Maryland Trooper Killed Last June to be Honored During Annual Engraving Day Ceremony at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

Washington, DC – In the early morning on June 11, 2010, Trooper Wesley Washington John Brown was shot and killed while working a department-sanctioned, off-duty security detail at a restaurant, while in full uniform. After escorting a customer who refused to pay his bill to the parking lot outside the restaurant, the suspect opened fire and fatally shot Trooper Brown.

On Wednesday, April 27, Trooper Brown’s name, along with five other officers killed in the line of duty, will be unveiled at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC, during the annual Engraving Day ceremony. They are among 316 fallen law enforcement officers nationwide whose names are being added to the Memorial this spring.

WHAT: Engraving Day Ceremony
Brief remarks, followed by the unveiling of names on Panel 19-East, Line 27

WHEN: April 27, 2010 – 11 a.m.

WHERE: National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial
E Street, between 4th and 5th Streets, NW
Washington, DC

WHO: Craig W. Floyd, Chairman and CEO, National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund
Col. Terrence B. Sheridan, Maryland State Police
Family members and colleagues of Trooper Brown
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Dedicated in October 1991, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial is the nation’s monument to officers who have died in the line of duty. Engraving Day takes place each April to symbolically commemorate the service and sacrifice of all the fallen officers whose names are engraved on the Memorial.

The 316 names being engraved this spring include 152 officers who were killed in 2010, plus 164 recently discovered officers who died in previous years. All 317 names will be formally dedicated on the Memorial during the 23rd Annual Candlelight Vigil on the evening of May 13, during National Police Week. After this year’s names are engraved, there will be a total of 19,299 officers honored on the Memorial.

Trooper Brown’s name is being engraved on Panel 19-East, Line 27, of the Memorial, along with the following names: City Marshal A. E. Cook, Como (CO) Marshals Office, EOW: April 7, 1984; Officer Billy Clardy, Jr., Huntsville (AL) Police Department, EOW: May 3, 1978; Officer Thor Soderberg, Chicago (IL) Police Department, EOW: July 7, 2010; Deputy Sheriff Kory Dahlvig, Vilas County (WI) Sheriff’s Office, EOW: April 25, 2010; and Officer Christopher Upton, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Forest Service, EOW: March 5, 2010.

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About the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund
Established in 1984, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund is a private non-profit organization dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of America's law enforcement officers and to promoting officer safety. The Memorial Fund maintains the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC, which contains the names of 18,983 officers who have died in the line of duty throughout U.S. history. The Memorial Fund is now working to create the National Law Enforcement Museum, which will tell the story of law enforcement through high-tech, interactive exhibitions, historical artifacts and extensive educational programming. For more information, visit www.LawMemorial.org.