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Seattle and Lakewood Police tragedies:

A Moment of Reflection

A massive flurry of activity follows in the aftermath of a public service tragedy involving victim family care, continuing investigative work, support for the agency of loss and community grieving.

Thankfully, it will always be so. It can never be less.

Within the past five weeks two separate incidents have claimed the lives of five of our colleagues in the law enforcement profession: one Seattle Police officer and four officers from the Lakewood Police Department.

Community concern often includes calls, e-mail and written notes received at my office from the breadth of the West Sound region. They contain a similar refrain: *"What can we do?"*

Rear Adm. James Symonds, Commander, Navy Region Northwest (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon & Washington), asked about demonstrating the Navy's support for our fallen officers. The admiral suggested a moment of silence by uniformed and civilian personnel of the U. S. Armed Forces stationed in the region.

I concur, but further propose that an invitation be extended to the President of the United States and everyone across the country, to join together in a simple *Moment of Reflection* in recognition of the ultimate sacrifice of these five officers.

This one simple act allows an opportunity for all persons to demonstrate a spirit of unity and compassion. The *Moment of Reflection* would occur at 1:00 p.m. (PST), Tuesday, Dec. 8. This moment would coincide with the start of the public memorial service in Tacoma that will honor the lives and service of the four Lakewood Police officers.

Please remember them.

Stephen A. Boyer
Kitsap County Sheriff

"Their duty was to serve. Our duty is to remember."
-- Washington State Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation

The fallen officers:

- **Seattle Police Officer Timothy Brenton, end of watch: Oct. 31.**
- **Lakewood Police Officer Tina Griswold, end of watch: Nov. 29.**
- **Lakewood Police Officer Ronald Owens, end of watch: Nov. 29.**
- **Lakewood Police Sgt. Mark Renninger, end of watch: Nov. 29.**
- **Lakewood Police Officer Greg Richards, end of watch: Nov. 29.**

Note: A public memorial service for Seattle Police Officer Timothy Brenton was held Nov. 6 at the Key Arena in Seattle.

Links:

WA State Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation: <http://wslemf.org/>

The National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund: <http://www.nleomf.org/>

Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc.: <http://www.nationalcops.org/>

WA State Concerns of Police Survivors: <http://www.wastatecops.org/>

The Officer Down Memorial Page, Inc.: <http://www.odmp.org/>

WA State Law Enforcement Association: <http://www.wslea.org/>