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National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) Participates in Candlelight Vigil Kicking Off Police Weekend

Alexandria, VA. – October 13, 2021 – Tomorrow, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), along with several other organizations and individuals, will hold a Candlelight Vigil on the National Mall in Washington D.C. to memorialize the hundreds of officers who lost their lives in the line of duty in 2019 and 2020.

The October 14th vigil, hosted by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, is part of Police Weekend 2021 which runs from Oct. 13 through Oct. 17. The vigil will be a time to remember the 701 fallen law enforcement officers. Their names have been engraved on the Memorial in the nation's capital, bringing the total of officers killed in the line of duty to 22,611.

In attendance of the vigil will be family members, high-ranking government officials along with local, state, and federal law enforcement officers including NOBLE National President Frederick L. Thomas, who will be among those reading aloud the names of those 701 killed.

“We honor the fallen brothers and sisters in blue who sacrificed their lives in the name of protecting our communities,” Thomas said. “We pay our deepest respects to these heroes who lived justice by action.”

The event, which takes place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the National Mall between 12th and 14th Streets, NW in Washington, D.C will be live streamed. You can watch from home by visiting [Candlelight Vigil - National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund \(nleomf.org\)](https://nleomf.org). Those who attend in person are encouraged to wear masks and socially distance.

NOBLE will also hold in remembrance those who died from the No. 1 killer of law enforcement officers in 2020 and 2021, the victims of COVID-19.

Special activities to honor law enforcement this weekend also include the esteemed Destination Zero Conference and the Destination Zero Awards Ceremony, which are sponsored by various organizations.

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About the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives

Since 1976, The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) has served as the conscience of law enforcement by being committed to justice by action. NOBLE represents over 3,000 members internationally, who are primarily African American chief executive officers of law enforcement agencies at federal, state, county, and municipal levels,



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