



Amberley Village Celebrates National Police Week

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

Locally, a ceremony will be held on Monday, May 12, 2025 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at Fountain Square. Following the ceremony, there is a parade to the Police Memorial across the street from Cincinnati Police District 1 on Ezzard Charles at noon honoring all those who lost their lives in the line of duty.

According to Officer Down Memorial Page (ODMG), in 2024, 165 officers died in the line of duty. 52 died as a result of gunfire and 49 died from automobile-related deaths.

The Amberley Village Police Department serves a vital function in the community. Services include emergency response, traffic enforcement, criminal enforcement, vehicle lockouts, offense investigation, community service programs and presentations to school and community organizations.

Numerous programs have been instituted which reflect a philosophy of placing the community needs first. These include:

- Community-Oriented Policing Philosophy
- Identity Theft Prevention
- Community Block Watch
- Crime Prevention Surveys

During Police Week, all Amberley Village Police Officers will wear a black band across their badges in memory of all the law enforcement officers who have given their lives in the line of duty. This symbolic gesture deeply affects all police officers because they know that every year, an average of 145 American police officers are killed in the line of duty in the United States, and an average of over 58,000 officers are assaulted in the performance of their duties. Since the first known line-of-duty death in 1791, more than 26,000 U.S. law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice. It is a quiet way to salute those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the public they serve.

This is of particular importance to Amberley Village, as Chief Wallace provides active leadership in the regional support organization, The Shield of Ohio, which offers services and support to families of fallen officers. This cannot be done without the support of the entire Amberley Village Police-Fire Department, which makes this national observance even more of a very personal and poignant recognition week.

Amberley Village will light the Municipal Building blue during National Police Week. Residents are encouraged to show their support for law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty and those currently serving, both sworn and civilian staff by participating in this year's Light Ohio Blue by:

- Placing a blue bulb on an exterior porch light;
- Wrapping blue Christmas lights around homes or businesses;
- Light up entire homes or businesses with blue flood lights;
- Place blue ribbons on mailboxes, nearby columns or posts;
- Wear Blue on May 15; and
- Tell friends, family and neighbors and post pictures to social media using #LightOhioBlue2024