



# Hampton Police Division Media Release

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## **Police Officers' Memorial Day**

Chief Terry Sult and the Hampton Police Division cordially extend an invitation to the media and general public to attend a memorial and honor award ceremony, which will be held on **Monday, May 12, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.** The Hampton Police Division is pleased to announce that the Honorable George Wallace, Mayor for the City of Hampton will be issuing the proclamation for the ceremony.

President John F. Kennedy signed the law establishing National Police Week in 1962 which designated May 15<sup>th</sup> as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as *Police Week*. This special time to salute America's law enforcement officers has been commemorated every year since.

The memorial ceremony will pay tribute to slain Hampton Officers who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty. The ceremony will be held at Honor Park. Honor Park, one-of-a-kind in Tidewater, recognizes the sacrifices of Hampton's fallen officers as well as military personnel who served during World War II, the Korean War, and Vietnam War. The park is located between City Hall and the Public Safety Building in Downtown Hampton. Permanently on display are bronze busts and plaques honoring the three Hampton Police Officers killed in the line of duty, (**Ralph Ghivizzani** - 1943, **Mark Decuypere** - 1975 and **Kenny Wallace** - 1994). In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the City Council Chambers located on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of City Hall.

Chief Sult will preside over the ceremony and family members of the slain officers will be in attendance. For any additional information concerning this event, you may contact the Public Information Office at 727-6638.

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