



OCTOBER 11th - 17th

A Colorado Peace Officer's Guide for Traveling to and Attending National Police Weekend 2021...

Monday, October 11th	Honor Guard Teams / Motors / Support Staff Arrive
Tuesday, October 12th	Early Arrival Day (Reagan National Airport) for Survivors, 9 AM to 6 PM *** Colorado Survivor / Peace Officer Reception, 5 PM to 8 PM ***
Wednesday, October 13th	Official Arrival Day (Reagan National Airport) for Survivors, 9 AM to 6 PM C.O.P.S. 3rd Annual Blue Honor Gala, 6:30 PM
Thursday, October 14th	C.O.P.S. Blue Family Brunch at Hilton Alexandria Mark Center *** Colorado Peace Officer Group Photo 7th St NW & Indiana Ave NW, 5:15 PM *** NLEOMF Candlelight Vigil on the National Mall, 6 PM
Friday, October 15th	C.O.P.S. Survivors' Conference & Kids Programs C.O.P.S. Picnic on the Patio Steve Young Honor Guard / Pipe Band Competition CANCELLED 27th Annual Emerald Society Memorial March, 5 PM
Saturday, October 16th	National Peace Officers' Memorial Service (West Front Lawn US Capitol) 12 PM Stand Watch for the Fallen, 2 PM to Midnight at Memorial *** Colorado Peace Officer Remembrance Ceremony at Memorial, 5 PM ***
Sunday, October 17th	30th Anniversary Commemoration at Memorial, 9 AM to 10:30 AM

Never before has this annual guide been distributed just 8-weeks before Police Week. This guide was delayed to insure Police Week events were not cancelled (as occurred in May of 2019), postponed (as occurred last May), all while monitoring District of Columbia health orders (for example, an order by the Mayor's Office on July 29, 2021 to resume indoor mask use).

Because of the pandemic, this is the first time National Police Week will occur outside the week encompassing May 15th. In that it is being held in October, regular attendees of NPW will need to adjust to weather and sunset changes compared to May.

Regular attendees will also have to adjust to a "compressed schedule" involving a shorter week for regular events to occur. In fact, this October is titled "National Police Weekend" to reflect the shortened week. Because of this compressed schedule, and an earlier sunset, normal Colorado events (the annual Colorado reception / pre-dinner social and the Colorado Remembrance Ceremony) have been scheduled so as not to conflict with any C.O.P.S. event. The goal is to ensure Survivors from our 2019 and 2020 LODD's can take full advantage of services and events provided by Concerns Of Police Survivors.

As of August 22, 2021 permits for both the Candlelight Vigil and the National Peace Officers Memorial Service have been secured and are expected to take place despite concerns over current COVID variants. Perhaps in an attempt to return to normalcy, or just plain stubborn Irishness, I was excited to learn not only will the Emerald Societies' Memorial March take place, but the NYPD Pipes & Drums will be the 2021 host pipe band. This of course is a poignant year for the NYPD pipe band, performing in Washington D.C. on the heels of the 20th Anniversary of the 9/11 Terrorists Attacks.

Our 2019 and 2020 Colorado Survivors have endured so much since the NPW cancellation in 2020 and this year's postponement from May to October. I am hoping our largest contingent of Colorado LEOs ever will attend "National Police Weekend" to provide support and demonstrate solidarity alongside our Survivors. In addition to sending uniformed officers, I am hopeful agencies will allow an Honor Guard Team to assist in Survivor escorts at Reagan National Airport, the Candlelight Vigil, and the Honor Cordon's at the Memorial Service.

On a final note, the pandemic has impacted staffing for flight crews, gate agents, and TSA staff. This has resulted in delayed flights and last minute gate changes at DIA. As occurred in 2019, I am asking all Colorado LEOs flying out of DIA to provide me with their name, agency, airline, and departure information. Denver PD at DIA will be working again with airlines and agencies to set up "hot lines" to get all those declaring a firearm checked in and to their gate in an expedient manner.

I hope you can join us as we come together to honor our Fallen while supporting our Survivors,

Danny Veith

P.S. Nearly every page of this guide has an embedded link for additional information (hover, "Ctrl & click").

What is National Police “Weekend?” An Overview...



NPW has always taken place during the week of May 15th when the fallen officers, from the preceding calendar year, are honored and their surviving family members / co-workers are recognized. Due to the pandemic, events for NPW during May 2020 & May 2021 were postponed. This October a “compressed” week of events will take place for 2019 & 2020 LODDs.

What does NPW entail? View Deborah Takahara’s two television specials by clicking [NPW 2018](#) and [NPW 2019](#).

In 1962, President Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15 as “Peace Officers Memorial Day” and the surrounding week as “Police Week.” A formal memorial service began in 1982 when approximately 120 Survivors and law enforcement supporters gathered at Senate Park in Washington, D.C.

This event evolved into National Police Week, attended annually by approximately 40,000 Survivors, law enforcement officers, and supporters.



In our nation’s capital, our Law Enforcement Memorial is the centerpiece of the week’s events. The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) hosts the Candlelight Vigil every year on May 13th. Due to the pandemic, it will occur October 14th.

With the completion and opening of the [National Law Enforcement Museum](#) across the street from our Memorial, the Candlelight Vigil has been moved to the National Mall, a move that has been well received.

