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January 21, 1993

The Honorable William J. Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am very pleased and proud to invite you to deliver the keynote address at the Fifth Annual National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Candlelight Vigil on Thursday, May 13th. The event will be held at the Memorial site (on F Street, between 4th and 5th Streets, NW, Washington, D.C.) and will begin at 8:00 p.m.

At last year's Vigil some 5,000 law enforcement officers from around the country, survivors of fallen officers, government leaders and other friends and supporters of the police community attended. We expect an even larger turnout this year.

The Memorial Candlelight Vigil is held during National Police Week (May 9-15, 1993) as a special tribute to all law officers, especially the more than 13,000 law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty throughout our nation's history. All of those names are engraved on the Memorial's marble walls. You might be particularly interested to know that there are 147 officers from Arkansas on the Memorial already, with three new names to be added from 1992. The U.S. Secret Service has lost 21 agents in the line of duty.

The event will be highlighted by the official unveiling of some 300 new names of fallen officers being added to the Memorial this year. The thousands in attendance will light candles honoring the fallen and we will also shine a blue laser light skyward as a special salute to the "thin blue line" of protection that our more than 500,000 active law officers continue to provide us today.

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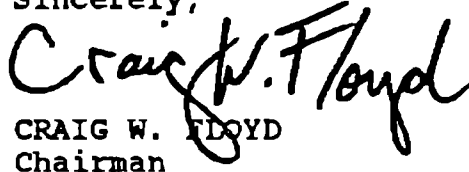
The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial was authorized by the U.S. Congress and was built solely through private donations from some one million Americans. Since its dedication in October 1991 the Memorial has become a place of comfort and healing for police survivors, a source of inspiration and renewed pride for our law enforcement officers, and a beacon of hope for the future of our country.

In fact, a message from the ancient historian Tacitus is inscribed on the Memorial's wall for departing visitors to remember. It reads, "In Valor There is Hope."

Prior to the dedication of the Memorial in October 1991, you were kind enough to send a letter (copy enclosed) congratulating us for "this fine tribute to the slain officers and their families." You closed your letter by stating that "I plan to visit this fine memorial when I'm in Washington." I can think of no better occasion for that visit than this year's Memorial Candlelight Vigil.

The law enforcement community is proud of the support you have shown them in the past and pledged for the future. It would mean a great deal to the officers and the police survivors to have you participate in the first Memorial Candlelight Vigil to be held under your watch. We would be honored to have you and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


CRAIG W. FLOYD
Chairman

Enclosure



STATE OF ARKANSAS
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Bill Clinton
Governor

October 11, 1991

National Law Enforcement Officers
Memorial Fund
c/o Craig W. Floyd, Chairman
1360 Beverly Road, Suite 305
McLean, VA 22101

Dear Friends:

I want to congratulate you on the dedication of the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial located at Judiciary Square in Washington, D.C. This is an historic occasion, and I wish to join you in your pride of this accomplishment.

The law enforcement community protects the peace and security of our citizens and must face the constant threat of physical danger. Law enforcement officers are sometimes killed while protecting our peace and security.

I am gratified by the completion of this fine tribute to the slain officers and their families.

Please know that although I will not be able to attend the dedication in person, I will be with you in spirit. I plan to visit this fine memorial when I'm in Washington.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Bill Clinton in cursive script.

Bill Clinton

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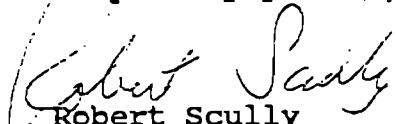
I am writing to you in my new capacity as Executive Director of the National Association of Police Organizations ("NAPO") to seek a meeting with you on behalf of NAPO's Executive Board while it is conducting its annual Board meeting in Washington, D.C. from March 14 - 16, 1993.

Sergeant-at-Arms
MARTIN McKEAN
Executive Secretary,
Ohio PBA
Berea, OH

As you will recall you and I met twice during the campaign while I served as NAPO's President, once at Pontiac, Michigan on August 20, 1992 and Romulas, Michigan on October 17, 1992, and at that time you indicated your firm commitment to the cause of improved law enforcement and crime prevention and control in America. The NAPO Board, which represents over 135,000 rank-and-file law enforcement officers in America is deeply interested in meeting with you to express our support and provide you with our views on the pressing law enforcement issues of the day.

I do hope your schedule will permit us such an opportunity.

Very truly yours,


Robert Scully
Executive Director

cc: John Podesta

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Hard to resist -
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September 12, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN PODESTA
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ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENTFROM: *AMS* DAN BURKHARDT
DIRECTOR, WHITE HOUSE GIFT UNIT

SUBJECT: BOOK INTRODUCTION FROM THE PRESIDENT

Attached is a request from Craig Floyd of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. He asks the President to contribute a brief forward for a book that will contain biographies and photographs of thousands of fallen officers as well as information regarding the Memorial.

My office has spoken with people at the Fund and has learned that the proceeds from the sale of the book will go exclusively to the upkeep of the Memorial and adding names to it.

Could you please give me your recommendations at your earliest convenience? The Fund seeks the introduction from the President by October 1, 1994.

Thanks.

Attachment

cc: Jim Dorskind

**National
Law Enforcement Officers
MEMORIAL FUND, Inc.**

September 1, 1994

**The Honorable William J. Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500**

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to request that you write an introduction to appear in a very important book we are producing on the history of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and the more than 13,500 officers who have died in the line of duty.

This book is one of the most important projects we have been involved in since the dedication of the Memorial. This hardbound edition, which will include thousands of biographies and photographs of our fallen officers, along with special stories about those officers and the monument effort, will help to share the experience of the Memorial nationwide, even to those who may not ever be able to visit Washington, D.C.

As President, you have provided steadfast support and strong leadership on behalf of our police officers. Your effective and tireless push for a comprehensive crime bill, as well as your attendance and eloquent words at the 1993 candlelight vigil at the Memorial and this year's Peace Officers Memorial Day service, are just a few good examples of your deep concern for police officers across America.

Acting with all of this in mind, we would be honored if you would provide us with a brief introduction (250-500 words) to be included in the front section of the book. Assuming this request meets with your approval, I would like to suggest that the introduction include a message of support to the law enforcement officers of America and the survivors of the fallen, as well as your thoughts on the importance of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and what it represents. In order to meet our publication deadline, we would like to receive any introduction you might honor us with by October 1.

