

NATIONAL LAW
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OFFICER'S MEMORIAL



CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT
INFORMATION GUIDE, 2022
WASHINGTON, D C



WELCOME

To those of you that are reading this, having expressed an interest in taking part in the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial (NLEOM) in Washington DC in 2022, *Thank You* on behalf of all the Gold Star Family members. There were 523* Law Enforcement Officers who lost their lives from line of duty deaths in 2021, consisting of 479 males and 44 females, an increase from the 295* officers killed on the job in 2020. "Preliminary" job related Covid-19 deaths account for 359, the leading cause of death last year among members, with gunfire and vehicle crashes number(s) two and three respectively. **"Confirmed" Covid-19, case numbers are increasing near daily with certification cases still pending. New York post 9-11 cancer related illnesses also claimed 3. The average police officer killed in 2021 was forty-eight years of age with seventeen and a half years of service. The average number of children left behind by each officer was two. Through research and varied accounting, an especially disheartening statistic was the fact that an additional 133 law enforcement officers were recorded as having died by suicide in 2021.

BACKGROUND

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which it falls, as National Police Week. Over the many years, members of the Chicago Police Department have made the journey annually to Washington DC each May, sharing in the observance to honor our fallen. In 2002, following the 9-11 tragedy, the Chicago Police Department had an unrivaled turnout at the National Memorial. Our attendance of over 500 members matched or exceeded that of the New York Police Department who, along with the NY Port Authority, lost a total of 72 law enforcement members during 9-11. Since then, the Chicago Police Department has upheld their reputation as one of the largest voluntary law enforcement agencies in attendance for nearly two decades. This recognition is due strictly to the numerous individual CPD members who sacrificed their own time and funds over these many years to be part of this most honorable tradition.

GETTING THERE

If using air travel, the most direct and recommended airport is Reagan National (DCA) with numerous flights out of O'Hare (ORD) and Midway (MDW) airports. Flying into Dulles airport would require unnecessary additional modes of transportation to access downtown DC. Reagan National has a convenient Metro Rail stop just outside the airport that will take you directly downtown and surrounding areas, including Arlington VA. (See 'AIRPORTS' and 'GETTING AROUND' in this guide) You may also consider driving or carpooling. The average drive time from Chicago is approx. 11-13 hrs. with various factors affecting travel.

THE 'UNOFFICIAL' CHICAGO POLICE INFORMATION GUIDE WASHINGTON DC 2022

The pages that follow contain information relative to the NLEOM in Washington DC during the main part of pertinent Police Week activities (12-16 MAY) 2022. It is intended to assist our members, especially first timers, in planning their activities based upon the listing and explanation of some of the functions and activities. All listed events, times, locations, pricing and statistics etc. are as accurate as possible, when researched at this time, for reference purposes.

AIRPORTS

Ronald Reagan Washington International Airport (DCA)



DISTANCE FROM DOWNTOWN:	4 Miles (Closest, most convenient and recommended airport)
DRIVE TIME: (Non rush-hour)	20 Minutes (Rental Car)
TAXI: (Typical <u>minimum</u> fare app.)	\$ 20.00-\$25.00
UBER/LYFT: (Typical <u>minimum</u> fare app.)	\$7.00-\$10.00
METRO RAIL: (Based on distance traveled)	\$2.75-\$3.75 (Convenient, efficient and recommended)

Board Metrorail right outside airport (illustration above). Take **YELLOW or **BLUE** line to closest Metro stop of your destination.**

WASHINGTON DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (IAD)

DISTANCE FROM DOWNTOWN:	26 Miles
DRIVE TIME: (Non rush-hour)	1 hour
TAXI: (Typical <u>minimum</u> fare app.)	\$80.00 (To downtown DC, \$30.00 to closest Metrorail Station-Rosslyn)
UBER/LYFT: (Typical <u>minimum</u> fare app.)	\$50.00 (Depending on distance within downtown DC and various conditions)
METRO RAIL: (Currently unavailable)	The proposed direct SILVER Metro 'Rail' extension to Dulles is not yet completed and again delayed into sometime 2022. Several options include: Express 5A Metro bus to downtown DC (\$7.50) including Rosslyn (Arlington) and L'Enfant Metro station stops. Both stations access ORANGE and BLUE lines with L'Enfant Plaza stop also accessing YELLOW and GREEN lines. Another bus option is using the Washington Flyer Coach Service which takes you directly to the closest (West Falls Church) Metro station on the ORANGE line. The buses are air conditioned with reclining seats, ample luggage space and handicapped accessible. They depart app every 30 minutes and boarding announcements are made inside the airport. Average cost for Washington Flyer Coach service is app \$13.00 one way and app \$20.00 round trip.

