

Joint Statement Regarding National Police Week 2021

To Assure Opportunity for In-person Attendance, National Police Week Events Postponed to October

Planned events include honoring fallen officers from 2019 and 2020.

Washington, D.C., (March 10, 2021) — Host organizations of National Police Week, which includes the National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum, the Fraternal Order of Police and Auxiliary (FOP), and Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S), have made the difficult, but necessary, decision due to the ongoing pandemic to postpone in-person events of National Police Week to October 13-17, 2021, in Washington, D.C. The rescheduling of the originally planned events to be held May 11-16, 2021, is due to the inability to secure necessary permits in time for in-person gatherings due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions.

The National Police Weekend will offer the same honor, remembrance, and peer support as the extended National Police Week, while allowing law enforcement, survivors, and citizens to gather and pay homage to those who gave their lives in the line of duty.

The planned schedule of events includes:

- **Thursday, October 14 - NLEOMF Candlelight Vigil**
- **Friday, October 15 - C.O.P.S. National Police Survivors' Conference**
- **Saturday, October 16 - FOP 40th Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Service**

The three host organizations remain committed to their missions and to honoring the fallen law enforcement heroes from 2019 and 2020, while making sure their survivors are supported. In addition to the in-person events in October, each organization will host virtual events on originally scheduled dates in May 2021. More information on these events are forthcoming.

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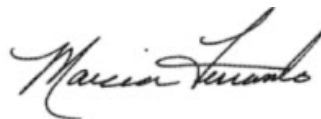
About National Police Week (NPW)

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 designating May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week. While the actual dates change from year to year, National Police Week is always the calendar week, beginning on Sunday, which includes May 15. Main events are hosted for law enforcement, survivors, and the supporting public by three organizations: National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Fraternal Order of Police and Auxiliary, and Concerns of Police Survivors.



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