



DATE: May 13, 2019

TO: Mayor Chelminiak and City Councilmembers

FROM: Stephen Mylett, Chief of Police, 452-2031
Police Department

SUBJECT: Police Week Proclamation

National Police Week is May 12-18, 2019. It is a week set aside to pay tribute to local, state and federal officers who have died or been injured in the line of duty. In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day. This holiday always falls within Police Week.

On Peace Officers Memorial Day, the names of the fallen law enforcement officers nationwide who have died in the line of duty the previous year are formally dedicated on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. This happens at the Annual Candlelight Vigil on the National Mall in Washington, DC. This year, the names of 371 officers will be added to the memorial, bringing the total number of fallen officers engraved on the memorial to 21,910.

The Bellevue Police Department will use our social media channels to pay tribute to fallen and injured officers. The Bellettini in Bellevue is also hosting a special coffee and/or lunch for officers as an appreciation for their service on May 14 and 15.

This proclamation encourages all Bellevue residents and businesses to recognize and express appreciation for our law enforcement officers.