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Remembering Indiana State Police Lieutenant Gary Dudley and Lake County Deputy Chief Gary Martin 20th Anniversary of Indiana's Last Law Enforcement Double Line of Duty Death Incident

Vermillion County | Indiana State Police Lieutenant Gary Dudley and Lake County Deputy Chief Gary Martin are being remembered today on the 20th anniversary of the ultimate sacrifice they made when both were killed during a charity bicycle ride on August 22, 2006. In our state's history, this became the 24th and most recent time in which two law enforcement officers died in the same line of duty death incident, with the first having occurred in 1885.

At 12:30 pm, Dudley and Martin were struck and killed while participating in the charity event for the Indiana chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors. They were riding with seven other active and retired officers, and one civilian survivor, on a 102-mile leg on the seventh day of the 13-day, 1,058-mile bike ride that traveled the perimeter of the state.

The cyclists were riding southbound on State Road 63 about 2.17 miles south of Interstate 74 near Perrysville when Gary Adams, 49, of Owensboro, Kentucky drove a freight truck owned by Towne Air Freight LLC that rear-ended the group's support van, which was then pushed into the group of riders. Both officers died at the scene of massive blunt force trauma as determined by Vermillion County Coroner Darrin T. Tucker.

Adams, another cyclist, retired Indianapolis Police Lieutenant Spencer Moore, 62 and the driver of the support van, Rocky Bumpas, 64, of Mooresville, were injured. Bumpas is the father of Lieutenant Nicole "Niki" (Master Trooper Richard) Crawford, both retired from the Indiana State Police. A month later, Vermillion County Prosecutor Nina J. Alexander stated her investigation did not support criminal charges to be filed against Adams.

Gary Edward Dudley, 51, was born to Orsel Thomas and Betty Joyce (née Gumfory) Dudley on April 7, 1955 in Indianapolis. He graduated from Broad Ripple High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Indiana University. After graduating from the 38th Indiana State Police Recruit Academy and being appointed on December 14, 1979, he was assigned to the Lowell post and later to the Indianapolis post. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 1991, first sergeant in 1999 and lieutenant in 2005, serving as the commander of the ISP Recruit Academy where he taught 742 troopers during his nearly 27-year career.

Dudley, from Indianapolis, was survived by his wife, Carolyn (née Kelley), whom he married in 1991; father; and brother, Daniel Thomas (Freda). His funeral was held on August 30 at Connection Pointe Christian Church in Brownsburg with interment in the Heroes of Public Safety Section of Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis.

He was the recipient of the ISP Life Saving Award twice, in 1989 for his assistance rendered to a critically injured crash victim and in 1992 for saving the life of a person who was choking. The Drug Recognition Expert Instructor of the Year Award, an annual honor by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, was renamed in 2017 the Lt. Gary Dudley DRE Instructor of the Year Award in his honor.

Lieutenant Dudley is honored on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington on Panel 33E, Line 25 and on the Indiana Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters Memorial in Indianapolis on Panel L8, Line 11. He is the 41st fallen officer of the Indiana State Police and the 4th of five line of duty deaths that have originated from Vermillion County.

Gary Lynn Martin, 63, was born to Willis Leonard and Oma Lee (née Brakefield) Martin on October 22, 1942 in Nashville, Tennessee. He served in the United States Army before being appointed in 1970 to the Gary Police Department until 1995 when he retired as special advisor to the chief. In September 1985, he graduated from the 142nd Session of the FBI National Academy while serving as a sergeant. He was also a criminal justice instructor at Indiana University Northwest for 30 years. Martin was serving as deputy chief with the Lake County Sheriff's Department at the time of his death in his nearly 29-year career.

Martin, from Merrillville, was survived by his wife, Olga (née Niedbajlik), whom he married in 1969; son, Gregory Lynn (Stephanie), who retired as a lieutenant with the Gary Police Department in 2016, then served as a gaming enforcement agent with the Indiana Gaming Commission from 2017 to 2021; daughter, Jennifer (Zach) Luskey; sisters, Joyce (Frank) Manley, Gail (Wayne) Craft and Tammy (Michael) Davis; brothers, Ricky and James (Barbara), who had served as a reserve sergeant with the Mt. Juliet Police Department in Tennessee.

His funeral was held on August 28 at Our Lady of Consolation Church in Merrillville with interment at Saint Mary's Russian Orthodox Cemetery in Gary. His brother-in-law, Lieutenant Thurman Earl Sharp of the Marion County Sheriff's Department, was killed in the line of duty on Christmas in 1988.

Deputy Chief Martin is honored on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington on Panel 29E, Line 25 and on the Indiana Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters Memorial in Indianapolis on Panel L22, Line 11. He is the sixth fallen officer of the Lake County Sheriff's Department and the 53rd of 58 line of duty deaths that have originated from Lake County.

Both fallen officers were founding members of Cops Cycling for Survivors after Lieutenant Dudley had participated in the Police Unity Tour in 2002 when three troopers from the 56th ISP Recruit Academy were killed in the line of duty within an 11-month period. Senator Evan Bayh (D, Ind.) honored both officers in the Congressional Record on September 8, 2006 during the 109th Congress.

During the 115th Indiana General Assembly in 2007, Senate Concurrent Resolution 94 memorializing both officers was adopted along with Senate Concurrent Resolution 31 urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to rename State Road 63 from State Road 32 to Interstate 74 the Gary E. Dudley and Gary L. Martin Memorial Highway. Both resolutions were authored by Senator Connie Lawson (R, Danville) and Senator Karen Tallian (D, Portage).

View our memorial for Lieutenant Dudley at: www.officersearch.inlem.org/officer.php?id=0377

View our memorial for Deputy Chief Martin at: www.officersearch.inlem.org/officer.php?id=0016

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About the Indiana Law Enforcement Memorial

Founded in 2017, the Indiana Law Enforcement Memorial is a nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring all of our state's fallen officers. Its mission is to honor law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice; provide support to their surviving family members and affected agencies; and conduct research into and foster public awareness of Indiana line of duty deaths. Each of these over 500 officers are memorialized through a website maintained as an exclusive resource to our state with the most comprehensive details to preserve the history surrounding their incidents and an extensive compilation of statistical data.