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Athens and Limestone to remember nine killed in the line of duty

Nine names will echo across the Limestone County Courthouse lawn on Tuesday evening.

The roll call will symbolize their end of watch, having died in the line of duty serving Athens and Limestone County.

On Tuesday, May 16, at 5 p.m., the Athens Police Department will hold a short ceremony at the Law Enforcement Memorial on the west side of the Courthouse.

“The event reminds us to pause and reflect on the lives lost and to pay tribute to their sacrifice,” Athens Police Chief Floyd Johnson said.

The Athens-Limestone End of Watch List includes names from Athens Police, Limestone Sheriff’s Department and Alabama Troopers. Six of the nine names are from the Athens Police Department. The tragedies range from fatal wrecks to being shot to death by suspects.

“Our community has paid a high price, and our community should never forget the price these law enforcement officers made to serve it,” Athens Mayor Ronnie Marks said.

The event will be part of National Police Week and National Peace Officers Memorial Day. Representatives from Athens Police, the Mayor’s Office and Limestone County Commission will speak briefly during the memorial.

The public is welcome to attend.

About National Police Week and National Peace Officers Memorial Day

In 1962, President John F. 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.

Limestone County End of Watch List and Photos

The End of Watch list and a collage of photos for your use were attached in the email.