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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**Beloit Police Department To Celebrate National Police Week**

May 3, 2018 - The City of Beloit Police Department invites you to honor the hard work and sacrifices made by the men and women of the Beloit Police Department during National Police Week, which is Sunday, May 13, through Saturday, May 19.

National Police Week honors America's law enforcement community, including by paying special recognition to law enforcement officers who have lost their life in the line of duty.

"The men and women of the Beloit Police Department aren't in this career for recognition or accolades. They are here because they are passionate about serving the public through progressive community policing," said Police Chief David B. Zibolski. "Our community is strengthened by the ongoing support of our guardians. We are seeing positive changes, and we are committed to working with Beloit residents to eliminate the commission of violent crimes in our community."

The Beloit Police Department is holding or participating in the following events surrounding National Police Week:

- **Badge Pinning & Swear-in Ceremony:** Patrol officers Jacob Mielke and Elijah Trulley will receive their badges during a ceremony at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at the City of Beloit Public Forum, 100 State St.
- **Beloit Police Department Awards Ceremony:** We are holding an awards ceremony at 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 16, at the Eclipse Center, 3 Eclipse Blvd. Awards and recognition will be given to residents, administrative staff, and officers.
- **Rock County Law Enforcement Memorial:** Law enforcement agencies will come together to honor those who lost their life in the line of duty during this memorial at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at the Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Drive, Janesville, WI. The City of Beloit will memorialize its two fallen officers: Fredrick T. Samp and Peter A. Larsen.
- **Public Safety Service:** A public safety service being held by First Congregational Church and United Church of Beloit will honor police, firefighters, paramedics, and their families. The service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 19, at First Congregational Church, 801 Bushnell St.

The Beloit Police Department will be sharing more information about the awards and pictures from the community events on social media. Follow along on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/BeloitPolice1> or on Twitter at @BeloitPolice1.

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