Bagpipes have always been a part of our law enforcement profession, memorials, and celebrations. The [27th Annual Emerald Society Memorial March](#) will take place this year on October 15th at 5 PM. The parade, made up of law enforcement pipe bands from around the country, as well as restored police vehicles from the past, begins at New Jersey Avenue NW & F Street NW at 6 PM and concludes at our Memorial for prayer, a service, and massed bands. Some photos can be seen [Here](#).



The Grand Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, and the Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary, provide hundreds of volunteers while hosting the National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service every May 15th.

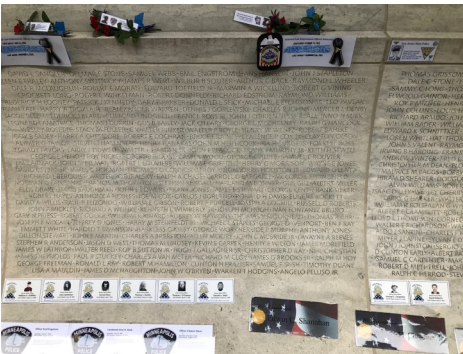
Featuring the President, honoring Fallen Officers while addressing their Survivors, the service takes place on the West Front Lawn of the United States Capitol (this year on Saturday, October 16th at Noon).

Concerns Of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.), organized in 1984, is made up of over 47,000 Survivors (spouses, children, parents, siblings, significant others, and affected co-workers) of officers killed in the line of duty according to Federal government criteria. During NPW, C.O.P.S. hosts a [National Survivors’ Conference](#) featuring seminar sessions specifically designed for their needs (to include messages of support, inspiration, hope, and survival). We attend NPW to honor our Fallen, and to stand with our Survivors!



National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

The [National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial](#) is **our** Memorial in our nation's capital. Our Memorial is unique, because it's a "perpetual memorial." Though not every American has visited Washington, D.C., a majority of our fellow citizens have knowledge of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, perhaps even the National WWII Memorial or Korean War Veterans Memorial. Yet **our** Memorial is perpetual; the names of our fallen officers will be added each year, every year without end, as long as we are a nation. Wars end. The ultimate sacrifices made by our fellow peace officers do not.



Take a moment to learn about our Memorial by clicking [Here](#). Rotating Honor Guard units stand vigil at the center medallion of our Memorial during the evenings following the Candlelight Vigil. Late night visits at our memorial can be very moving; Taps is often sounded, sometimes a "Midnight Piper."

Large reference books are available, at the Memorial, to look up the panel and line for specific names of officers. If you want to research and write down the panel location before the trip, go to the NLEOMF's site [Here](#).

During Police Week, the NLEOMF Visitors Center and Store is relocated across the street (to the east) of the Memorial (look for signs). I am not sure if this will be the case for October, but staff at the Memorial can direct you.

You are invited to obtain etchings and [leave tributes](#) at the Memorial. During NPW, and throughout the year, there is a long-standing tradition of leaving objects at our Memorial. These moving tributes can enhance a personal connection.

If you choose to leave items at the Memorial, please be aware of the following guidelines:

- Use only blue paper tape when affixing an item to the Memorial panels. The marble surface of the Memorial, as well as your items, can be easily damaged if other materials are used. Duct tape, electrical tape, masking tape, gum and bumper stickers should never be adhered to the panels of the Memorial. Blue paper tape can be purchased at most hardware stores. It is also available at the Memorial kiosk (open during the spring and summer months only) or the Visitors Center (400 7th Street, NW).
- Do not leave burning candles at or on the Memorial.
- The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund takes no responsibility for any object left at the Memorial. Because the site is not patrolled, items may disappear or be damaged by inclement weather. If you wish to retrieve an item left at the Memorial, please affix contact information and a date and time which you intend to retrieve the item.
- All items left at the Memorial are deemed to be the property of the Memorial Fund. Staff may choose to save items and forward them into the National Law Enforcement Museum collection, or may respectfully dispose of the items.
- If you wish to have your item considered for the Museum's collection, please mark the back or bottom of the item with the fallen officer's name and panel section number, and take care to keep it protected from the elements when leaving it at the Memorial. Appropriately sized plastic bags (with zippers) and lamination can be used to prevent water damage to objects and paper.

Travel & Lodging...



Not knowing any better in 2002, we booked late and ended up in a hotel in Virginia with a rental car. We spent as much time in the car (commuting and looking for parking) as we did attending events.

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, aka “[the Metro](#),” is the most effective and efficient way to get around D.C. during Police Week!

It is highly recommended to fly into [Reagan National \(DCA\)](#) where you can get on the Metro from the concourse levels of Terminals B & C. During the last 19 years I have yet to rent a car or taxi to get around Virginia, Maryland, and D.C.

Opening [PoliceWeek.org](#) you can jump to “[Hotels for 2021](#)” to book a hotel at a discounted rate for NPW. However, YOU ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO BOOK AT THIS SITE. When searching for a hotel in VA, MD, or DC, open an additional tab to view the hotel’s website for its exact address. Copy and paste the address to Google maps or a similar search engine. Then look for the “M” which indicates a [Metro Rail Station](#). Is one close by? The closer the walk, the much more enjoyable your stay will be. Quick Example: My NPW hotel is for sleeping only, so in the past I’ve saved money at [Days Inn Connecticut Ave](#) (half the price of a downtown hotel). It’s a 2-block walk to the [Van Ness-UDC Metro Station](#) (Red Line).

What to bring...

