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Sumter Plans Events to Commemorate National Police Week

SUMTER, SC – May 1, 2013 – The City of Sumter is joining communities across the U.S. during National Police Week—May 12-18—to honor and remember law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice, as well as the family members, friends and fellow officers left behind.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day. The week in which that day falls is also known as Police Week.

Sumter, like tens of thousands of law enforcement agencies across the nation, is hosting a number of charity events, including:

- Monday, May 13th National Police Week Golf Tournament
- Friday, May 17th Memorial Blood Drive
- Saturday, May 18th Hot Pursuit 5K

Since the first known line-of-duty death in 1791, more than 19,000 US law enforcement officers have fallen during service to citizens, according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. This number includes more than 300 officers who have given their lives while protecting South Carolina residents.

The Sumter Police Department would like to invite and encourage the public to attend and share in the events scheduled for National Police Week.

Police Chief Russell Roark also invites you to honor the fallen officers by obeying all laws, showing a random act of kindness to someone this week, thanking a law enforcement officer for his or her service, and keeping them and their families in prayer.

For more information on the events scheduled for the 2013 National Police Week, visit the Sumter Police Department's website at www.sumterpd.com.

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