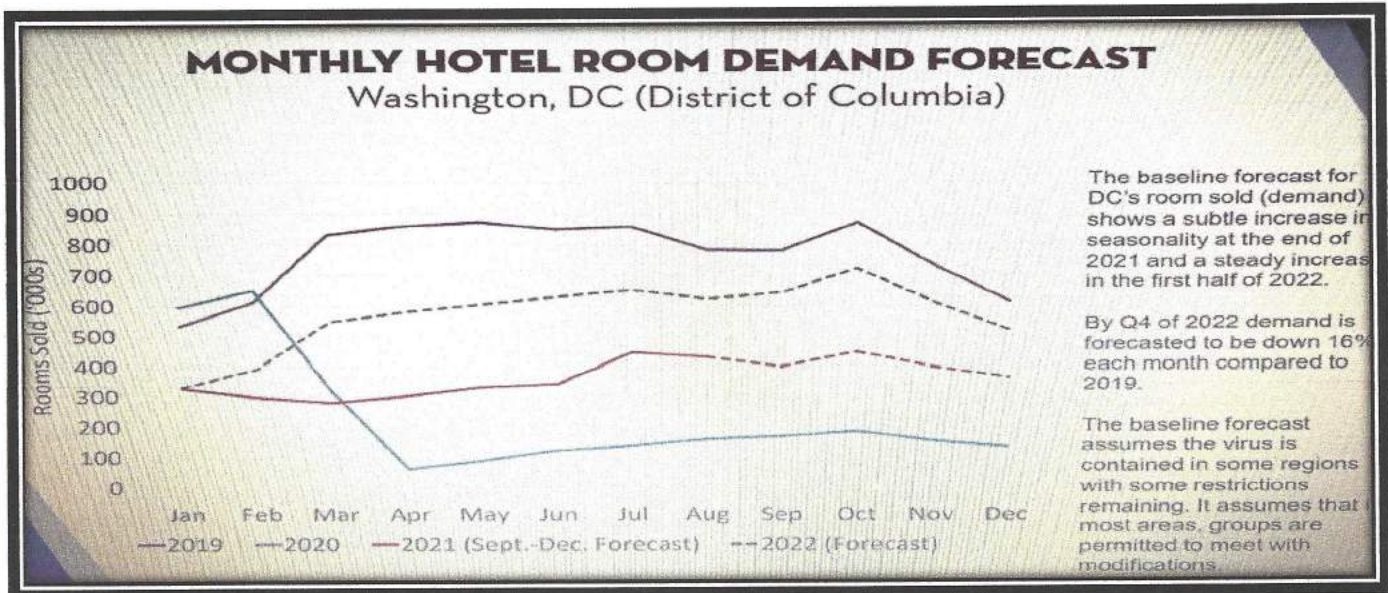
BALTIMORE-Washington International Airport (BWI)

(Needlessly too distant, inconvenient and expensive to downtown DC)

DISTANCE FROM DOWNTOWN:	40 Miles
ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION :	IF absolutely necessary to utilize this airport it is recommended to take Amtrak rail to DC Union Station then transfer/board Metro rail line to desired closest station in downtown DC with a combined rate app \$40.00-\$50.00

(ALL COSTS AND INFO LISTED ARE LATEST APPROXIMATIONS, INCLUDED FOR INFORMATION AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

HOTELS 2022



DC's hotel occupancy traditionally reaches its peak in March through July and October. Average daily rates reach their highest levels during March through May and October. The latest 'average' downtown room rate per night is in the +/- \$300.00 range with many variables affecting the average. Hotels adjust their rates upwards based upon demand by market evaluation of predicted occupancy of scheduled or recurring conventions, meetings, events (Police Week) etc., a classic case of supply and demand. Hotels share raw data (rooms sold, revenue and rooms available). The data is then aggregated into regions and used to benchmark for each hotel and geographic area. The uppermost room rates during our travel period remain at the downtown chain hotels due to better marketing, ranking and amenities coupled with the desired close proximity to most tourist attractions, convention centers, and government buildings. In addition, most downtown hotels are within increased location access to the Metro rail stations, the main course and recommended transportation throughout downtown DC and surrounding areas. Staying just outside of downtown DC, hotel rates tend to drop off respectively based upon location, distance out, convenience, hotel quality/ranking, taxes and amenities along with the distance/access to the Metro line. Arlington VA, for example is basically just across the river from DC and one additional Metro rail stop outside of the downtown DC area. *Based upon individual budget and preference, members may explore their best personal accommodations and rates on their own through the conventional methods such as recommendations, travel agents or simple Internet hotel comparisons of location, rates and availability. Internet hotel search sites for example, such as *Trivago.com*, or *Kayak.com* in a "search-all" mode allows simultaneous access to *Hotels.com*, *Hotwire.com*, *Priceline.com*, *Expedia.com* and *Booking.com* for comparison of rates and availability. Oftentimes, after favoring a particular location from one of the sites, a direct call to the specific hotel reservation *may* sometimes result in a better rate than those featured on the alleged discounted search sites. When calling directly to the hotel, members should inquire about specific discounts not featured on-line such as government rate, AAA travel discounts, AARP (retired) etc. Note that some hotels listed on these sites or individual hotel sites, sometimes offer a lower rate, but have some fine-print stipulations (i.e. total pre-payment, varying/no refund or cancellation policy, limited amenities, less desirable locations etc.) Read all terms and conditions prior to confirming and check the proximity to the closest Metro line. Some hotels list pricing options for the same type room according to cancellation options and with dates closer to check-in typically more expensive. For example, some hotels will offer a noticeably cheaper rate but there may be a 'no cancellation' policy for that particular rate. While most hotels advertising claim to have a cancellation policy, they prefer the option to have time to resell/book the room recently cancelled, thus the earlier the cancellation date policy, the better the opportunity for the hotel to make the room available for resale. In DC some hotels list that they are close (app. miles) to specific buildings, downtown and tourist attractions, but may be in 'less desirable' neighborhoods. Many hotels do not list the daily parking fees for those driving to DC, with some adding an additional cost of near \$50.00 a day. Review all the components when booking and consider that rate alone should not be the deciding factor. Cost can be offset by dividing the cost by the number of occupants sharing the room or suite. Hotel rooms, depending on type/size can sleep up to 3-4 occupants, (2 queens plus extra fold out bed etc.) *NOTE: This year's CPD/DC 2022 Information Guide, for the first time since publication for the last fifteen (15) years, will not include publishing a specific list of hotel(s) researched and negotiated for discounted group rates for consideration. One option, listed annually, is again through the "Police Week" hotel on-line reservation network sponsored by the DC/FOP via their site at PoliceWeekHotelRooms.com. Partial proceeds from booking through this site are donated to the FOP and NLEOMF. Finally, members need to explore and book reservations **ASAP** as historically belated bookings tend to have increased costs and less desirable availability options. Simply put, **BOOK NOW !** *Safe travels!*

