



The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund coordinates activities for “National Police Week” in Washington, DC. This week-long reflection on those police officers who have fallen in the line of duty happens the second week of May each year. During 2014, 116 police officers nation-wide died in the line of duty. <http://www.nleomf.org/programs/policeweek/>

A great many people would like to participate in these activities but can't because of the time and expense of traveling to Washington DC.



Square Deal Committee, Inc., <http://sq-deal.com>

Square Deal Committee Inc., is actively soliciting the support of local civics, precinct councils and other positive police support groups to hold a voluntary moment of silence (Candlelight Vigil) on May 13th, 2015 between 8:30-9 PM in front of their local precinct station house. Whether you live in NYC, Long Island, upstate NY we are asking everyone to participate. You can bring your own flashlight or in advance you can purchase a blue LED candle from us for two dollars. We are asking those participating to use social media on May 13th and post pictures and videos of their event at their local police precinct. Assemble with friends, family, wear something blue, stand in unity and acknowledge the sacrifice our police officers have given for our safety and security.

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HOW TO BUILD YOUR OWN POLICE VIGIL NY AND BEYOND

Follow these steps:

Step 1: Identify initial volunteers, participants for May 13th, 2015

Step 2: Communicate with Police Community Affairs Officer/Precinct Council

Step 3: Hold your Vigil 830-930PM

How do I build my own police vigil? Get organized with a couple of volunteers including yourself. It's okay to start small this year and build to a larger group in the years to come. Communication with the precinct and potential participants is important. This is an all-volunteer effort. Go to your local police precinct and make an appointment with your local precinct community affairs officer.

When you see your local community affairs officer advise him or her that on May 13th 2015 830-9PM you would like to hold a silent police vigil in front of your station house in honor of the police officers killed in the line of duty during the previous year. Advise the officer that you would like work with the precinct council leaders if they are willing. Advise the officer you would like to determine if they have an interest in joining you on the night of the vigil. Give the community affairs officer your name and contact information for the precinct council representative to contact you.

Whether or not the precinct council personnel want to get involved you should still be able to hold your vigil at the station house outside. Gather your group at 830PM, greet the participants and turn your flashlight or LED candle on at dark. Ask those with you to observe a moment of silence in recognition of those police officers who have died in the line of duty for 2014. If anyone wants to say a few words in recognition of this ultimate sacrifice it's up to your group to allow it or not. But no one person should speak for longer than two minutes. By nine PM or shortly thereafter you should be wrapping things up and thanking all for their participation and that you hope to see and hear from them next year as well.

That's it. Any questions, call me at 1-347.946.1931 or email me at: jconcannon@joe4ny.org.

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