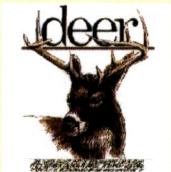




MAY 2008

The Crystal Beat

What's Up In Crystal:



- Many car-deer accidents are still being reported in our County.

What can you do?

*Stay aware, awake, alert, and sober.

*Remember, safety belts are your best defense in any collision.

*Be alert for deer especially at dawn and dusk.

*Heed deer crossing and speed limit signs, particularly on two-lane roads.

IF A CRASH IS UNAVOIDABLE:

- **Don't swerve!**
- Brake firmly.
- Hold onto the steering wheel with both hands.
- Stay in your lane.
- Bring your vehicle to a controlled stop.
- Steer your vehicle well off the roadway.
- Call your local Police agency.

Deputy Andy Doezeema: Phone: 989.831.5253 or 989.831.7590 x 7824
Montcalm County Sheriff's Office

Montcalm County Community Information System: www.montcalm.org

Statistics:

Taken from Crystal Township April 2008 monthly reports.

TOTAL MILES: 1403
 TRAFFIC CITATIONS: 4
 ARRESTS: 6
 LIQUOR INSPECTIONS: 8
 TRAFFIC STOPS: 20
 COMPLAINTS FROM DISPATCH: 21
 VERBAL WARNINGS: 16

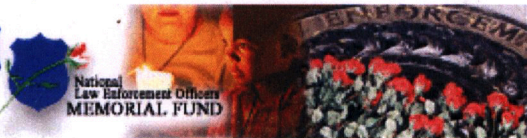
Peace Officers Memorial Day:



On Tuesday, May 15 - Peace Officers Memorial Day flags across the United States are to be flown at half-staff in remembrance of the nearly 18,000 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in our nation's history.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK:

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May 11 - 17, 2008



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". Every year since, 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. The first official memorial service took place on May 15, 1982. On that date, approximately 125 people gathered in Senate Park to honor 91 law enforcement officers. Over the past 22 years we have honored over 3,000 law enforcement officers from around our nation. Today, the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service has become one in a series of events which includes the Candlelight Vigil, which is sponsored by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund ([NLEOMF](#)) and seminars sponsored by Concerns of Police Survivors ([COPS](#)). "Every 53 hours a law enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty. Since the first recorded law enforcement officer death in 1792, over 17,000 law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice" reported Craig W. Floyd, NLEOMF Chairman. "Lowering the flags on Peace Officers Memorial Day is an appropriate way to show our respect for those officers who made the ultimate sacrifice and to remember the family, friends and colleagues left behind".



As you may know, on April 27, 1982, Detective/Lieutenant William McCarthy, age 49, of the Montcalm County Sheriff's Office was shot and killed in the line of duty while answering a domestic violence call. Det./Lt. McCarthy was well known and well liked in the law enforcement community, starting his career in 1957 as a Police Officer in Lakeview before joining the Sheriff's Office in 1969 as one of its first full-time detectives. The murder sent shock-waves through Montcalm County. A scholarship in McCarthy's memory was established for a Montcalm County high school student who will study for a career in law enforcement. Det./Lt. McCarthy is fondly remembered in our office.