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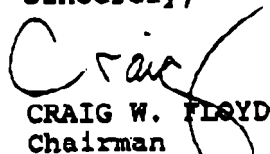
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The Honorable William J. Clinton
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September 1, 1994

I certainly do hope you will give this request favorable consideration. You have been a good friend and supporter of the Memorial effort and we feel it would be most appropriate to include a message from you in this special book. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


CRAIG W. FLOYD
Chairman

Enclosure

May 30, 1994

CRIME CONTROL DIGEST

From NLEOMF:**BOOK HONORING FALLEN
OFFICERS DEADLINE EXTENDED**

Swift progress is being made on one of the most important projects since the actual construction and dedication of the memorial, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) Commemorative History Book.

This book project, marking the 200 years since the first known line of duty death, is specifically designed to honor fallen officers and share the experience of the memorial nationwide, even to those who may not ever have the opportunity to be in Washington, D.C.

Early efforts to spread the word about the upcoming hardbound volume have resulted in nationwide participation, as hundreds of family members, fellow officers, law enforcement departments and friends of fallen officers respond with material and photographs for the book.

"The deadline for submission of material has been extended to June 30," said Keith Steele, publishing consultant with Turner Publishing Company who is helping coordinate the effort. "We are getting heartwarming responses and inquiries from every corner of the nation."

Craig Floyd, chairman of NLEOMF, stresses that any family member, fellow officer or friend of a fallen officer can supply information directly to the publisher. A brief biography (approximately 100 words) that provides the name, place and date of birth, date entered law enforcement and department served, date of death and age at death, length of service and rank attained should be submitted as well as a clear photograph of the fallen officer (if available). Every biography received by the publisher will be included in the book.

Also, special stories/experiences relating to line of duty deaths and/or the sacrifices made by law enforcement officers or their families are wanted (1,000 word limit), subject to editor's review, along with photos that relate to the special story or which relate to the history of law enforcement as a whole. All photos will

be returned after publication. This is an opportunity to tell how real lives are affected by line of duty deaths and to educate the general public about U.S. law enforcement and some of the daily sacrifices being made on behalf of the American people.

In addition to hundreds of photos, biographies, sketches and special stories, there will be contained in this volume a brief history of U.S. law enforcement, recognition of the 3,500 police departments which have lost an officer, and an up-to-date listing of the more than 13,000 names inscribed on the wall.

The book will be a hardbound, 9x12 inch (coffee-table size) volume printed on glossy, acid-free paper for longevity and superior photo reproduction. A dramatic full color photograph of the memorial will be featured on the cover and many photos of interaction with the memorial will be included inside the book.

Editor's Note: Pre-publication orders for this limited edition book are being taken now at the special price of \$39.95 (plus \$5 postage and handling). To be assured of obtaining a copy, books should be reserved now, as this commemorative book may not be available in bookstores. All materials submitted for the book, inquiries, and orders should be directed to Turner Publishing Company, P.O. Box 3101, Paducah, KY 42002-3101. Phone: 502-443-0121.

Their Own Special Place

Monument Honors Fallen Police Officers

By Linda Wheeler
Washington Post Staff Writer

Ryan Christopher Johnson Jr. held his mother's hand tightly as he followed the red, white and blue memorial wreath down the long granite walkway to the center of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial yesterday.

The wreath was for all those who have died in the line of duty since 1794. The names engraved on the Judiciary Square memorial number 12,928. Soon the name of the soft-spoken 8-year-old's father, Prince George's County Officer Ryan C. Johnson Sr., will be added to that number. Officer Johnson was killed in April during a robbery attempt.

Ryan nodded when asked questions after the brief noontime ceremony marking the end of the first year that there has been a special place downtown to honor police officers. Two words, "police officer," came out clearly when he was asked what he wants to be when he grows up.

"He has wanted to be an officer ever since his father put on that uniform," Ryan's mother, Benetta, said as she gazed down at her son. "His getting killed has only made him want it all the more."

The 50 people who gathered for the ceremony were flanked by officers from area departments who later took turns standing as honor guard by the wreath.

Craig Floyd, chairman of the memorial fund, called the engraved walls that sweep around the central pathway "a monument to hope at a time when crime and violence have left too many of us wondering about our children's future."

Floyd said 367 names were added to the memorial this year, 138 of them for those who died in 1991.

Names are added from earlier years as police departments across the country document deaths from the early days of law enforcement, Floyd said. Two of the recently added names were U.S. Customs Service Officers Ellis Drake and Asa Marsh, who were shot to death in 1808 while trying to arrest smugglers in Vermont.

Floyd said the memorial fund office has become the only central clearinghouse for the names and stories of all the officers who have died. He noted that there appears to be a declining number of police deaths in the past decade, beginning with 195 in 1980, down to 143 in 1991.

"So far this year, we have 67 new names," he said. "We hope that signals a continuing decline."

After the ceremony yesterday, Jane Wolf, whose son, Maryland State Trooper Theodore D. Wolf Sr., was shot to death in 1990, watched as a memorial volunteer took a rubbing of her son's name on a piece of thin paper.



BY KEITH JENKINS—THE WASHINGTON POST

Ryan Christopher Johnson Jr. receives a handshake from Prince George's County Police Chief David B. Mitchell as his mother looks on at ceremony.

"I just had to come today for the ceremony," she said. "Going to the cemetery is sad, but coming here makes me feel better. I feel this is representative of my son and his work."

Benetta Johnson said she is looking forward to seeing her

husband's name engraved on the wall next year along with all the other officers killed in 1992. She said she will visit the memorial often.

"It will help me to see his name," she said. "It will help me to heal."



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March 3, 1995

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The law enforcement community is proud of the support you have shown them as President, especially in getting the crime bill enacted into law last year. We were honored to have you participate in our 1993 Candlelight Vigil and we would be most appreciative if you would join us once again in paying tribute to our fallen heroes.