Hard-sided luggage and gun case, both with locks, for checked baggage (see next page for more information).

Uniform

Your complete, long - sleeved uniform (hat, tie, LEATHER gun belt, black socks & shoes) and shroud for your badge.

Clothing

There is a lot to see and do in Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Maryland. The easiest methods are by Metrorail and on foot, so bring comfortable walking shoes. The temperature in October has an average range of 46 to 69 degrees, so something like cargo shorts or pants with plenty of pockets for your camera, cell phone, Metrorail map,...

Unlike May, when Washington, D.C. receives more rainfall than any other month, October can still experience some rain but not nearly as much. A small, compact umbrella may be useful if you’re concerned.

Most restaurants, bars, and clubs are casual, so a nice pair of jeans and a short-sleeved shirt with a collar are more than acceptable if you are worried about the need to dress up.

Attending the [Blue Honor Gala](#)? Blue or black formal/semi-formal attire is expected (your Dress Uniform is acceptable).

Department Memorabilia

Many officers from around the world will offer you a pin, patch, challenge coin,... from their agency. It’s nice to have something to give them in return. Many pubs and restaurants will also display patches during NPW.

Email Danny Veith your name, agency, DIA departure date, time & flight number!

Last May 2019, with voluntary compliance from 16 law enforcement agencies sending officers to NPW, Denver PD was able to identify 141 peace officers declaring a firearm during departure from DIA (17 separate flights over 6 days). With this information (legal name, agency, and departing airline / flight), local and federal authorities insured proper staffing at the airport to streamline this process. As an example, in May 2019 52 officers departed on 4 flights on the Early Arrival Day, and 74 departed on 6 flights on the Official Arrival Day (only 1 weapons violation, ref carry-on, occurred). Our goal is no violations for 2021! Please carefully review the next two pages!

Taking Your Sidearm to NPW...

During trips to NPW, I have never had a problem or delay with my sidearms (nor has luggage ever failed to arrive at Reagan National). Sometimes I bring a second, smaller sidearm for comfortable, concealed carry when not in uniform.

First, I must emphasize the security and efficiency of hard-sided luggage (suitcase) with a lock. When transporting a firearm, in checked baggage, TSA obviously prefers this.

Your sidearm needs to be unloaded. Ammunition can be carried in the plastic tray / box provided by the manufacturer (Range personnel often retain empty trays & boxes). You can then seal the box in a plastic, zip-lock baggie. Ammunition can also be carried in your magazines if you place tape over the exposed round to secure it.

The unloaded sidearm is carried in a plastic gun case (such as the manufacturer's case it came with, or a similar case purchased at your local sporting goods store). TSA states "the firearm must be in a hard-sided container that is locked. A locked container is defined as one that completely secures the firearm from being accessed. Locked cases that can be pulled open with little effort cannot be brought aboard the aircraft." If you can open the case just enough to slip your hand inside, an employee with the airline (at check-in) or TSA may deny your declaration.

In summary,

- ◆ Consider a padlock that, when closed, forms a tight fit over the handle of the plastic gun case (see below);
- ◆ Loaded magazines, secured in the magazine pouch of your gun belt, are OK (electrical tape over the exposed ends);
- ◆ Loose ammunition can also be stored separately in checked baggage in a manufacturer's tray & box;
- ◆ Everything is placed inside **checked** baggage (hard-sided luggage) which is locked as well;
- ◆ Never attempt to bring a firearm, knife (blade 2.3" +), ammunition, or other prohibited items in carry-on baggage!



Ammunition is allowed inside the gun case, as long as the handgun is unloaded, but I don't like to cause anxiety with civilian airline employees not familiar with firearms. The lock (in this case a padlock over the handle) has to be snug enough when locked to prohibit a hand from slipping inside the case to access the firearm.

Note: as of January 1, 2008, the DOT prohibits loose lithium batteries in checked luggage (no spare lithium batteries in checked baggage). Prevent your tac light from turning on with electrical tape on the "on-off" switch. Loose batteries are OK for carry-on.



Transportation
Security
Administration

Click [Here](#) for TSA's latest rules on firearms and [Here](#) for ammunition.

Declaring Your Sidearm With An Airline Employee...



Step 1 - When it's your turn to place your checked baggage on the scale, inform (declare) the customer service representative you have an unloaded handgun. Open your luggage, and then your gun case.

Step 2 - The airline customer rep at DIA will have you fill out a tag that declares your handgun is unloaded. Place the tag inside your gun case, and then lock the gun case. A different airline may want you to tape the tag on the outside of the gun case. Either way, lock the gun case, then close and lock your suitcase. You will repeat this at Reagan on your way home.

Step 3 - An airline employee will then take your checked bag to TSA. You must accompany the airline employee and your luggage. TSA (at DIA) will then screen your checked luggage while you wait outside the rope and stanchion. TSA may ask for your keys to open the luggage and or gun case, but this has yet to occur in my experience. TSA then gives you the thumbs-up, and you are free to go to screening before heading to the terminal / gate.



Note: many officers have told me they fear this process. Remember, your luggage does not have a label on the outside to advertise it contains a firearm on the inside; and you are travelling with the knowledge that both your suitcase and gun case are both locked!

Having said that, after TSA releases me outside the stanchion at DIA, I look the airline employee in the eye and remind them I'm a Denver cop. I then tell them I appreciate their assurance my luggage gets on the plane before giving them a tip. It gives me peace of mind.

