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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Police Officers Memorial   **Date: 5/7/07**

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Summary:
On October 1, 1962 President John F. Kennedy declared May 15 as National Peace Officer Memorial Day and the week containing May 15 as National Police Week although it was not until May 15, 1982, that the first National Peace Officers' Memorial Day Service was held. Washington, DC, activities during National Police Week now include the annual Candlelight Vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and the National Peace Officers' Memorial Day Service.

In keeping with this tradition the Juneau Police Department will hold its annual Police Officer's Memorial Ceremony on **Friday, May 18, 2007 at 12:15pm on the lawn of the Alaska State Museum**. The ceremony will honor the four JPD officers who gave their lives to the people of Juneau as well as all Peace Officers killed in the line of duty. **Governor Sarah Palin will give the key note address**.

- On October 19, 1964 Chief of Detectives Ronald Dull was killed in an accidental shooting. He was the first Juneau Police Officer killed in the line of duty. He was 28 year old.

- On April 17, 1979 Officer Richard Adair and Officer Jimmy Kennedy were shot and killed while responding to a shooting call. Officer Kennedy was shot before exiting his vehicle and had served with the agency for 18 months. Officer Adair was a 10-year veteran of the department and served as the Chief Traffic Control Officer.

- On May 4, 1992 Officer Karl W. Reishus died a day after falling from a 40-foot tower during a training exercise. He is survived by his wife, two sons and his daughter.

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