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Orange County Participates in Police Memorial Service *Local law enforcement community honors the fallen*

Goshen, NY – Orange County recently participated in a solemn memorial service at the Orange County Law Enforcement Memorial in Goshen, organized by the Orange County Fraternal Order of Police, Jason Conklin Memorial Lodge #957, honoring the memory of Orange County law enforcement officers who have fallen in the line of duty.

“We come together tonight, as a community of police officers, a community of friends, a community of individual families, to honor our individual heroes who are etched not just in stone, but in our memories,” said Deputy County Executive James D. O’Donnell.

The Orange County Law Enforcement Memorial, donated by Tom Sullivan, president and owner of Smith, Seaman and Quackenbush in Monroe, is located just outside the main entrance of the Orange County Courthouse. It lists 24 names of the fallen, including recently added Detective John T. Young of the New York Police Department who was a resident of Highland Mills.

Detective Young was a first responder to the World Trade Center terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 and died of a lung related illness as a result of his service. His death was designated a line of duty by the NYPD, and his name was placed on the National Law Enforcement Memorial Wall in Washington, DC last year.

The families of the fallen were also joined by the President of the Fraternal Order of Police, Jason Conklin Memorial Lodge #957, Michael McGinn, Orange County Sheriff Carl E. DuBois, Orange County Commissioner of Emergency Services Walter C. Koury, Orange County Deputy Commissioner of Police Liaison Services Craig W. Cherry, in addition to the many distinguished local, state and federal law enforcement personnel.

Police Memorial Week began in 1962 when President John F. Kennedy signed a bill to designate May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Today, memorial events are held nationwide during the month of May to honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

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Deputy Orange County Executive James D. O'Donnell delivers memorial service remarks honoring the fallen at the Orange County Law Enforcement Memorial in Goshen, organized by the Orange County Fraternal Order of Police, Jason Conklin Memorial Lodge #957.



The Orange County Law Enforcement Memorial in Goshen, just outside the Orange County Courthouse, lists the names of 24 Orange County law enforcement officers who made the supreme sacrifice. During a recent memorial service, roses were left by family and law enforcement and a wreath was placed by the Fraternal Order of Police in their honor.