GETTING AROUND

Metro Rail/Metro

Their subway system is considerably safe, clean, efficient and close to most points of interest in downtown DC along with an extensive surrounding city and county area. The subway stations are identified at street level by a sign containing the letter **M** in boldface indicating Metro. During "Police Week" in the past, law enforcement officers, in uniform or with appropriate I.D. were allowed to ride for free. Experiencing varying interpretations in 2019, then later verified through FOP Lodge 1 in 2020, this perk appears to have been suspended. Therefore, it is in your best interest to familiarize yourself with the purchase of the Metro SmarTrip fare card and carry the card with you. The procedure is simple. Every Metro, or subway station as we know it, has a 'SmarTrip' fare card dispensing machine. *All one needs to do is insert cash or credit card into the machine in the desired amount of credit. You will receive a 'SmarTrip' transit card for use on their system. All one needs to do is insert or scan at the top of the 'entry' (green arrow) turnstile, the transit card which will electronically record your starting point and provide you access through. When you arrive at your final destination (you may have to switch lines at a transfer point on occasion) you simply insert or scan your same card into the 'exit' turn style (green arrow) and the amount will automatically be deducted from your card, according to distance traveled. The cards are 're-chargeable' at any station. The unused portion on the card does not expire and can be utilized in the future as necessary. Depending on the amount of individual travel via the Metro one may utilize, an initial amount of \$20.00-\$25.00 would be an average amount necessary to allow one to get around during "Police Week." Again, note the option to add or 'recharge' the card in any dollar amount at every station. The various area Metro 'lines' are identified by **COLORS** and the stations or stops by their areas within the city. Since multiple (color) Metro trains may pass through the same station, signage is provided at every station that indicates the 'color' of the next approaching Metro train in-bound into that station along with, in minutes, the arrival time. When the arriving train is app. 30 seconds away, round lights at the edge of the platform appear, start blinking to indicate pending arrival, serve as a warning to step back and remain lit once the train is in the station to illuminate boarding. Always step back from the opening train doors initially upon arrival to allow the passengers to alight from the train first. Also, it is expected that when using the Metro escalators to always stay to the right on the stairs as the left portion of the escalator steps are for the people who customarily bypass on the left side. A Metro Map is included with this information guide and pocket size versions are available at most Metro stations and hotels all throughout DC. *NEW in 2020 is using iPhone, Apple Pay Wallet or Apple Watch links for payment ! Go to Metro "SmarTrip" website for details/instructions for downloads onto your iPhone or Apple Watch devices to take advantage of this newly available option.



GETTING AROUND

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Most points of interest in the downtown area are within reasonable walking distance, depending on condition, age and sobriety. Locate the closest Metro stop to your destination from a Metro map first, then walk. Tour mobiles and bus tours are available to almost all of the points of interest for a fee that covers the day and allows one to get on/off and spend as much time at a particular site as necessary, before re-boarding to continue the tour or return to the point of origin. The service makes continual loops to most of the important downtown attractions in the DC area. This appears to be the "typical tourist" mode of transportation. There's also a "night tour" where one can experience the sights in a completely different evening atmosphere. Although admission is free to enter/walk through Arlington National Cemetery and view the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown, and Kennedy grave memorial etc. on your own, similar guided bus tours are available at Arlington National Cemetery for a separate fee.



Unless you're taking the Metro to a specific area for cost and convenience, you'll find DC area taxi transportation not all that expensive with the average fares throughout downtown about \$20.00-\$25.00, depending on distance and traffic conditions. If you split the cost between occupants or take turns paying the fare you'll find that it's not all that expensive for the door-to-door convenience. During late night excursions, especially after drinking, taxi, Uber, Lyft etc. transportation is highly advised. "WITHIN" the designated 'downtown' DC area, all cabs work on 'zone to zone' rates or fares. Predetermined rates apply from one zone to another as opposed to a metered rate that registers the distance traveled. Some applicable charges *may* apply, i.e., additional passenger fees, am/pm rush hour rates i.e. (0700-0930 & 1600-1830) and radio dispatch fee extra. "OUTSIDE" of the 'downtown DC' area, the cabs are 'metered.' It works out about the same with a 'zone' rate to Georgetown for example within a few dollars of a 'metered' return ride back. In general, experience indicates that taxi service in DC is fairly reliable. Uber/Lyft is also available in DC if you are registered and have the appropriate app on your phone. These 'ride share' vehicles also allow you to choose the size of the vehicle depending on the number in your party and are plentiful even in areas not heavily patrolled by cabs. You also view the driver, vehicle (make & license plate #) and their location and app. wait time while tracking their location on your phone. Your credit card is charged within minutes of the completion of the transaction. Tipping is not required in ride share type vehicles but good drivers/service can be acknowledged and compensated. Bicycles and DC Pedicabs, are also available for rent along with electric scooters. Guided Segway tours and rentals are available at locations within downtown DC.



