



Memorandum

TO: Common Council
FROM: Mayor Merkes
SUBJECT: Police Week
DATE: 12 May 2011

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National Police Week, which occurs each year during the week in which May 15 falls, recognizes the service and sacrifice of U.S. law enforcement. 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.

The first recognition of Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day was signed by President Kennedy in 1961. It was resolved by Congress that May 15 be designated Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which it falls be designated as Police Week. The purpose of Peace Officers Memorial Day is to honor the police officers at all levels of government who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty.

In Menasha there are 36 employees dedicated to the Police Department as well as 6 part-time community service officers. Collectively these individuals provide services to the community including but not limited to:

Homicides & felonies	Assaults with injury	Sexual Assaults
Armed robberies, burglaries & thefts	Forgeries, fraud & vandalism	Prostitution & drug violations
Disorderly Conduct & OWI's	All juvenile offenses	Traffic & parking issues
Various ordinance violations	All animal complaints	Respond to medical emergencies
Open locked car doors	Vacation home checks	Respond to fire calls
Trestle Trail & park patrol	Special event assistance	Funeral Escorts
Respond to vehicle accidents	Hazard Calls	Police School Liaison
School crossings	General nuisance complaints	Neighbor issues

The brave men and women of the Menasha Police Department continually provide a vital public service protecting our community and safeguarding life and property. Their efforts ensure that Menasha remains an attractive community with a high quality of life for its residents and a positive economic environment for its businesses.

PROCLAMATION

National Police Week - May 15-May 21, 2011

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the City of Menasha Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Menasha Police Department continuously provides a vital public service, protecting our community; and

WHEREAS, members of our community honor their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting citizens against violence, disorder, and deception and by protecting the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police week; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 23rd Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of Friday, May 13, 2011 in Washington, DC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Menasha with the Mayor concurring proclaim May 15 through May 21, 2011 to be:

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK in the City of Menasha

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that May 15th, 2011 is observed as

PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY

in the City of Menasha, in honor of those law enforcement officers throughout our nation, who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of those fallen heroes.



Dated this 15th day of May, 2011

Donald Merkes, Mayor