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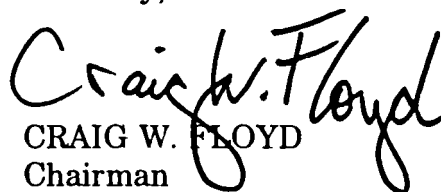
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We certainly do hope you will be able to join us and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


CRAIG W. FLOYD
Chairman

Enclosure

Number of Officers Killed in the Past 6 Years

1988 - 192

1989 - 189

1990 - 150

1991 - 138

1992 - 150

1993 - 147

774

These numbers reflect officers killed in the line of duty based on the criteria established by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

1994 thru Aug 18 (80)

Total = 854

PRELIMINARY LIST OF 1994 OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

<u>NAME OF OFFICER</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT SERVED</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
ALABAMA		
Harold G. Locke	Dothan Police Department	June 9
Gary Wayn Heath	Greenville Police Department	June 16
ARIZONA		
Patrick J. Riley	Maricopa County Sheriff's Office	March 11
CALIFORNIA		
Clarence Wayne Dean	Los Angeles Police Department	January 17
Michael Wayne Tracy	Palos Verdes Estates Police Department	February 14
Vernon Thomas Vanderpool	Palos Verdes Estates Police Department	February 14
Christy Lynne Hamilton	Los Angeles Police Department	February 22
Arnold C. Garcia	Los Angeles County Probation Department	April 4
Ted Brassinga	Palo Alto Police Department	May 15
Miguel Soto	Oakland Police Department	June 22
Richard Alan Maxwell	Kerns Highway Patrol	July 11
COLORADO		
Elizabeth Haynes	Boulder Police Department	April 16
CONNECTICUT		
William J. Snyder	City of Groton Police Department	January 16
Phillip A. Mingione	Connecticut State Police	May 25
FLORIDA		
Wesley L. Silas	FL Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Svcs	March 1
William J. Marie	Lake County Sheriff's Office	March 19
GEORGIA		
Sife Perdue	Columbus Police Department	January 5
Robert H. Smith	Long County Sheriff's Department	February 5
George Dawson	Atlanta Police Department	February 25
John E. Holbrook	Clarkston Police Department	February 25
Willie Samuel Smith	Savannah Police Department	March 11
Michael Tarone Hester	Lilburn Police Department	April 19
Charles Edward Osbourne, Jr.	Columbus Police Department	August 8
IDAHO		
Ronald Wade Feldner	New Plymouth Police Department	January 20
ILLINOIS		
Craig A. Dorwart	Morgan County Sheriff's Department	April 5
Terry J. Emerick	Illinois Commerce Commission	May 25
INDIANA		
William G. Patterson	Lake County Sheriff's Department	January 25
Phillip Hochstetler	Kosciusko County Sheriff's Department	June 29
LOUISIANA		
James Joseph Silva	Shreveport Police Department	April 10
MARYLAND		
James Edward Walch	Montgomery County Police Department	January 25
John L. Bagileo	Prince George's County Police Department	February 28
MASSACHUSETTS		

Robert J. Mortell Berisford Wayne Anderson	Paxton Police Department Boston Police Department	February 1 February 5
MICHIGAN Robin Ann Arnold Benjamin Louis Short Daniel Duyst Kenneth Woodmore	Manistee County Sheriff's Department Detroit Police Department Grand Rapids Police Department Wayne County Police Department	February 4 March 25 May 30 June/July
MINNESOTA Terry Hanson	Rice County Sheriff's Department	March 11
MISSISSIPPI Melvin Paul Brown Thomas Christopher Wilson Len Rowell	Leflore County Sheriff's Department Clinton Police Department Pearl River County Sheriff's Department	April 18 May 22 June 28
NEW JERSEY David C. Douglass Daniel Calabrese	Lower Township Police Department Winslow Township Police Department	February 18 June 12
NEW MEXICO Isaac Benjamin Martinez William Sibrava	No. Pueblos Agency/San Ildefonso P.D. Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department	April 10 May 27
NEW YORK Nicholas R. Demutiis Sean A. McDonald Jose Perez Ricky J. Parisian	New York City Police Department New York City Police Department New York City Police Department New York State Police	January 25 March 15 April 27 May 20
NORTH CAROLINA Robert Buitrago Troy Douglas Carr Jackie Lamount Daniel	Winston-Salem Police Department Dept. of Crime Control & Public Safety Division of Motor Vehicle	January 15 May 14 July 28
OHIO Ronald L. Coen Dennis Stemen Mike Lutz	Franklin County Sheriff's Office Allen Correctional Institute Muskingum County Sheriff's Department	January 27 July ? July 12
RHODE ISLAND Steven Michael Shaw	Providence Police Department	February 3
SOUTH CAROLINA Cecil Specer Guerry Randall Lamar Hester	Georgetown Police Department South Carolina Highway Patrol	March 9 April 19
TEXAS Michael Paul Roman Stephen G. Stewart Ricky Aaron Yates Daniel A. Ross Guy Paulick Gaddis Billy K. Roberts Jesse D. Moorman William I. Maldonado, II Craig Micheal Hanking	Houston Police Department Harris County Sheriff's Department Harris County Sheriff's Department TX Department of Public Safety Houston Police Department Hardin County Sheriff's Office Fort Worth Police Department San Antonio School District Police Department Arlington Police Department	January 6 January 7 January 25 January 27 January 31 March 18 March 31 May 27 August 3
UTAH		

Michael S. Welcker	Salt Lake County Sheriff's Department	February 24
Doyle R. Thome	Utah Highway Patrol	August 2
VIRGINIA		
Steven R. Rutherford	Newport News Police Department	January 12
Kenneth Earl Wallace	Hampton Police Department	February 25
Larry D. Bland	Newport News Police Department	May 13
WASHINGTON		
Antonio M. Terry	Seattle Police Department	June 6
WISCONSIN		
James Arnold Lutz	Waukesha Police Department	April 19
Jeffrey N. Sheetz	Marathon County Sheriff's Department	May 21
FEDERAL		
Robert E. Mahu, Jr.	National Park Service	January 17
David E. Sullivan	Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms	March 31
TERRITORIES		
Manuel A. Ocasio-Serrano	Puerto Rico Police Department	January 10
Christopher Figueroa-Glanville	Puerto Rico Police Department	January 10
Steven Hodge	St. Thomas Police Department (VI)	March 27

Total - 90

- * This is a preliminary listing of officers killed in the line of duty as of August 18, 1994, and is subject to change. The final list of names will be formally added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. on May 13, 1995.
- ** This officer meets the line of duty eligibility criteria established by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, but is not considered a line of duty death by Concerns of Police Survivors, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Justice Department's Public Safety Officer's Benefits Program office.

