



# City of Monterey Park News Release

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## City of Monterey Park Observance of National Police Week May 15-21

*In recognition of law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others*

Monterey Park, Calif. – May 16, 2016 - The [City of Monterey Park](http://www.MontereyPark.ca.gov) will be observing National Police Memorial Day and National Police Week by flying flags at half staff at all city facilities to honor and recognize the service and sacrifices of U.S. law enforcement.

National Police Week, which occurs each year during the week in which May 15 falls, was established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962 and 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. This year, National Police Week is May 15–21.

The City of Monterey Park gives special recognition to Officer George Elder who was killed in a shootout with robbery suspects in 1961; Officer William A. Guidera who was killed in the line of duty in a traffic collision in 1927; and DEA Agents Paul Seema and George Montoya who were killed in a shootout with narcotics traffickers in 1988 while working a narcotics case with Monterey Park Police Detectives.

Officer Guidera's death had been lost in the history of the department and was only recently discovered while an officer was doing research on the department for the city's centennial celebration. Guidera will be honored by having his name placed on the Los Angeles County Peace Officers' Memorial on Wednesday, May 18.

The City of Monterey Park is proud of its officers past and present and the sacrifices and services that they provide our community.

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