M System Map

wmata.com
 Customer Information Service: 202 637-7000
 TTY Phone: 202 638-3780
 Metro Transit Police: 202 962-2121

- ### Legend
- RD** Red Line • Glenmont / Shady Grove
 - OR** Orange Line • New Carrollton / Vienna
 - BL** Blue Line • Franconia-Springfield / Largo Town Center
 - GR** Green Line • Branch Ave / Greenbelt
 - YL** Yellow Line • Huntington / Fort Totten
 - SV** Silver Line • Wiehle-Peeton East / Largo Town Center

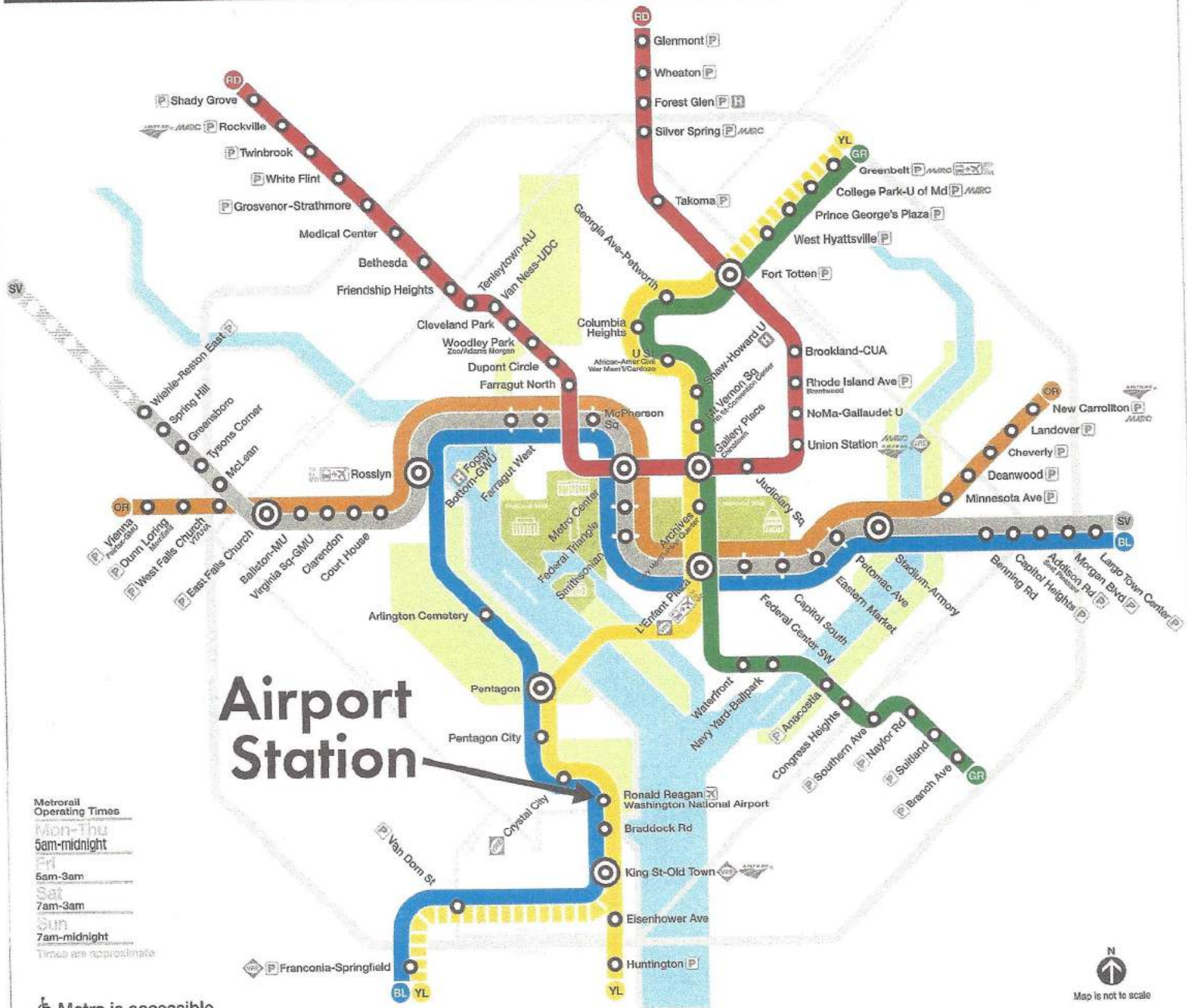
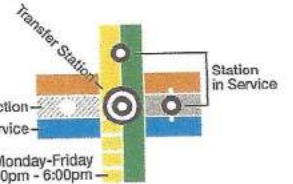
Station Features

- Bus to Airport
- Parking
- Hospital
- Airport

Connecting Rail Systems



Rush-Only Service: Monday-Friday
 6:30am - 9:00am 3:30pm - 6:00pm



Airport Station

MetroRail Operating Times

- Mon-Thu**
5am-midnight
- Fri**
5am-3am
- Sat**
7am-3am
- Sun**
7am-midnight

Times are approximate

Metro is accessible.
www.wmata.com/directories/ADA/ENR/ENR1011



- No Smoking
- No Eating or Drinking
- No Animals (except service animals)
- No Audio (without earphones)
- No Littering or Spitting
- No Dangerous or Flammable Items



Police Unity Tour

WE RIDE FOR THOSE WHO DIED

POLICE UNITY TOUR ARRIVES AT NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL ON 12 MAY 2022, at 2 p.m.