Leaving Reagan for home, a stranger in a faraway city, I just remind the employee I am a Denver native and Frontier is my hometown airline... I haven't had a problem with lost or stolen items / luggage in 19 years of attending NPW.



Getting Around on the Metro...



You can get to everything during Police Week on the Metrorail.

The Metrorail has six lines, all designated by color. To insure you are travelling in the right direction on the Metrorail, go in the direction of the line's last stop.

As an example, if I want to go to the Gallery Place - Chinatown station from Reagan National, I can take either the Blue (Largo Town Center) Line, or the Yellow (Fort Totten) Line, whichever ever comes first. If I'm at the Metro Center station, and want to go to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, I would take the Red (Glenmont) Line and get off at the Judiciary Square station.

In no time you will become familiar with the system. Inside the trains, and on the platforms, are signs with the sequence of stops (so you know you are going in the right direction, and how many stops before you get off).

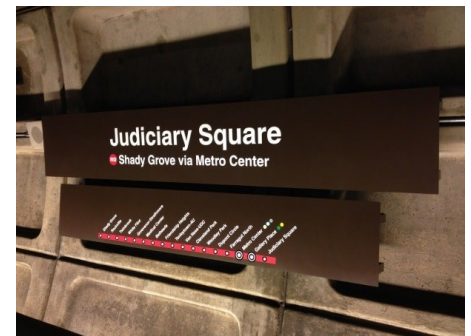
Keep in mind transfer points, like the Metro Center station and Gallery Place station, have two levels (in addition to a need to determine the correct side of the center tracks for your destination).

Finally, each stop has more than one exit to help cut down the walking distance to your destination; arrows will point you in the right direction as you get off at your stop.

For detailed information on the Metrorail, go to their website by clicking [Here](#). For a printable pocket guide, click [Here](#).

Every business, restaurant, bar, & hotel will advertise or tell you what Metrorail station they are nearest to.

Maybe you'll get lucky and the badge around your neck will allow you to avoid the turnstile at the security kiosk. Otherwise, click [Here](#) on information to purchase your Metro pass from a vending machine at any Station.



National Police “Weekend” Itinerary

Tuesday, October 12th

Early Arrival Day for Survivors at Reagan National Airport. If your Honor Guard team can participate in greeting arriving Survivors as they deplane (escorting them to baggage claim and ground transportation), you need to contact Sgt Lisa Garland (Ret) anytime after August 1st. Sgt Garland will acquire your team member information to secure TSA clearance for the day. Contact Sgt Garland at LBGarland2153@gmail.com for the TSA application.

During the last several years, Colorado Peace Officers have gathered at the beginning of Police Week, in fellowship, to learn who has travelled to our nation’s capital to honor our state’s fallen officers. This year’s events are compressed during Police “Weekend.” So as not to interfere with the National C.O.P.S. schedule, this year’s **Pre-Dinner Social** will be held on **Tuesday, October 12th from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM** at [Penn Quarter Sports Tavern](#) - 639 Indiana Ave NW (across the street from Thursday’s Group Photo and the Archives-Navy Memorial Station [Green & Yellow Line]).

Please RSVP to dveith@cofallenhero.org

Colorado Casual Dress is Appropriate



Wednesday, October 13th

Official Arrival Day for Survivors at Reagan National Airport (see above if your Honor Guard team can participate).

The [Police Unity Tour](#) arrival ceremony at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial (F Street, between 4th & 5th Streets NW) is currently scheduled for arrival at 1400 hours. Email for additional info: info@unitytour.com

[Law Enforcement United](#) arrival ceremony has not been made public as of August 22, 2021.



National Police “Weekend” Itinerary (continued)

Wednesday, October 13th (continued)

The 3rd Annual **BLUE HONOR GALA** is Wednesday, October 13th at 6:30 PM at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View (2800 South Potomac Avenue, Arlington, VA 22202, across the street from Reagan National Airport). Blue or black formal/semi-formal attire is expected, as a tribute to our fallen heroes. Dress Uniforms are acceptable. Prepurchase your tickets (\$125 per ticket/\$1,100 per table of 10 at this link [HERE](#)).

