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**Seminole County Sheriff's Office to hold Annual Memorial Service tomorrow**

SEMINOLE CO. (May 17, 2017) - The Seminole County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) invites members of the community and the media to join us for our Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony honoring SCSO deputies who made the ultimate sacrifice. In 2016, 125 law enforcement officers were killed nationwide. Annually, law enforcement agencies across the country recognize the second week in May to remember those who have died in the line of duty.

**The ceremony will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 18, at the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, located at 100 Eslinger Way, in Sanford. Attendees should please enter on Eslinger Way and make a right into the second parking entrance (on the West side).**

The ceremony will include remarks by Sheriff Dennis Lemma and Gary Miller, brother of SCSO fallen Deputy Matt Miller. Family members and descendants of our six fallen officers will participate in a rose ceremony at the memorial monument. The event will also include a three-volley salute and flyover.

"Tomorrow's ceremony recognizes and honors all of our law enforcement officers and specifically our deputies in Seminole County who made the ultimate sacrifice for the safety and well-being of our community," stated Sheriff Dennis Lemma.

SCSO has lost six deputies in the line of duty. In 1922, Deputy Cleveland Jacobs was shot while trying to arrest a man for theft. In 1975, Deputy Robert Moore died as he saved inmates from a fire in the jail. Two years later, Deputy George Pfeil was mortally wounded when he interrupted an armed robbery at a pharmacy. Deputy Hugh Thomas lost his life in 1989 when he was shot responding to a prowler call. Deputy Eugene Gregory made the ultimate sacrifice in 1998 after being assaulted by a mentally ill person. In 2011, Deputy Matt Miller lost his life in a traffic accident when another vehicle pulled in front of his motorcycle, fatally injuring him. For more information on SCSO's fallen officers, visit: [www.seminolesheriff.org](http://www.seminolesheriff.org).

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