Most activities during National "Police Week" are organized by three main groups consisting of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Foundation (NLEOMF), Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) and the DC National Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). Together, they have historically coordinated and sponsored the main activities and events working in harmony with one another. There are also many individual and group corporate sponsors that have contributed to the history, longevity and success of "Police Week" activities. One major group sponsor is the Police Unity Tour. Organized in May of 1997, initially their goal was to raise awareness of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. Their secondary purpose is to raise funds for the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial and Museum. They began with a 1997 four day fund-raising bicycle ride from Florham Park, NJ to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington DC which raised an initial total of \$18,000.00 from the eighteen participating bike riders. Unable to ride to Washington, DC in May 2020 due to Covid-19, their nationwide group now consisting of 2800 members were still able to raise and contribute to the NLEOMF, another 2 million dollars. Their total donation over 25 years is an impressive 31.6 million dollars. The final leg of their 300+ total mile trip from Annapolis MD on 12 May 22 will arrive at the NLEOM at 2:00 p.m.



THE BELOW SITE LINKS ARE LISTED FOR REFERENCE & UPDATES, MANY OF WHICH WERE INITIALLY RESEARCHED TO COMPLETE THIS GUIDE.

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Foundation

nleomf.org/memorial

Police Unity Tour

info@policeunitytour.com

Concerns of Police Survivors

cops@nationalcops.org

Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 1

dc-fop.org

Officer Down Memorial Page

odmp.org

Honor Guard Pipe/Drum Competition

policeweekhonorguard.com

Tent City Information

policeweektentcity.com

Candlelight Vigil

vigil@nleomf.org

34TH ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT VIGIL, FRIDAY, 13 MAY, 2022



Each year, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund produces its annual Candlelight Vigil—a signature event of National Police Week in Washington, DC. Traditionally, the Annual National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial (NLEOM) Candlelight Vigil takes place at 8 pm on the National Mall between 4th and 7th Sts., NW and Madison and Jefferson Drives. Everyone is invited and no tickets are required. A reading of all the newly engraved names for the year which consist both of the 2021 line of duty deaths along with those historical names of past members recently recognized and approved for addition this year are read at the conclusion of the observance. This event is an extensive program that includes remarks by dignitaries and musical tributes normally in a large open area with seating limited to the honored guests and Gold Star Family members. Dress is casual according to the weather. Uniforms are not required, but may be worn if preferred. It is suggested that some sort of Chicago police type logo apparel be worn to show support and affiliation of our agency, as well as identify our members in attendance to one another as well. Our Chicago Police Honor Guard will be in uniform to officially represent our department and assist and escort the Gold Star Families to their reserved seating. During the early research for this info guide for the latest updates/changes for this event in 2022, it was noted that this year, for the first time, the NLEOMF is asking people interesting in attending to (voluntarily) register. The nleomf.org website (candlelight vigil portion) mentions; 'Survivors, Federal, state and local government officials, law enforcement personnel, sponsors and the general public are welcomed to sign up.' This is NOT a requirement for attendance. As indicated, this event takes place on the large open public area on the National Mall without barriers, or gates to control or restrict access or attendance. It appears that the request (email address) by the NLEOMF to propose registration is merely for organizational determinations as to a projected 'in-person' attendance along with a better categorization of the attendees. This impassioned tribute remains a treasured, poignant experience and is highly recommended, especially for first-timers! With all the uncertainty and complications attributed to the pandemic in 2021, the in-person event was canceled and a 'virtual' on-line candlelight vigil was held instead on 13 May 2021 at 8:00 p.m. It was professionally done, remarkably well organized given the lateness and every name read had an accompanying photo of the fallen officer. When it was later decided to postpone the entire NLEOMF 'Police Week' observances to October 2021, the candlelight vigil was again held on the National Mall on October 14, 2021 with 'revised' hours of 6:30-8:30 pm. In addition, at that time a 'Livestream' was conducted on-line to watch from anywhere in real time with access to the internet link. It appears that the 2022 candlelight vigil can again be witnessed, if not attending in person, via available Livestream on these sites: **NLEOMF** web page: NLEOMF.org/vigil, **FACEBOOK:** Facebook.com/NLEOMF, & **YouTube:** YouTube.com/theNLEOMF To check on any changes current/last minute updates or questions, use their email vigil@nleomf.org or call 202.737-3400.



HONOR GUARD / PIPE AND DRUM COMPETITION

NOTE: OUR CPD HONOR GUARD WILL BE PLACING A CEREMONIAL WREATH AT ARLINGTON / TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN, MONDAY, 16 MAY, 2022 AT 1315 HRS.



The Steve Young National Honor Guard Competition and Demonstration and Pipe and Drum competitions provides an opportunity for law enforcement organizations to perform ceremonious and patriotic tributes for public viewing. These teams are a highly dedicated group of law enforcement officers that represent organizations from all across this great nation and Canada. They converge on the Nation's Capital every year for National Police Week, where peace officers are honored for their dedicated service to the protection of our communities. The annual Steve Young National Honor Guard Competition and Pipe Band Competition are hosted by the Fraternal Order of Police and takes place at the Grant Statue (west front of the United States Capitol.) Starting time is app. 8:00 a.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m. The Honor Guard competition consists of three phases. First is an intense uniform inspection for exacting detail where anything from a piece of lint, a blur in the polish of the badge or a loose thread on a patch loses points. Next is the posting of the Colors by the entire Honor Guard Unit, followed by the Honor Guard group presentation or performance. All of the judges are from the elite U.S. Army Drill Team or U.S. Military Honor Guards assigned to the White House or Arlington Tomb Guards. Our Chicago Police Honor Guard participates in this event annually to honor our fallen, however at the time of the early release of this 2022 Information Guide, the exact scheduled time for their particular exhibition has yet to be determined and released. In addition, at this early stage it is also uncertain if our area Pipes and Drums of the Chicago Police Department and / or Pipes and Drums of the Emerald Society will compete again in 2022. Particular information, closer to Police Week relative to National Honor Guard and Pipe Band competition times and attendees will be available by accessing their web site...<http://www.policeweekhonorguard.com>



