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DATE: 05/13/2013
NATURE OF INCIDENT: National Police Week & Peace Officers Memorial Day
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INCIDENT LOCATION: Duluth, MN
SUBJECT: National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day
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NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as *Police Week*. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

After more than 105 years a former Duluth Police Lieutenants name is being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.

On April 28th, 1908 Duluth Police Lieutenant Arthur Briggs suffered a fatal heart attack while struggling with a drunk man in an alley behind a local business. The drunk man had been creating a disturbance inside of the business and Lieutenant Briggs had been called to remove him. When Lieutenant Briggs entered the business the man fled out a back door. Lieutenant Briggs chased after him but suffered a heart attack after catching and struggling with him. Lieutenant Briggs had served with the Duluth Police Department for 21 years. He was survived by his wife and seven children.

Read more: <http://www.odmp.org/officer/21235-lieutenant-arthur-briggs#ixzz2TC6tAEv1>

In recognition of Peace Officers Memorial Day and *Police Week*, on Wednesday, May 15th, (30 minutes before sunset) Enger Tower will be illuminated in “blue” and stay that color until Thursday, May 16th at sunrise.

The Duluth Police Department would like to thank City of Duluth Mayor Don Ness for supporting Peace Officers Memorial Day and *Police Week* with this symbolic gesture.

