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FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REMEMBERED, HONORED DURING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2008

From May 11-17, 2008 – National Police Week – communities across the country come together to remember and honor all law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty, as well as the family members, friends and fellow officers they left behind.

This year, the names of 358 fallen officers are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC. These 358 officers include 181 officers who died in the line of duty during 2007, plus another 177 officers who died in previous years but had been lost to history until now.

“It is appropriate that we remember those who have given their lives in the service of their community” said Powell Police Chief Tim Feathers. “In small communities like Powell many believe it can’t happen here, yet there is the name of one Powell peace officer on the wall, that of Charles Lewis. This is a sober reminder of the inherent dangers of police service in every community”, Feathers commented. Powell Town Marshal Charles Lewis was killed in the line of duty on March 16, 1939.

The names of all 358 fallen officers will be formally dedicated on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial during the 20th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13. The Candlelight Vigil is one of many commemorative events taking place in the nation’s capital during National Police Week 2008. The national observance is organized primarily by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), Concerns of Police Survivors, the Fraternal Order of Police and the Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary.

“National Police Week is a special time not only for the law enforcement community, but for the community at large to pause and reflect on the critically important role that law enforcement plays in our lives and in our society,” said Craig W. Floyd, Chairman and CEO of the NLEOMF. “We could not be the free and mostly safe and peaceful nation that we are without the dedication and commitment of the 900,000 men and women who wear the badge of law enforcement. I invite all Americans to join me this May 11-17 in saluting these true American heroes, especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving and protecting the rest of us,” he added.

As a special show of respect to the nation’s fallen law enforcement officers, all businesses, residents and government agencies are reminded to lower their flags to half-staff on May 15, which is Peace Officers Memorial Day. At the request of the NLEOMF in 1994, Public Law 103-322 designates Peace Officers Memorial Day as one of only two

days each year during which U.S. flags are to be flown at half staff. (Memorial Day is the other day.)

During Police Week you will notice that Powell Officers are displaying a black band across their badge. This band is known as a mourning band and is worn in honor of those brothers and sisters who have given their lives in the service of others.

For more information about National Police Week, please visit www.NationalPoliceMemorial.com.

A ceremony honoring Wyoming's fallen Peace Officers will take place at the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy in Douglas, WY on May 16, 2008. WLEA is the site of the Wyoming Peace Officers Memorial that carries the names of 59 Wyoming Peace Officers who have died in the line of duty. For more information on the Wyoming Peace Officers Memorial go to www.WLEAcademy.com.