MAIN MEMORIAL EVENT, SUNDAY, 15 MAY 2022

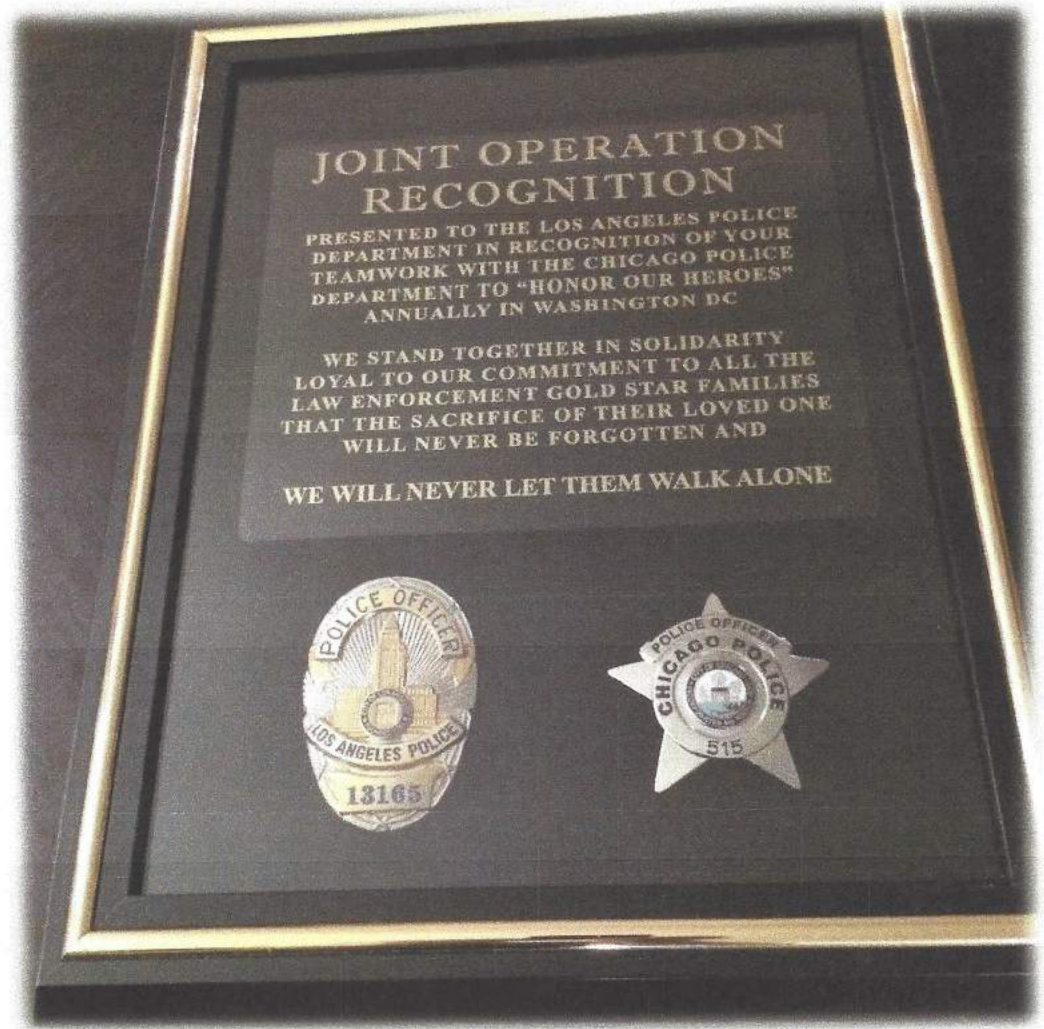
This Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Day Service is the main event of the entire trip. This program takes place on the west end (Mall side) of the United States Capitol Building. Our assembly location is on the grassy area in front of the Capitol. When using taxi, Uber/Lyft service to get to the Capitol, get dropped off on the* northwest side of the Capitol Bldg. (Union Station side) You'll be closest to the assembly point of the CPD/Illinois contingents. If using the Metro rail, take either the BLUE or ORANGE line and get off at the "Capitol South" station. Once you exit the Metro rail at the Capitol South stop, there will be many other law enforcement agencies in uniform exiting as well. Follow them for the 4-5 block walk to the Capitol Building special entrance area. NOTE: If you are carrying your weapon, you normally have to go through a Secret Service checkpoint. You will need your active police ID, and/or your IROCC concealed carry ID (retired) if not in uniform in addition to your badge to be allowed access into the Capitol area. This is an annual 'required' stipulation by the U.S. Secret Service. Be prepared for this requirement please. Upon arrival of the Gold Star survivor's cordon, they then are escorted down the pathway by their respective police agency representatives to the base of the steps of the Capitol for the memorial ceremony. Law enforcement officers in 'dress uniform' from throughout the U.S. and as far away as Australia and England assemble around the Capitol steps at this time. All police agencies group together by state in their preferred area. It's normally easy to locate the CPD/Illinois group due to the routinely impressive and sizeable amount of members in uniform. ALL ILLINOIS police agencies are equally welcome to unite with the CPD contingent on behalf of our state. (i.e. Illinois State Police, County Departments/Sheriffs, railroad special agents, suburban agencies etc.) Proceed all the way up front and the farthest to the left along the pathway as you face the Capitol Building. At this exclusive location, Chicago/Illinois traditionally are the first organized police agency(ies) the Gold Star families witness on their way in to the event. Dress of the day for 'Active' Chicago members in uniform are "Class A" uniforms, consisting in part of the CPD blouse, tie and uniform crown cap. NO variations of the 'Class A' uniforms please. White gloves optional. Retired members, family supporters in civilian dress are encouraged to wear respectable casual attire, according to the weather, preferably with a (CPD, Memorial Foundation, Brotherhood for Fallen etc.) insignia, emblem etc. to show our group affiliation. All particulars relative to our role here will be explained to you when you arrive at the appropriate time. Just look for our Illinois sisters and brothers and join the assemblage. The keynote speaker at this event is The President of the United States. You will be able to meet police officers from all over the nation here as once the families are seated and the program begins, there will be time to casually intermingle and converse with the many law enforcement members in attendance. Later in the program, when the names from our state (IL) are being read, we will again fall in as a group and hold a salute while the names from Illinois are read as a sign of solidarity. Since this is the main event and the culmination of Police Week,



