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National Peace Officers Memorial Day

Today, we reflect and honor fallen law enforcement personnel and their families throughout the United States.

According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, on average, one law enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty somewhere in the United States every 58 hours. Since the first known line-of-duty death in 1791, more than 20,000 U.S. law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice.

This number includes 773 officers from Ohio whose names appear on the National Law Enforcement Memorial. This number also includes James Burns, an agent with the then Ohio Department of Liquor Control. His name was added to the wall in 1991. On November 7, 1964, Agent Burns was shot to death as he attempted to arrest a suspect in an illegal liquor sales establishment in Xenia. He served for 17 years.

Agent Burns and all the fallen officers, have given the ultimate sacrifice to protect and serve. Please remember them and their families today.