25 since May 1
15 since June 1



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THE WHITE HOUSE**Office of the Press Secretary**

For Immediate Release**May 13, 1995****STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT**

The following statement by the President will be read by the Attorney General at this evening's 7th Annual Candlelight Vigil for families and police officers assembled at the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial in Washington, D.C.

"You are gathered here tonight to honor the memory of 298 of your fellow law enforcement officers who laid down their lives to make our society more lawful and our lives more secure. In the finest tradition of America's law enforcement, every day these officers took to the streets and put the safety and well-being of other Americans above their own. By giving their lives to uphold the rule of law, these officers made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedom. They are American heroes, and I thank them and their families on behalf of a grateful nation.

"Tonight then, as you add the names of these brave men and women to the many thousands of fallen officers whose names already adorn the walls of this great memorial, let us honor the memory of all of these officers by rededicating ourselves to restoring the line between right and wrong and purging our society of the dark forces that threaten our common peace, our freedom and our way of life."

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May 8, 1995

*Peace
Officers*

Warm greetings to everyone gathered in the nation's capital for the seventh annual Candlelight Vigil of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

This year, the names of 298 police officers will be added to the Memorial. The loss of these fine men and women is a tragedy for their families, their communities, and for our entire nation. Their deaths remind us of the great risks that peace officers face every day. Their lives challenge us to rededicate ourselves to making our streets and neighborhoods secure again.

The primary responsibility of any government is keeping its citizens safe from harm. I welcome this responsibility, and I am determined to meet it. We must rebuild our families and our communities. We must rekindle our children's hope for the future. The professionalism and courage demonstrated by the heroes we honor at this Memorial inspire us to meet these crucial goals. We best pay tribute to their memory by working to uphold the ideals of justice and service that they exemplified throughout their lives.

Best wishes to all for a memorable ceremony.

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May 15, 1995

PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY AND POLICE WEEK, 1995

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Each year, we pause to remember and to honor the brave men and women whose heartfelt commitment to the law and to their fellow citizens cost them their lives. During 1994, we lost 56 law enforcement officers to on-duty accidents. Seventy-six officers -- 72 State and local police and four Federal agents -- were murdered. Thirty-three of these officers were wearing body armor when they were killed. All but one were killed with a firearm. Three were gunned down inside police headquarters in our Nation's capital.

America's law enforcement officers face extraordinary risks -- breaking up a drug ring, apprehending a fugitive, responding to an incident of domestic violence, even making a traffic stop. Since the first recorded police death in this country in 1794, more than 13,500 law enforcement officers have been killed in the line of duty. On average, more than 62,000 officers are assaulted and some 20,000 are injured each year.

Tragically, the dangers of law enforcement service are increasing. From 1960 to 1993, the number of violent crimes in America increased 567 percent. In the past 10 years, it increased 51 percent. During 1993, more than 1.9 million violent crimes -- murders, rapes, robberies, and assaults -- were reported to police. And our police responded.

Despite the rising tide of crime, good and brave men and women continue to join the ranks of law enforcement. Today, more than 600,000 sworn officers work every day to preserve the peace and improve the safety of cities and towns across America. These heroic individuals and their fallen colleagues come from many different backgrounds. But they are linked by a common faith -- that freedom is worth defending and that justice shall prevail. For those who died to uphold these ideals and for those who still stand to protect them, we salute America's law enforcement officials.

The Congress, by a joint resolution approved October 1, 1962 (76 Stat. 676), has authorized and requested the President to designate May 15 of each year as "Peace Officers Memorial Day," and the week in which it falls as "Police Week," and by Public Law 103-322 (36 U.S.C. 175) has requested that the flag be flown at half-staff on Peace Officers Memorial Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. CLINTON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim May 15, 1995, as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and May 14-20, 1995, as Police Week. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this occasion with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities. I also request the Governors of the United States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the appropriate

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officials of all units of government, to direct that the flag be flown at half-staff on Peace Officers Memorial Day on all buildings, grounds, and naval vessels throughout the United States and in all areas under its jurisdiction and control, and I invite the people of the United States to display the flag at half-staff from their homes on that day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and nineteenth.

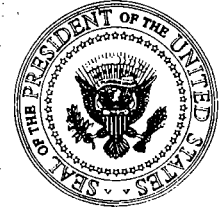
WILLIAM J. CLINTON

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DAILY POINTS

FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE

MAY 15, 1995



To: DPC Staff

"We are a free nation because we have laws to protect our freedom, and because you risk your lives to uphold our laws. The law enforcement officers of America are the guardians of democracy. But we know that you cannot do this job alone. Every American must work to guard democracy and uphold the law."

President Clinton
Monday, May 15, 1995

Fraternal Order of Police Memorial. Today in Washington, President Clinton will address the Fraternal Order of Police Memorial on the Mall to honor law enforcement officials who have died in the line of duty.

Preserving the Gains We Made in Last Year's Crime Bill. At the Memorial, the President will restate his pledge to stand by crime-fighting legislation that law enforcement helped us achieve last year:

- The crime bill's provision to put 100,000 police on the street'
- The assault weapons ban and the Brady Law.

"I made a commitment, a promise to put 100,000 more police on our streets. And I intend to keep that promise. Anyone on Capitol Hill who wants to play partisan politics with police officers for America should listen carefully: I will veto any effort to repeal or undermine the 100,000 police commitment, period."

President Clinton
February 11, 1995

The President's anti-terrorism legislation includes provisions to:

- Hire 1,000 agents, prosecutors and other federal law enforcement personnel to investigate and prosecute terrorist activity.
- Make it a federal crime to use any form of chemical weapons.
- Require a 10-year minimum penalty for people convicted of transferring firearms or explosives, knowing the person would use the devices in a crime of violence.
- Require that microscopic particles be put into the raw materials used in making bombs to make it easier to trace the explosive devices after detonation.
- Allow warrants for a wider range of electronic surveillance to catch terrorists.

