five decades, Sheriff Woody knows all too well the sacrifices that come with the law enforcement profession. In the first five months of 2016 alone, 35 police officers nation-wide have laid down their lives in the service of their communities. This year, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial will have 252 names added to it from 2015 and previous years.

“I have served alongside some of the bravest people I have ever known,” says Sheriff Woody. “Individuals willing to put themselves in harm’s way in order to protect perfect strangers. Law Enforcement is a noble profession where bravery is on display everyday whether on duty or not,” continued Sheriff Woody. “These brothers and sisters who stand on the line between good and evil run towards the danger while so many others flee. This is the week where we recognize and show appreciation for their never ending courage.”

“In support of our men and women in uniform during National Police Week, I am making a donation to the Virginia State Police Association Emergency Relief Fund which is set up to assist the Virginia Law Enforcement Community and their families who experience personal crisis and have nowhere else to turn. I urge everyone to support such a wonderful organization, especially during this week.”

President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation in 1962 designating May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week immediately following it as National Police Week. Every year during this time, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers and retiree’s converge on our nation’s capital, Washington D.C., for the annual Candlelight Vigil.

Sheriff Woody and the Richmond City Sheriff’s Office extend their sincere gratitude for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, and those who continue their service to their communities, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the United States.

Those wishing to make a contribution to the Virginia Law Enforcement Community may do so at: <http://vspa.org/>.

The Richmond City Sheriff's Office is responsible for maintaining a secure jail and a safe court system, along with seamless inmate transport and civil process to preserve public safety. We remain committed to performing these duties with unsurpassed integrity and professionalism, with progressive training that incorporates best practices and technology. While partnering with the community, we strive to lower recidivism by providing faith-based and community-based programming that empowers ex-offenders to become productive members of society.