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MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT

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On Wednesday, May 6, 2015, the Miami Police Department will be hosting its annual observance of Police Memorial Day. Currently, 38 dedicated officers have died in the City of Miami, in an honorable effort to save others. Today, we pay tribute to these brave individuals.

The service will begin at 2:00 PM, in the Miami Police College auditorium, located at 350 N.W. 2nd Avenue. The public, as well as the media, is invited.

National Police Memorial celebrations take place throughout the country. This tradition was instituted by President John F. Kennedy in 1962, by signing a declaration into law. He said, "It is important that people throughout the country know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of their police departments, and that members of our law enforcement agencies recognize the duty to serve the people, by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation."

The Miami Police Department's observance of National Police Memorial Day began informally in the early 1970's and became an established tradition in 1978

These words said it all, "Greater love and courage hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his fellow man."

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