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All Americans Have a Role in the Fight Against Violence. The President will make clear that all Americans must exercise their responsibility in the fight against violence.

"The place to start is in the home. Parents must teach children that there is a clear, stark difference between right and wrong. They must teach children that people who cross the line are punished. Actions have consequences. People in America who break the law, will be punished. And people who intentionally hurt someone else, will be punished severely."

President Clinton
Monday, May 15, 1995

Demanding New Tools to Fight Terrorism. The events in Oklahoma City last month make it abundantly clear we have a responsibility to strengthen law enforcement and sharpen our ability to crack down on terrorism, wherever it comes from, at home or abroad. The President sent Congress legislation that will do exactly that. It will also help us overcome the technological hurdles of fighting terrorism in the modern age.

Congress has promised to have that bill on the President's desk by Memorial Day. That would be a fitting way to honor the memory of the victims in Oklahoma City and the police officers we remember at the Memorial. Today, the President will call on Congress to meet its commitment and not to let politics interfere.

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May 15, 1995

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT 14TH ANNUAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL SERVICE

West Front of Capitol Grounds

12:49 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. Thank you, Dewey Stokes, for your kind introduction, for your stirring call to continued vigilance in the cause of law enforcement, and for your eight years of fine leadership of the FOP. I have enjoyed working with you, and I know that I speak for all law enforcement and, indeed, all Americans who know anything about what has been done in this town in the last eight years to fight for more sensible and more peaceful laws for our people, when I thank you for eight years of service and congratulate you on what you have done.

Thank you, Karen Lippe, for what you said. Attorney General Reno; Secretary Rubin; Senator Biden; Congressman Lightfoot; -- I see Senator Thurmond and Congressman Ramstad out in the audience -- there may be others; members of the law enforcement community in the United States and their family members; and most especially to the fine families whom we honor here today for the awful losses they have sustained.

I am proud to be with you here today to honor the 157 men and women who died for their country, for law, for order, for peace and freedom last year. They will be long be remembered for their service to our communities, to their families and to the nation. They were in every sense American heroes.

Just before I came out here I had the privilege of meeting with the family of Hank Daly, who was gunned down in Washington last November by a man who brought an assault weapon to the station house. To the Daly family and to all the families who are here, I say a profound thank you.

Today we pay tribute not only to those who died but to the families and friends who lost them, and to the fellow officers who carry on the work that they did. We are here as well to carry on that work, to ensure that we live in a nation that is safe, just and free.

Freedom has endured in this country for more than 200 years now because we have always recognized that we cannot have liberty without responsibility. If we are going to preserve the enormous freedoms we have in America -- the freedom to speak, the freedom to assemble, to freedom to bear arms -- then all Americans must join in and join you and recognize that we cannot preserve the freedoms without responsibility. (Applause.)

If we aren't safe in our homes at night, if our children aren't safe as they go to and from school, if our parents and grandparents are afraid to leave their apartments, if our shopkeepers are afraid to go to work and stay there, if our police officers have to live in mortal fear every single day, then to that extent, my fellow Americans, we are not free. And it is not enough for citizens to say fighting crime is the government's job, and as long as I'm not violating the law, I have utterly no responsibility to help; I'll

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oppose any reasonable law enforcement measure I don't like; I will go about my business; I have no responsibility. Neither it is enough for people in government to say, we've gone so far, we can't go any further; until our people, our culture, our values change, we'll just be too lawless and too violent.

My friends, violence in America can not pose a choice between individual responsibility and social responsibility. The level of violence and crime, the death we mourn and honor today demands more of both.

Government's first responsibility is law and order -- to prevent crime, to punish criminals, to give you in law enforcement the tools you need to do both. That is why I was proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with you last year to pass the crime bill, and the Brady Bill before it. The FOP and every major organization of law enforcement in our country supported and fought for those measures.

The crime bill, as Dewey said, will put 100,000 more police officers on our streets, prevent crime and toughen sentences. And it will make clear, as Dewey called for, that anyone who murders a law enforcement officer from now on will face the death penalty. (Applause.)

Police officers like you engaged in community policing are the single best way to fight crime and to prevent it. I will not stand for any attempt to undermine our common efforts to put 100,000 more police officers on the street. I will not allow you to be outnumbered or to be outgunned. The Brady Bill was the right thing to do. And it is saving lives in America today. The people who are against you and would not support you were wrong. We have evidence, you were right, and we must stand with you. (Applause.)

And you asked us to ban deadly assault weapons for a reason. You were tired of seeing criminals like drug dealers use weapons of war to gun down police officers on our streets. We did that in a bill which also protected hundreds of sporting and hunting weapons. And because of the ban on assault weapons, every year from now on there will be fewer names on the memorial not far from here. (Applause.)

We have also done a great deal to increase the partnership between national law enforcement and those at the state and local level. For that I thank the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Treasury. I thank the Directors of the Secret Service and Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms who are here; and the FBI Director, and all who have worked so hard so that we could do our part to help you to keep America safer.

But the guts of what we did was in the crime bill, the Brady Bill, and the assault weapons ban. So when the NRA holds its annual meeting later this week, I want them to know they can pressure Congress all they want to try to repeal the assault weapons ban, but as long as I am President that ban will be the law of our land. (Applause.)

I also agree with the fine letter that President Bush wrote just a few days ago. Law enforcement officers in this country deserve our respect and support. No one has the right to run them down or to suggest that somehow it is all right for them to be put in harm's way. That is not the American way, and anybody who does it ought to be ashamed of themselves. (Applause.)

You never walk away from your responsibility. And your country is not about to walk away from you. If you're going to do your job on the streets, we all have to do a better job, not just here in government, but as citizens and parents. We have to do a

better job knowing that we are raising children who understand that actions have consequences, who know the difference between right and wrong, who understand that they need to be part of a country and a community that looks out for them and gives them people to look up to, like all of you and all the men and women we honor today.

The tragic bombing in Oklahoma City last month first unmasked the evil that humans are capable of. But the incredible response of the brave people of Oklahoma City and those who came from all over America to lend a hand also shows us that in this country of ours, in the end, good can prevail.

