

## **For Immediate Release**

### **Oklahoma to Honor Law Enforcement Officers**

At 10:00 A.M. on Friday, May 11, 2007, Oklahoma will again take time out to honor the service and sacrifices of its law enforcement officers during the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Oklahoma Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Service at the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Memorial located on the west grounds of the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety Headquarters at N.E. 36<sup>th</sup> Street and M. L. King Avenue in Oklahoma City.

Three new names will be dedicated on the memorial that morning. They are: Peter Anderson, Posseman, Deputy Sheriff, Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office shot and killed early the morning of December 26, 1890, while assisting with an arrest warrant. Drumright Police Officer Ulysses S. Lenox was shot and killed July 2, 1924, as he and other officers in a car were searching for bank robbers. The officer's car passed the robber's car on the road and as they did, the robbers opened fire on the officers killing Lenox. Oklahoma Highway Patrol Trooper William L. McClendon, who died in a traffic accident on October 1, 2006, as he attempted to make a turn around on the Will Rogers Turnpike near Claremore.

Lt. Governor Jari Askins will be the key note speaker and the band "Black Jack Run" will provide the live music and songs for this centennial year memorial service by singing the songs that might have been sung at such a service in 1907.

National Police Week will be Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> thru Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> this year. Governor Brad Henry has ordered all flags in the state to be flown at half staff on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, National Peace Officers Memorial Day. All churches are asked to say a special prayer on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, as we start Police Week, for all law enforcement officers and their families, especially the 145 officers who died in the line of duty in the United States in 2006. Two of those officers died in Oklahoma.

For further information on the service and all of Oklahoma's fallen law enforcement officers see the Memorial's web site at [www.oklemem.com](http://www.oklemem.com) or contact Memorial Chairman, Dennis Lippe at (405) 619-2066.