



State of New Mexico

Department of Public Safety

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Police Officers' Memorial Service

Santa Fe—A memorial service honoring police officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice will be held on Wednesday May 21st at the Law Enforcement Academy in Santa Fe.

The names of four officers to be added to the wall:

New Mexico State Police Officer Christopher Mirabal – On June 13, 2007, Officer Mirabal was killed in the line of duty while on patrol in Alamogordo on his motorcycle.

Rio Rancho Police Officer Germaine Casey – On August 27, 2007, lost his life in the line of duty escorting the presidential motorcade when he lost control of his motorcycle and was killed.

The following two officers for unknown reasons had been overlooked and they will now be placed on the Memorial Wall.

Eunice Police Officer Leonard E. Daniel – On January 27, 1953 Officer Daniel died from a heart ailment following a scuffle with a man whom he was trying to arrest in downtown Eunice. The Coroner's report depicts that he came to his death by coronary occlusion, brought about reason of over exertion and excitement from attempting to make an arrest in the line of duty.

Gallup Police Sergeant Barney Montoya – On September 4, 1977 Sergeant Montoya had stayed past his normal shift to assist a fellow officer with an unruly intoxicated person. Sergeant Montoya left the police department and a short time later his vehicle was struck by a drunk driver that had disregarded a posted stop sign. Sergeant

Montoya left behind two sons, Scott age four, and Daniel age seven. Scott is now a Sergeant with the Gallup Police Department and Daniel is a Deputy with the McKinley County Sheriff's Department.

May 21, 2008

10:00 am

New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy

DPS Headquarters,

4491 Cerrillos Rd.

Santa Fe, New Mexico

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