Eight federal law enforcement officials died in the line of duty in the Oklahoma City bombing. One of them, Al Whicher, a Secret Service agent, who served on my security detail, and President Bush's, had just recently moved to Oklahoma City, where we all thought he and his family would have a more regular and more relaxed life.

I will never forget the look I saw this morning in Mrs. Daly's face when she said, I knew my husband was going to be in law enforcement, and I was proud of that, but I never expected this to happen to us. As I look across this sea of people wearing their corsages today, I'm sure that you never expected it to happen to you.

Let me say, first of all, to you that I know this is a painful day for you. And I applaud your personal courage in enduring the pain to be here. But you have set an example for your country by being willing to be here. You have let America see you. And as long as America sees you, we will not be able to forget what our duty is to those whom you loved and all others who do that work. Thank for your courage for being here. (Applause.)

Here in Washington our duty is to bring the terrorists who committed the horrible act in Oklahoma City to justice. And we will do that. And we must do everything in our power to make sure such a tragedy never happens again. Because open societies all over the world are now more vulnerable to the organized forces of destruction and evil, whether they rise up from within our country or come here from without, we must do what we can to ensure that law enforcement has the tools to deal with this profound threat to our security and our way of life. I have sent Congress legislation that will do exactly that.

Last month in the wake of the Oklahoma City tragedy, congressional leaders promised that I would have the antiterrorism legislation on my desk by Memorial Day. Since then we have seen disturbing signs of the old politics of diversion and delay. This plays into the hands of those who would blame the law enforcement officers who keep the law, rather than the criminals who break it. We make a grave mistake in this country, my fellow Americans, when we confuse responsibility in that way. And we must not tolerate it.

Come Friday, a month will have passed since the Oklahoma City bombing. Congress must act and act quickly. It would be a good way to honor the victims of Oklahoma City and the police officers we honor today if the Congress would say, this is not a political issue, this is an American issue. We're going into the next century with the tools to fight the kind of outrage we endured in Oklahoma City. And we are going to do it without delay. (Applause.)

My fellow Americans, we can win the fight against terrorism and we can lower the crime rate in America. We can reduce the number of law enforcement officers we have to honor here every year. And we can reduce the number of innocent citizens who are killed, the number of innocent children who are deprived of the chance even to grow up. We can do this if we will stand shoulder to shoulder, citizens and law enforcement, and do what we know works to lower the crime rate, catch criminals and punish them appropriately.

If every law-abiding citizen will raise a voice against crime and violence, that is the beginning of wisdom and progress.

So I ask you all today, never forget that the overwhelming majority of people in this country honor you, value you, care for your welfare and the welfare of your families. But never forget, until our job is done we must live with the burning reminder of the heartbreak of the families here today, and we must do our duty. No turning back. And we must not let any group in this country say that they don't have responsibility for improved law enforcement and a lower crime rate, that they don't have a responsibility to help, that they can ignore what you know works to save lives and build a better future.

You can be very proud of the progress which has been made in the last couple of years, not just here in Washington with the crime bill, the assault weapons ban and the Brady law, but on your streets -- on your streets, where in place after place the crime rate is declining. But we are a long way from home.

The happiest day in the lives of people in law enforcement will be the day when we can come here and have not one single solitary heartbroken family to honor. (Applause.)

Thank you, and God bless you all. (Applause.)

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THE FOURTEEN ANNUAL NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL SERVICE
Roll Call of Heroes 1994

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Charles Farquhar	Farquhar State Cattle Ranch	10-23
Gary Heath	Greenville Police Department	06-14
Thomas Robert Lewis	Madison County Sheriff's Dept.	11-01
Coy Smith	Alabama Department of Transportation	06-28
James Russell Ward	Montgomery Police Department	10-03
ALASKA		
Robert Lee Bittick	Alaska State Troopers	10-11
Claude Swackhammer	Alaska State Troopers	10-11
ARIZONA		
Estevan Escobedo	Arizona Game & Fish Department	01-04
Steven Pollard	Mesa Police Department	11-27
Patrick Riley	Maricopa County Sheriff's Dept.	03-11
Patrick Thompson	Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office	09-02
CALIFORNIA		
Theodore Brassinga	Palo Alto Police Department	05-15
Clarence Dean	Los Angeles Police Department	01-17
Arnold Garcia	Los Angeles County Probation & Parole	04-04
James Guelff	San Francisco Police Department	11-14
Christy Lynne Hamilton	Los Angeles Police Department	02-22
Charles Dean Heim	Los Angeles Police Department	10-22
William Lehn	Fresno Police Department	06-21
John P. Madison	State of California	09-11

Richard Alan Maxwell	California Highway Patrol	07-11
Michael Anthony Osornio	La Habra Police Department	10-31
Miguel Soto	Oakland Police Department	06-22
Michael Wayne Tracy	Palos Verdes Police Department	02-14
V. Thomas Vanderpool	Palo Verdes Police Department	02-14
Thomas Benton Worley	Los Angeles Co. Safety Police Department	12-21
COLORADO		
Roger David Coursey	Hinsdale County Sheriff's Department	11-18
Beth Haynes	Boulder Police Department	04-16
Marc Allen Perse	Colorado Department of Corrections	08-15
CONNECTICUT		
Phillip Mingione	Connecticut State Police	05-25
William Snyder, Sr.	Groton Police Department	01-16
DELAWARE		
Robert H. Bell **	Delaware State Police	09-07
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		
Henry Daly	Metropolitan Police Department	11-22
FLORIDA		
Troy Michael Babin	Osceola Sheriff's Department	11-12
David Brower	City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department	12-29
William J. Marie	Lake County Sheriff's Department	03-19
Wesley Lee Silas	Florida Department of Agriculture	03-01
GEORGIA		
George Dawson	Atlanta Police Department	02-25
Edward Roe Evans	Jackson County Sheriff's Department	11-04
Michael Torrone Hester	Lilburn Police Department	04-19
John Holbrook	Clarkston Police Department	02-25
Gregg P. Howard	Floyd County Police Department	12-16

