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Sheriff Eddie Farris to Inaugurate New Memorial Honoring Putnam County Deputies Fallen in Line of Duty

Monday, May 16, Sheriff Eddie Farris of the Putnam County Sheriff's Office will inaugurate a new memorial in honor of the Putnam County deputies who have fallen in the line of duty. The memorial service will be held on the northeast corner of the Sheriff's Office property near the entrance to the lower level parking lot at 2:00 p.m.

The installation of this new memorial stone will mark the first time that the Putnam County Sheriff's Office has had an official memorial site for its fallen heroes. The ceremony will include an honor guard flag presentation, motorcade, special music, and recognition by the Sheriff and other city and county officials.

"Since the Putnam County Sheriff's Office was founded in 1872, there have been four deputies who have died while fulfilling their commitment to serve and protect the citizens of our county," said Sheriff Eddie Farris. "We hope there will never be another but at least now we have a fitting place to honor those who have given all."

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others. The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., at Judiciary Square, honors 20,789 U.S. law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty throughout history.

WHAT: Law Enforcement Memorial Installation
WHEN: Monday, May 16 -- 2:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Putnam County Sheriff's Office
421 E. Spring Street
Cookeville, TN