Thursday, October 14th

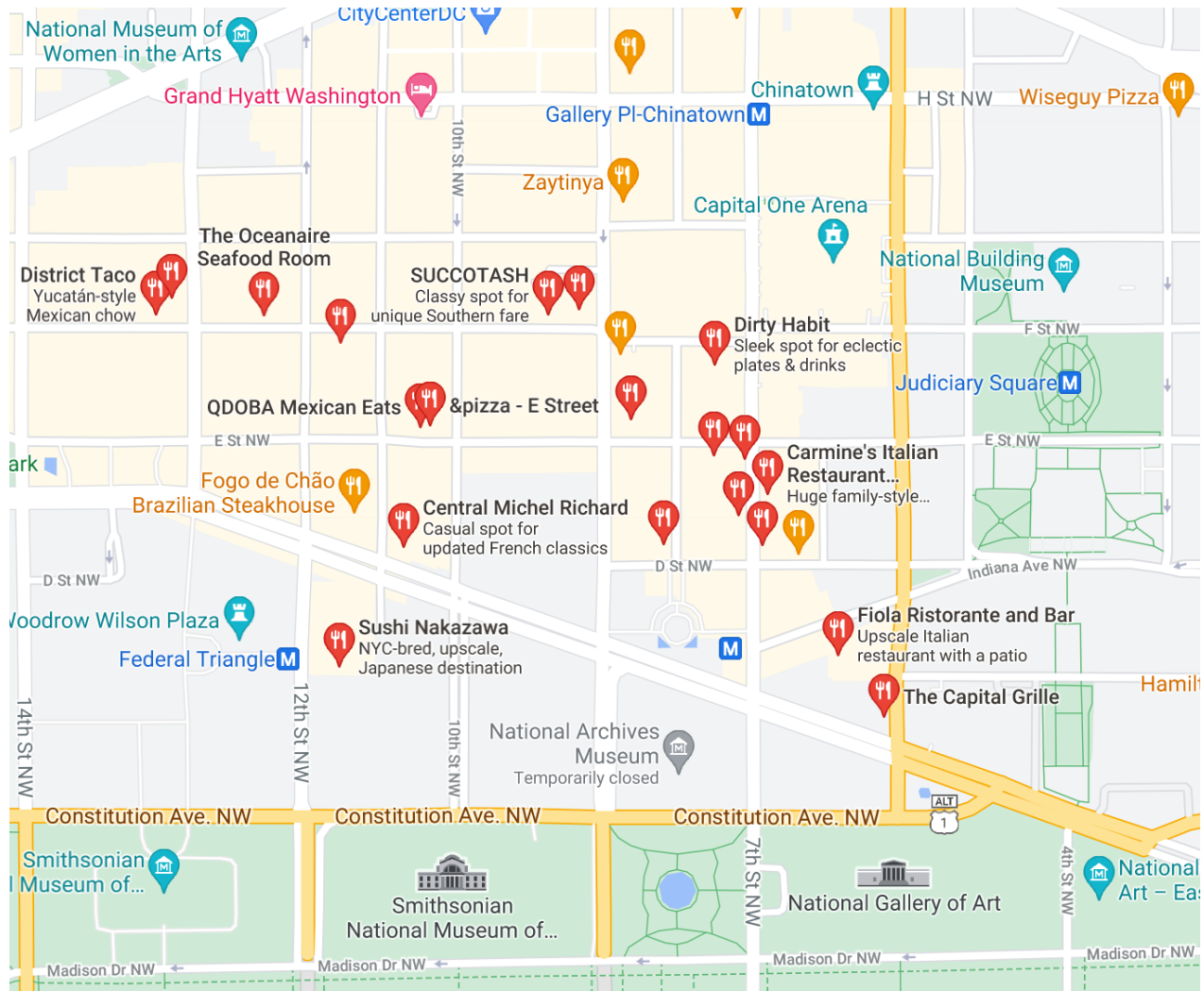
Pre-Candlelight Vigil

The Candlelight Vigil will honor the officers who lost their lives in 2019 and 2020. A total of 701 names will be read so this ceremony will begin at **1800 hours** this year, scheduled to end at 2030 hours (sunset is at 1830 hours).

It's best to have dinner before going to the National Mall to attend the ceremony.

Most Colorado peace officers eat near or along 7th St NW just north of the National Mall.

After dinner, at **1715 hours**, we will meet briefly for our annual Colorado Peace Officer Group Photo at Indiana Plaza (the SE corner of 7th St NW & Indiana Ave NW, just two blocks north of the National Mall). No professional photographer, just a chance to take photos with your smart phone as we will all be in our dress uniforms.



National Police “Weekend” Itinerary (continued)

Thursday, October 14 (continued)

Annual Candlelight Vigil

Hosted by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, this [poignant annual event](#) begins at 1800 hours to honor the officers who lost their lives in 2019 and 2020. A total of 701 names will be read by high-ranking government officials, and officials from local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, as well as other related individuals. The Vigil take place on the **National Mall between 12th and 14th Streets, NW**, and it will be livestreamed.

In the past, an estimated 30,000 Survivors, law enforcement officers, and supporters have attended to create these memorable moments on the National Mall (as they hold their lighted candles up to honor our Fallen). Because the pandemic caused the May 2020 and May 2021 vigils to be postponed and rescheduled for October 14th, it is difficult to predict how many will attend.

The [Smithsonian Metro](#) Station (Orange, Silver, & Blue Lines) is the closest arrival point if you are not walking onto the Mall from the Colorado Peace Officer Group Photo (see prior page). You can also use the [L’Enfant Plaza Metro Station](#) (Blue, Green, Orange, Silver, & Yellow Lines) and just walk two blocks North, on 7th St SW.

Seating at the Memorial is usually reserved for current and past Survivors (family members), so please be prepared to stand. Seating will probably open at 1500 hours as buses, transporting the Survivors, begin to arrive.

Most officers will arrive between 1630 to 1730 hours, in dress uniform with hat. If possible, it’s respectful when Colorado peace officers can attend and stand together on the Mall as a group, coming to attention (to Order Arms) when the names of Corporal Dan Groves, Master Trooper Will Modén, Sgt Joshua Voth, Deputy Jeff Hopkins, Ranger Brendan Unitt, and Detective Curt Holland, are read.

Your Honor Guard team can sign up to assist the NLEOM (click [HERE](#))



National Police “Weekend” Itinerary (continued)

Friday, October 15th

National Police Survivors Conference

Normally involving two days during Police Week, this is the first and only day of the National Police Survivors’ Conference hosted by C.O.P.S. due to the compressed, October schedule. Law enforcement survivors, co-workers and agencies from across the nation gather to meet others who understand how they feel, attend seminar sessions specifically designed for their needs, and hear presentations delivering inspirational messages of hope and survival. Additional information by clicking [HERE](#).