we ask for your compassion, especially at this ceremony. While Chicago/IL always has an impressive turnout at this observance, the true test of our dedication and commitment is how many of us, *remain to the end*. When the ceremony has concluded, the Gold Star family members are again escorted out down the same pathway that we lined upon their arrival. At this point the CPD/Illinois contingent are joined by LAPD/California in our exclusive respective positions as they exit for their closing tribute. Illinois and California remain as the last two LEO assembled groups the survivor's cordon witness upon exit. See MAIN MEMORIAL EVENT (continued)

MAIN MEMORIAL EVENT (continued)

This final act of compassion and brotherhood by our respective agencies confirms our devotion to the Gold Star Family Members.

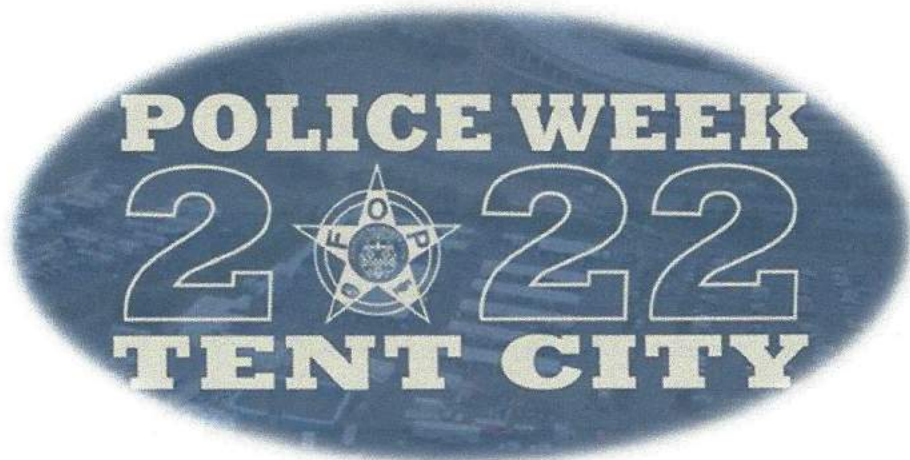


The entire program lasts for app. 2 hours, a small sacrifice on behalf of those that gave their all, "The Ultimate Sacrifice." Depending on the weather, you will possibly be out in the open with little or no shade, so prepare yourself for your own personal needs as necessary, such as water, medication, sun block, rain gear, etc. Many officers extend their stay and leave the following day to give themselves time for a final dinner or sightseeing that afternoon or perhaps the following morning if they book a late flight out. It is suggested that if you drive to DC that you seriously consider leaving on the following day especially if you are the lone driver as the ceremony is physically and emotionally demanding. It is in your best interest to hit the road for the drive back ... fully rested. At app. 2:30 p.m., the flowered wreath completed at the Capitol with individual flowers placed by each of the family members that lost loved ones that year is then transported and placed at the NLEOM wall in a short ceremony sponsored by the FOP, for those wishing to witness this event. * **NOTE:**(emphasis added) Please arrive a MINIMUM of 1 hour (0930-1000) earlier to assure CPD/Illinois agencies our annual prime location up front and allow our members to 'be in place' well before the arrival of the Gold Star family members and their department escort representatives. Attendees arriving from the NW side of the Capitol building are even more likely to be halted outside our assembly area as entry to everyone is held when the Gold Star families initially arrive. For this reason it is again stressed to arrive early as stated above to be part of our group as a show of total solidarity as the families pass by our group. Also note that during any movement of POTUS into the Capitol building proper, the Secret Service shuts down *all* activities around the Capitol including our law enforcement check-in, so arrive extra early to avoid being held back during this crucial time period. Chicago has held the honor of having the largest voluntary turnout at this event, thanks to all those members who traditionally have given of their own time and funds to attend in solidarity to... Honor Our Fallen.

2022 UPDATE

Please note that all the aforementioned information for this 2022 MAIN MEMORIAL EVENT listed here is based wholly upon the prior decades of experiences for this particular event. While unlikely, based upon the unaffected historic conditions at this event in 2021, it does not take into account any new or last minute Covid-19 (personal) and/or any (physical) layout restrictions, or assembly requirements that may be in place for 2022. Again, note that this event officially remains as the most essential part of our entire trip to Honor Our Fallen and culminating the major Police Week activities.