Charles E. Osborne, Jr.	Columbus Police Department	08-08
Sife Perdue	Columbus Police Department	01-05
Wyley Hart Shepherd	Atlanta Police Department	01-14
Willie Samuel Smith	Savannah Police Department	03-10
IDAHO		
Ronald Wade Feldner	New Plymouth Police Department	01-20
ILLINOIS		
Craig Dorwart	Morgan County Sheriff's Department	04-05
Terry Jay Emerick	Illinois Commerce Commission	05-25
Timothy Alan Simenson	Crest Hill Police Department	09-28
INDIANA		
Phillip Curry	Indiana State Prison	12-13
Phillip Hochstetler, Jr.	Kosciusko County Sheriff's Department	06-29
William Patterson	Lake County Sheriff's Department	01-25
LOUISIANA		
James J. Silva	Shreveport Police Department	04-10
MAINE		
Jeffrey S. Parola	Maine State Police	11-13
MARYLAND		
John Louis Bagileo	Prince George's County Police Department	02-28
James E. Walch	Montgomery County Police Department	01-25
MASSACHUSETTS		
Berisford W. Anderson	Boston Police Department	02-05
Mark Steven Charbonnier	Massachusetts State Police	09-02
Thomas J. Giunta	Fall River Police Department	08-24
Robert J. Mortell	Paxton Police Department	02-01
Davidson Whiting	Massachusetts State Police	08-18
MICHIGAN		
Robin Ann Arnold	Manistee County Sheriff's Department	02-04

Daniel F. Duyst	Grand Rapids Police Department	05-30
Byron Scott Egelski	Michigan State Police	07-11
Manuel H. Fields	Michigan State Police	08-27
Scott Anthony Flahive	Grand Haven Department of Public Safety	12-13
Bruce VanPopering	East Grand Rapids Department of Public Safety	07-17
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MINNESOTA		
Timothy James Jones	St. Paul Police Department	08-26
Ronald M. Ryan, Jr.	St. Paul Police Department	08-26
MISSISSIPPI		
Melvin P. Brown, Jr.	Leflore County Sheriff's Department	04-18
Len Jered Rowell	Pearl River County Sheriff's Department	06-28
John R. Sandifer	Jackson Police Department	09-17
Thomas Christian Wilson	Clinton Police Department	05-22
MISSOURI		
Roy L. Bassett	Maries County Sheriff's Department	09-23
Fred Feuser, Jr.	Camden County Sheriff's Department	12-07
William M. Lark	Holt County Sheriff's Department	11-08
Todd Meriwether	St. Louis Metro Police Department	09-11
Jerry Von Wingo, Jr.	Portageville Police Department	08-18
MONTANA		
Shane Chadwick	Great Falls Police Department	09-07
NEW HAMPSHIRE		
James S. Noyes	New Hampshire Police Department	10-03
NEW JERSEY		
Daniel J. Calabrese, Jr.	Winslow Township Police Department	06-12
David C. Douglass, Sr.	Lower Township Police Department	02-18
John Laughery **	Jersey City Police Department	11-24
NEW MEXICO		

William H. Sibrava	Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department	05-27
NEW YORK		
Raymond Cannon, Jr.	New York City Police Department	12-02
Millagros T. Johnson **	New York City Police Department	
Sean A. McDonald	New York City Police Department	03-15
Ricky J. Parisian	New York State Police	05-20
Jose A. Perez	New York City Police Department	04-27
John Joseph Venus	Suffolk County Police Department	11-20
NORTH CAROLINA		
Robert Buitrago	Winson Salem Police Department	01-15
Troy Douglas Carr	North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Division	05-14
Jackie Daniel	North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles	07-28
Gregory Hawks	Guilford County Sheriff's Department	09-02
William R. Thomas	North Carolina Administrative Office of the Court	06-13
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Michael Brown	Garfield Heights Police Department	12-08
Ronald L. Coen	Franklin County Sheriff's Department	01-27
Dennis N. Glivar	Garfield Heights Police Department	08-14
George Knaff	Akron Police Department	11-05
Michael J. Lutz	Muskingum County Sheriff's Department	07-12
Robert A. Stefanov	Garfield Heights Police Department	12-08
Dennis Lee Stemen	Allen Correctional Institution	07-05
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Lori Dean Thomas	Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Law Enforcement Commission	10-23
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Louis Steven Perrine	Powder River Correctional Facility	11-17
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Willis J. Cole	New Cumberland Police Department	08-19
Joseph Charles Friel	Philadelphia Police Department	12-04
RHODE ISLAND		
Steven M. Shaw	Providence Police Department	02-03
SOUTH CAROLINA		
C. Spencer Guerry	Georgetown Police Department	03-09
Randall L. Hester	South Carolina Highway Patrol	04-19
TENNESSEE		
Robert Scott Miller	Cocke County Sheriff's Department	10-11
TEXAS		
Thomas Dale Bond	Dallas Police Department	12-13
Guy Patrick Gaddis	Houston Police Department	01-31
Craig Michael Hanking	Arlington Police Department	08-03
David M. Healy	Houston Police Department	11-12
Troy Hogue	Texas Department of Public Safety	12-30
William I. Maldonado III	San Antonio School District Police Department	05-27
Paul Mathew Pytel	San Antonio Parks and Recreation	07-31
Billy Keith Roberts	Hardin County Sheriff's Department	03-18
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Randy Kenneth Ingram	Utah Department of Public Safety	10-05
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298 New Names Being Added to Memorial 1994 Police Fatalities Highest in Five Years

In what has become a solemn Spring ritual, stone carvers will be adding 298 new names to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this year. Those names will be officially dedicated at our May 13th candlelight vigil, which is held each year in honor of all of America's fallen officers (see page 2).

Among the officers to be added to the Memorial this year are 157 who lost their lives in 1994, and 141 who died in the line of duty in earlier years but were only recently discovered by Memorial researchers. Nine of those earlier deaths occurred in the 1800s.

The 157 police fatalities reported for 1994 represents a 6.8 percent increase over 1993, when 147 officers died in the line of duty. More officers were killed in 1994 than in any year since 1989. The deadliest year in law enforcement history occurred in 1974, when 268 officers lost their lives.

Adding to the risks our law enforcement officers face is the fact that there are more than 66,000 assaults against police officers each year, resulting in some 24,000 injuries, based on the

latest figures compiled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). On average, one out of every nine officers is assaulted in our country each year, one out of every 25 officers is injured and one out of every 4,000 officers is killed in the line of duty.