Family Members & Friends (Survivors) will attend at Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 9 AM to 4 PM.

Co-Workers (Survivors) will attend at Double Tree Crystal City, 9 AM to 4 PM.

C.O.P.S. Picnic on the Patio

At the Hilton Alexandria from 6 PM to 9 PM, C.O.P.S. hosts the Picnic on the Patio giving survivors the chance to relax, listen to music, dance and enjoy a delicious BBQ dinner. There will be activities for the entire family including bounce houses, Critters for C.O.P.S. Kids, temporary tattoos, photo booth, and more. There is something for EVERYONE to enjoy!

27th Annual Emerald Society Memorial March

The National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies Annual Memorial March begins at 5 PM.

At 5 PM opening tunes begin, at New Jersey Avenue and F Street NW (near [Union Station](#)), featuring public safety pipe bands. This year’s host pipe band is the [Emerald Society Pipes & Drums of the New York City Police Department](#).

The march then steps off at 6 PM proceeding down E street to enter the NLEOM on the south side of our Memorial. The march procession will include pipe bands, Emerald Societies, Honor Guards, and antique police cars/motorcycles from across the United States and Canada. The memorial service, with pipe tunes by mass bands and various speakers, will conclude with the placement of two wreaths at the center of the memorial.

For further information regarding the Memorial March and Service contact, John Vize, Chairman of the Memorial March at 914-438-6104 or jvizer@optonline.net

Send Memorial March Applications to: Andy Hale: Email: A_hale2003@yahoo.com Phone: 314-280-0322.

Note: In years past, motor officers (e.g., Philadelphia PD) perform stunts on New Jersey Ave NW before the March steps off.



National Police “Weekend” Itinerary (continued)

[Saturday, October 16th](#)

National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service - 12:00 Noon

Sponsored by the Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police and the Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary, the Memorial Service takes place on the West Front of the United States Capitol. This year’s service will begin promptly at 1200 hours and is expected to last two hours. The Wreath Laying Ceremony immediately follows at the Memorial (about 1400 hours).

Because the President or Vice-President of the United States customarily makes an address at this service (and other dignitaries are present), security measures are in place. Uniformed officers should have two forms of photo ID to enter the venue (such as your driver’s license and agency ID). Officers can obtain seating via your local FOP Lodge.

The Blue Line of the Metrorail to the [Capitol South](#) station and walk 2 blocks north on First Street SE to Independence Avenue, then west and north towards the West Front Lawn of the United States Capitol. Or you can take the Red Line to [Judiciary Square](#) station (at our Memorial) and walk east to 3rd Street, then south on 3rd Street to Constitution Avenue (then west on Constitution towards the West Front Lawn).



Stand Watch For The Fallen - 2 PM to Midnight

On October 1, 1961 Congress authorized the president to designate May 15th as Peace Officers’ Memorial Day (signed into law in 1962 by President Kennedy). Twenty-nine years later, in October of 1991, our Memorial was commemorated. For the past thirty years, at the conclusion of the National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service at the U.S. Capitol, a wreath from this service is taken to our Memorial where Honor Guard Teams stand watch for the remainder of the day. Your team can sign up [HERE](#) to participate in standing watch.

If your agency Honor Guard can send a team to National Police Week, please ask them to click [HERE](#) to sign up and assist during the Candlelight Vigil on October 14th, and the Wreath Laying Ceremony and Stand Watch For The Fallen duties. To sign up for the Cordon and Colors Honor Guard at the October 16th Service, click [HERE](#) for more information.



National Police Week Itinerary (continued)

Saturday, October 16th (continued)

Colorado Peace Officers' Remembrance at National Memorial - 1700 hours

In 2013, the year Denver PD Officer Hollis was added to the National Memorial, 30+ Denver PD Officers gathered with Celena's family for a brief, private wreath laying event. It turned into a cherished memory, an intimate moment for Colorado LEOs to gather during a week of national events. Each year since we gather now, on the **west side of the reflecting pool**, to remember our state's Fallen and, equally important, their Survivors.

At 1700 hours we are holding a private remembrance to honor Trooper Groves, Trooper Modén, Sergeant Voth, Deputy Hopkins, Ranger Unitt, Detective Holland, every Colorado Fallen Peace Officer, and all of our Colorado Survivors.



Due to the compressed schedule of National Police "Weekend," this was the only afternoon the Colorado Peace Officers' Remembrance ceremony could take place. In that Sunday is Travel Home Day for almost everyone, this will be the last evening to visit the Memorial, obtain etchings, leave tributes... It will also be the last opportunity to gather in our nation's capitol to share a meal or drink. Therefore, casual & comfortable attire to attend this ceremony is completely acceptable, and we encourage camaraderie, fellowship, and shared support the rest of the evening.

Sunday, October 17

30th Anniversary Commemoration

Our Memorial was commemorated in October of 1991. This year's National Police "Weekend" will afford the opportunity to attend the 30th Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony from 9 AM to 10:30 AM.

Experiencing Washington D.C.

Our [Law Enforcement Museum](#) will reopen on August 27th. During NPW hours will be 10 AM to 5 PM. Click [HERE](#) to pre-purchase tickets. A new Post 9/11 Exhibit will debut on this date.