WHEN: 13, 14, 15 May, 2022, 1100 hrs. - 0200 hrs., Friday thru Sunday

WHERE: 2400 East Capital Street, SE, Washington DC, 20003, (RFK Stadium, Lot 8)
Take the **BLUE**, **SILVER** or **ORANGE** Metro rail to the 'Stadium-Armory' stop and it's app a ten minute walk from there. Parking is normally available at RFK stadium lot 8 for a fee. (Professional responsibility recommends using Taxi, Uber, Lyft when consuming alcohol)

WHO: The area is set up for adult law enforcement members, visitors and guests attending the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial 'Police Week' activities. While the site had a small area in 2019 that could accommodate supervised younger family members, it is highly advised that young children not attend at night, especially on 13 May 22, after the Candlelight Vigil, when the crowds reach their maximum at this site.

WHAT: Tent City is a fairly remote fenced in/gated parking lot area where app 150 tents are set up in which various vendors, law enforcement related equipment innovators and distributors offer their wares. In addition, there are law enforcement special operations exhibits along with many different purveyors of unique uniform apparel items and professional, innovative police related merchandise. Various individual(s), city and department law enforcement groups, including our own (CPD) 'Brotherhood for the Fallen' participate, offering many exclusive police related clothing items, challenge coins, and countless wares including "Police Week 2022" souvenir items. The site, sponsored by the DC FOP Lodge 1, boasts over 30,000 visitors during the 3 day NLEOM 'Police Week' event. The Lodge sponsors the beer tent and food service is also available with miscellaneous music and entertainment, with an occasional pipe band making impromptu appearances. Souvenir items are also available at the Official NLEOM Visitors Center and Gift Shop at the NLEOM Museum where gift items are emblazoned with the official Rose & Shield logo. Proceeds from this site go directly in support of the NLEOM fund and all its activities.



NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL



The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial (NLEOM) is always open and available for viewing 24 hrs. a day. The Memorial sits on three acres of federal park land in downtown DC called Judiciary Square. The Memorial grounds boast plush carpets of grass, nearly 60,000 plants and 128 trees. Each April, more than 10,000 daffodils bloom at the site, providing a burst of color. The Memorial's central plaza features an intricate paving pattern and a bronze medallion with the Memorial Fund logo: a blue shield with a red rose draped across it. Bordering the Memorial's beautifully landscaped park are the two tree-lined 'pathways to remembrance' where the names of the fallen officers are engraved. Each of the pathway entrances is adorned with a powerful statuary grouping of an adult lion protecting its cubs. The bronze statues symbolize the protective role of law enforcement officers and convey the strength, courage and valor that are hallmarks of those that serve and protect. Allow ample time to visit the NLEOM that pays tribute to over 22,000 members of law enforcement to view all the thousands of pictures, cards, notes, large and small artifacts and mementos left at the two curved 300 foot walls. While it tends to be more crowded during daytime hours, the area is accessible for late night viewing as well. Parking is limited in the area and Metro use is highly recommended and very convenient during available Metro hours. Check Metro schedule for hours. Access the **RED** Line Metro and get off at the JUDICIARY SQUARE Metro station, F Street exit and the NLEOM is right above at street level. Note that the Judiciary Square Metro station closes during certain late evening and some weekend hours. The NLEOM is located on E St at 5th St., NW.

For a 360 degree 'Virtual Tour' of The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and member search go to...

<http://support.nleomf.org/site/PageNavigator/MemorialVirtualTour.html>



NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL

ENGRAVING THE NAMES



TRIBUTES LEFT AT THE WALL



HONORING OUR FALLEN



CONRAD GARY, EDUARDO MARMOLEO

ETCHING MEMORIES

COMMANDER PAUL R BAUER

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NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MUSEUM



The National Law Enforcement Officers Museum officially opened on 13 October 2018 after nearly three years in the construction phase which followed multiple years of planning, fundraising and the collection of artifacts and law enforcement related historical items. The museum is located at 444 E St., NW which is directly across the street from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. A unique feature of the museum is that it was built entirely 'underground' across from the NLEOM. The glass pavilion enclosure (featured above) provides the architectural cover to the stairs and escalator to the lower level providing access to the museum. For an interesting three minute time lapse video of the excavation and construction of the museum with a unique overhead camera visual, visit... <https://vimeo.com/269480693>

Individual admission prices are as follows:

- Adult (13-64) - \$21.95
- Seniors (ages 65 and up) - \$19.95
- Student (13 or older with ID) - \$19.95
- LEO (active/retired) or Military (Show ID) - \$17.95
- Survivor - \$17.00 (1st Year FREE)
- Youth (ages 0-12) - (With Family Plan) FREE

Note that there is an additional charge for some Museum exhibits & features and that (non-refundable) tickets need to be **pre-purchased** for specific times and dates for entry. Advance Ticket Info: <https://lawenforcementmuseum.org/>

LATEST 2022 UPDATE:

The museum will be open during the May 2022 Police Week events, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and normally closed on Mondays. There are special group and package deals available and it is recommended that interested individuals planning on visiting during this time, review any current changes or reservation requirements by visiting their website for the latest information. Grouptours@nleomf.org (The Museum will comply with all DC Covid-19 mandates in effect at the time, including masks if so required)



EPILOGUE

The Chicago Police Department has upheld the much revered distinction of having one of the largest volunteer attendance records in Washington DC for nearly two decades. This is testament to the many individuals who sacrificed their personal time and funds over these many years to participate in this honorable tradition. To those that will join us in 2022, may the solidarity and commitment that you put forward on behalf of our profession doing "God's Work" reward you with His blessings and countless heartfelt memories in this truly humbling experience. We will always be loyal to our motto to, "Never Forget" as we uphold our commitment to all our Gold Star Families...



WE WILL NEVER LET THEM WALK ALONE



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