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TUCSON POLICE DEPARTMENT PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL SERVICE MAY 9, 2012

A total of eight officers, who dedicated their lives to serving the City of Tucson, gave the ultimate sacrifice and were killed in the line of duty. Every year, the Tucson Police Department takes a moment to both remember and honor these heroes for their dedication and service as well as for the price they paid. On the evening of **May 9, 2012**, the Tucson Police Department will host the **2012 Peace Officers Memorial Service** to honor our fallen officers. The service will begin at **7:00 p.m.** and will be held in the **Memorial Courtyard on the front lawn of the Tucson Police Headquarters located at 270 S. Stone Avenue.**

Our speakers for the evening include **Lieutenant General Robert B. Johnston, United States Marine Corps retired** and **Chief of Police Roberto Villaseñor**. The event will include the Posting of Colors by the Tucson Police Department Honor Guard, the Presentation of Roses and Wreaths as commemoration for our fallen officers, a Video Tribute to our Heroes, a Rifle Salute with Taps, and a Flyover by the Tucson Police Department Air Unit. Additionally, light refreshments will be provided for attendees immediately following the conclusion of the event.

The fallen heroes, who will be honored at the event include:

- **Officer William Elliott - July 3, 1892**
- **Officer William Katzenstein - July 26, 1902**
- **Officer Robert Cummins - September 7, 1936**
- **Officer Barry Headricks - October 28, 1974**
- **Officer James Smith - October 28, 1980**
- **Officer Jeffrey Ross - February 18, 1982**
- **Officer Patrick K. Hardesty - May 26, 2003**
- **Officer Erik D. Hite - June 2, 2008**

Please plan on joining us in attending the **2012 Peace Officers Memorial Service** to honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to our community.

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