National Mall & Memorial Parks

The National Mall & Memorial Parks are open 24-hours a day. With cool nights in October, late night visits at the Lincoln, Jefferson, Martin Luther King Jr., & Franklin Delano Roosevelt memorials, as well as the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Wall, National World War II Memorial, & Korean War Veteran's Memorial, can be memorable with the unique lighting these venues provide at night (and no school children on a field trip).

The Smithsonian museums on the Mall (to include the National Museum of American History, Natural History, and National Air and Space Museum), have regular hours (i.e. 1000 to 1730 hours) and admission is free. When carrying concealed, you may be asked to sign in and sign out.

Other locations, such as the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the United States Capitol Visitors Center, will not allow you to carry inside their building. The very friendly staff, however, will escort you to a secure room - for law enforcement officers only - to store your firearm in a locker during your visit.

Inside the Rotunda, at the National Archives Museum, one can view the Declaration of Independence, Constitution of the United States, and the Bill of Rights. On prior visits I was able to wear a concealed firearm but, in 2012, was told I could not (and further told lockers were not available). I'm not certain what the policy is for 2021, but don't let any of this discourage you from visiting this amazing museum (click [Here](#) for more information).

As you visit their websites, keep in mind there is always a Metrorail Station nearby...

There are many websites available to help you prepare for getting the most out of your visit. As I have done throughout this guide, I have created hyperlinks; simply hover, Ctrlr & click these additional sites here -

[Washington DC Visitor's Guide](#) [Washington DC Travel Guide](#) [National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial](#)

[Washington Post's Going Out Guide](#) [Smithsonian](#) [National Mall](#) [Ford's Theatre](#) [Arlington National Cemetery](#)



National Police Week Decorum

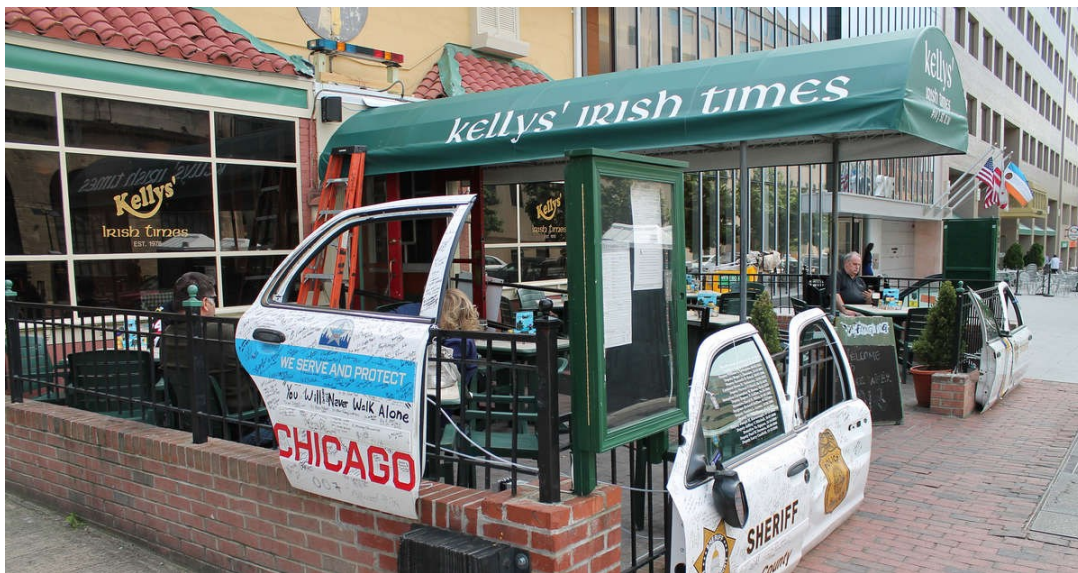
My most memorable moments involve running into Survivors (spouses, parents, siblings,... of fallen officers) at a local pub. Having spent the entire day at C.O.P.S. conferences in Alexandria, a few have felt the need to “go into town with the boys and let loose a little.” Obviously they are from all over the nation, so getting a chance to ask them about their officer, where he or she worked, what they were like,... has always been meaningful for both of us.

I have also met many cops, from across North America, Europe, and Australia... men & women who I would never have crossed paths with had it not been for a chance meeting over a pint during National Police Week.

How lucky we are to have and share these experiences!

Unfortunately, one night in 2007, I left the Dubliner and was astonished to see what was taking place outside (to get an idea, click [Here](#)). This incident has NOT been repeated since, but was embarrassing for our profession nonetheless.

The point is, National Police Week is a powerful, emotional, and poignant week. It is appropriate to raise a glass to remember our fallen, and to honor the survivors. **Moderation and decorum, however, are essential!**



Having said that, in addition to the FOP Tent (next page), these are some of the places you will find fellow officers...

[The Dubliner Restaurant](#) - 520 North Capitol St NW - Red Line to [Union Station](#)

The Dubliner is where President Obama once had a pint on St. Patrick's Day. It is a popular destination for officers during NPW and a great place to grab some dinner before partaking next door. Many east coast Emerald Society members occupy the Phoenix Hotel upstairs. NYPD pipe band members most likely having a pint here.

[Kelly's Irish Times](#) - 14 F Street NW - Red Line to [Union Station](#)

Right next door to The Dubliner; wall-to-wall cops during NPW. A frat house / college party atmosphere if you're in to that kind of scene. Denver PDs infamous T-Shirt (My Job Is To Save Your Ass Not Kiss It) remains on a wall to this day.