Of the 157 officers who died in 1994, 79 were killed by felonious assault (75 by firearms), and 78 died from accidental causes while on duty, such as aircraft and automobile crashes. The figures would have been much worse if not for bullet-resistant vests. According to the DuPont Company, more than 150 police lives were saved last year by the soft body armor those officers wore.

The numbers clearly show that the single most important thing an officer can do to protect himself or herself is to wear a bullet-resistant vest. Tragically, though, the FBI reports that fewer than half of all officers feloniously killed last year were wearing their vests.

California had more law enforcement fatalities than any other state during 1994, with 14 deaths. Texas had the second highest death total with 13, followed by Georgia with nine, Michigan and Ohio with seven, and Missouri and Virginia with six each. There were 13 federal law enforcement officers who were killed last year.

On average, the officers who died during 1994 were 37 years old and had served for nine years. Six of the officers killed were women. In one bit of favorable news, the number of police officers killed by drunk drivers dropped from 16 in 1993 to six in 1994.

The 298 new names being engraved this year bring the total number of names added to the Memorial since it was dedicated in 1991 to 1,293. Throughout history, there have been nearly 14,000 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty, dating back to the first known death in 1794.



Officers pay respects to fallen comrades at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

Candlelight Vigil on May 13th. See page 2 for complete details on National Police Week activities.

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Murders of Policemen on Duty Rose in 1994

WASHINGTON (AP) Seventy-six on-duty law enforcement officers were murdered in 1994, including 33 who were wearing body armor, the FBI reported Sunday.

The total was six more than in 1993. Six were slain with their own weapons, and all but one were killed with a firearm.

Sixteen officers were slain attempting to prevent robberies or catch robbery suspects; nine were attempting arrests for earlier crimes; three were investigating drug cases, and three were trying to catch burglary suspects. Fifteen were investigating suspicious people or circumstances; nine enforcing traffic laws; eight answering disturbance calls; seven in ambushes; four were killed while handling mentally deranged people and two while handling prisoners.

The South had the largest number of victims, 24, followed by the West with 18, the Midwest with 16, the Northeast with 11, Puerto Rico with six and Virgin Islands with one.

The dead included four federal agents: two from the FBI, and one each from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Sixty-nine of the killings have been solved.

An additional 56 officers were killed in on-duty accidents, three fewer than the previous year.

The statistics are from preliminary reports by local police departments to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports program. Final figures are due about Aug. 31.

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Thirty-three officers were wearing body armor when killed. Six were slain with their own weapons, and all but one were killed with a firearm.

``These grave losses show again the great need to find more effective ways to protect law enforcement officers,' said FBI Director Louis J. Freeh. ``It is another wrenching example of the nation's lack of progress in the fight against crime.''

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FBI officials could not immediately identify the weapon used against the lone officer not killed by a firearm.

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Wounded FBI Agent Calls for Sterner Justice at Police Memorial

WASHINGTON (AP) A young FBI agent critically wounded in a shootout last year condemned America's ``failed criminal justice system'' at a candlelight vigil to open National Police Week.

In a dramatic address before about 8,000 people at the National Law Enforcement Memorial, Agent John Kuchta said it was time to ``stop basing our criminal justice policies on the excuses for criminal behavior and start focusing on the consequences.''

Kuchta, 32, was shot five times by a gunman who opened fire in District of Columbia police headquarters on Nov. 22. Two fellow agents and a D.C. homicide detective were killed before the gunman fatally shot himself.

With Attorney General Janet Reno, police officers from across the nation and survivors of slain law enforcement officials looking on, Kuchta said his three comrades would be alive today ``had it not been for a failed criminal justice system'' that provides early release for violent criminals.

Kuchta vowed while he was recovering from his wounds that he would spread the message that ``we as Americans have had enough'' with leniency toward criminals.

Nearly 75 percent of convicted criminals are given suspended sentences, probation or another alternative, Kuchta said. An average life sentence in a state court amounts to seven years in jail.

``Let us go back to our communities ... with the challenge of agent Kuchta ringing in our ears,''' Reno said. ``Let us make sure we bring peace to this land.''

Reno read a message from President Clinton which urged ``rededicating ourselves to restoring the line between right and wrong, and purging our society of the dark forces'' threatening American peace and freedom.

At Saturday night's vigil, a laser beam symbolizing ``the thin blue line'' of law enforcement which stands between the public and law breakers cut across the sky. Bagpipes played and police officers sang memorial hymns.

And 298 names were added to the gray stone walls of the memorial, bringing the total number of peace officers slain in the line of duty who are remembered there to 13,814.

The 298 new names included 157 who perished in 1994 and 141 deaths disclosed in research covering earlier years, including nine in the 1800s.

Visitors returned Sunday to locate names and leave flowers, notes and other mementos at the granite memorial near the capital's criminal courts and police headquarters.

Public buildings throughout the country planned to fly flags at half-staff Monday in honor of the fallen on Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Since the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma, some advocacy groups and public officials have blamed law enforcement officers for the resentment held in some parts of the country toward the federal government.

Craig W. Floyd, chairman of the memorial fund, said that criminal assaults on officers are part of the job, but not ``the vicious mean-spirited attacks our officers have been forced to endure in recent months.''

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CLINTON HONORS DEAD OFFICERS

In an emotional ceremony honoring law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty this year, President Clinton last night called for an increase in the number of police officers on the streets and congressional passage of the so-called Brady bill, which would mandate background checks and waiting periods for handgun purchases. Clinton was greeted with polite but sparse applause as he arrived at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial at Judiciary Square, where the names of 13,000 officers from across the country are inscribed in a blue-gray marble wall. "Very few Americans are more grateful to law enforcement than I," Clinton told an audience of several hundred as he thanked the Arkansas State Police and the Secret Service for protecting him and his family during his years in public office. Above, Howard County police Officers Jeff Fox, left, and Jacob Bell take part in the lighting of candles to honor the dead officers. At right, Clinton and Kathleen A. Young, of Concerns of Police Survivors, light a candle in memory of officers. Before leaving, Clinton laid a red rose on the memorial wall while a single police officer delivered a haunting bagpipe rendition of "Amazing Grace." U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno also took part.



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