

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Indiana Law Enforcement Memorial Launches Website**

**Lake County** | The Indiana Law Enforcement Memorial is announcing the launch of its new website dedicated to honoring all of our state's 440 fallen officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice since 1824. This project was created after recognizing the need for a statewide resource to focus solely on Indiana law enforcement line of duty deaths by serving their survivors, fellow officers and the law enforcement community throughout the Hoosier state.

Our website is the only one of its kind to concentrate on Indiana's fallen police officers by offering the following features to its visitors, supporters, criminal justice instructors and researchers:

- Expanded memorials for each fallen officer with the most complete biographical and incident details ever compiled. Exhaustive research has been conducted to determine each officers' burial places as well as the precise location of their incidents that are also displayed on Google Maps™. Provided within each memorial is where the officer's name appears on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and the Indiana Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters Memorial, if included.
  - Directory of fallen officers that may be sorted by officer's name, agency, end of watch and county
  - Advanced search capability using any combination of 10 variables from our comprehensive database
  - Extensive line of duty death statistics by gender, agency type, cause of death, decade, month and day of week
  - Fallen K9 officers
  - Officer safety posters
  - Website optimized for viewing on mobile devices

An exclusive feature of our website offers its visitors the opportunity to subscribe to line of duty death notifications occurring only within Indiana that may be received by email messages or text alerts. An option is also provided to subscribe to upcoming offender parole hearings and INLEM announcements.

The Indiana Law Enforcement Memorial was co-founded by Chris Wolak who graduated from Andrean High School in Merrillville and is currently attending Indiana University Bloomington pursuing a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. He also serves with the Munster Police Explorer Post #197 and the Volunteers in Police Service in Highland. Co-founder Jeffrey Williams has personally researched over 100 potential law enforcement line of duty deaths resulting in 37 officers from Indiana being honored including our state's first two known fallen officers. Since 2003, he has developed the memorials for Indiana and Illinois as a researcher for the Officer Down Memorial Page.

Any questions, comments or suggestions regarding the Indiana Law Enforcement Memorial or this news release should be directed to: <a href="mailto:info@inlem.org">info@inlem.org</a>.

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