[Fado Irish Pub](#) - COVID casualty, no longer open

[District Chophouse & Brewery](#) - 509 7th Street NW - Red Line to Gallery Place - Chinatown

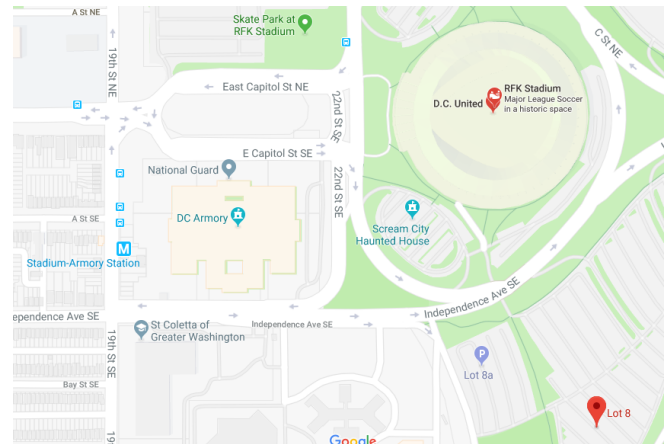
Always a fantastic meal, and you can pick up your 2021 NPW Copper Ale pint glass (proceeds benefit NLEOMF).

An Irish Bar in Chinatown, the [Irish Channel Pub](#), 500 H Street NW - Red Line to [Gallery Place - Chinatown](#)

FOP Tent City

Thursday, October 14th through Saturday, October 16th, 11:00 AM to 2:00 AM Daily click [HERE](#)

- Lot 8 at RFK Stadium, 2500 Independence Ave S.E. - **bar & food service, food trucks, events, and vendors**
- Blue & Silver (Largo Town Center) or Orange (New Carrollton) Metro to the [Stadium - Armory Station](#)
- Walk south to Independence Ave SE from the Metro Station, turn left on Independence Ave and Lot 8 will be on your right side.
- Remember, the Metrorail only runs until 2330 hours on Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday.
- **Free Van Shuttle Service is NOT available this year.**
- If using a Ride Share service, use "RFK Stadium Lot 8" as the destination.
- Free parking in Lot 8.



Tent City is open to law enforcement officers, their families, friends and those associated with law enforcement. Credentials are not required for entry, however, Tent City is a private event and management reserves the right to deny entry to any person for any reason. FAQs and all you need to know by clicking [HERE](#)



Checklist for Agency / Organizations

- ☐ **Email Danny (dveithcofallenhero.org)** if you will be declaring a firearm; Denver PD needs your name, agency, departure date, time, & flight number (from DIA) to assure adequate TSA / DIA Ops staffing.
- ☐ **Honor Guard Member for Departure:** If you want an Honor Guard Member to represent your agency at Denver International Airport, to escort Survivors curbside to gate, contact Shannon Brukbacher at membership.cohga@gmail.com for further information.
- ☐ **Survivor Escorts at Reagan National Airport:** If you want an Honor Guard Team to represent your agency at DCA (Reagan National) to escort Survivors from their gate as they deplane, to baggage claim, and then ground transportation, on Tuesday October 12th, or Wednesday October 13th (or both days), contact Sergeant Garland at LBGarland2153@gmail.com for the TSA application.
- ☐ **Motor Officers:** If your agency is able to provide Motor Officers to assist escorting Survivors during National Police Week, contact Jeff Capps C.O.P.S. Escort Coordinator USPP Motor Sgt. (Retired) Cell: 704-796-6479 Email: MotorOneLLC@yahoo.com
- ☐ **Honor Guard during NPW:** Please encourage your team to help out at the Candlelight Vigil (click [HERE](#)) and the Memorial Service (click [HERE](#)).
- ☐ **Designate a Point-of-Contact for your group:** In years past, the most common complaint is lack of communication regarding attendance / what to wear at events. Designate a point-of-contact for your group to send out a daily group text or email with: **information concerning the day's optional events, information on mandatory attendance events, times, what to wear (Class A Uniform, 5-11s/ Polo,...), and rally / muster points.**

This point-of-contact can reach Danny during the week at 720-373-6512 with questions.

Checklist for Officers

- ☐ **Email Danny (dveithcofallenhero.org)** with your name, agency, DIA departure date, time, & flight (to insure TSA & Airport Operations have adequate staff to streamline your check-in and departure).
- ☐ **Email Danny (dveithcofallenhero.org)** with your RSVP (how many?) to the Pre Dinner Social Tuesday.
- ☐ **Hard Sided Luggage** (with locks) for your Class A Uniform (long-sleeved shirt, tie, leather belt, hat,...) and sidearm (in a separate, hard sided gun case that, when locked, makes the firearm inaccessible).
- ☐ **Carry On Bag** for clothing (check the 10-day forecast for Washington, DC) and Police Week schwag you will be bringing back. Formal Wear for Blue Honor Gala? **Our Goal is No Carry On Violations!**
- ☐ **Tributes** you may want to leave at the Memorial; department patches, challenge coins, or other mementos to trade.
- ☐ **Badge, Lanyard, Credentials** for riding on the Metro (bypass turnstiles at kiosks?), and getting into the seating area during the Memorial Service (as POTUS security protocols are in effect).