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Oklahoma's Fallen Officers to be Honored

On Friday morning May 8th Oklahomans will take time out to honor the service and sacrifices of their law enforcement officers. The Forty-first Annual Oklahoma Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Service will be conducted at 10 A.M. at the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Memorial located on the west grounds of the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety Headquarters, 3600 N. M. L. King Avenue in Oklahoma City. Key note speaker will be Lt. Governor Jari Askins. Six fallen officers' names will be dedicated during the service. The new additions to the state's memorial are:

Deputy U. S. Marshal Herbert M. Goddard shot and killed August 13, 1900, near Goodwater in McCurtain County;

Madill City Marshal J. T. Pratt shot and killed November 6, 1910;

Bristow Deputy Constable G. Ralph Ellis shot and killed November 7, 1915;

Altus Police Officer John H. Hill shot and killed September 7, 1934;

Kiefer Police Sergeant Leslie E. Wilmott died in a traffic accident May 29, 2008;

Oklahoma City Police Sergeant Robert C. Douglas died September 28, 2008, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident July 26, 2003.

These six officer's names as well as those of eight other officers who died in the line of duty during the last five years will be read during the "Roll Call of Heroes" portion of the memorial service. As the officer's names are read members of their families or a representative escorted by an officer will place a rose on the memorial wreath. With the addition of the six new names there are 646 officer's names engraved on the memorial. For more information see the memorial's web site at www.oklemem.com