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St. Petersburg Police Department Holds Candlelight Vigil Memorial Service

The St. Petersburg Police Department’s (First) Annual Candlelight Vigil Memorial Service will be held on Monday, May 20, 2013. The event will commence at 7:30 p.m. at the Heroes of the St. Petersburg Police Law Enforcement Memorial at Demens Landing Park in downtown St. Petersburg. The park entrance is located at First Avenue South and Bayshore Drive.

This year will be the first memorial service since the monument was completed and dedicated in October of 2012. It was presented to the City of St. Petersburg by the Heroes of the St. Pete Police, Inc., a non-profit organization.

The service will start a tradition of a candlelight vigil during the month of May commemorating police officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion have rendered a dedicated service to their community.

An engraved, ceremonial bell will be brought to the site and rung once for each fallen officer as their name is read. The solid brass 24 pound bell is engraved with “St. Petersburg Police - Fortis Heroes” and will be kept at the police station during the year. The bell’s clear tone will ring out in remembrance in the beautiful waterfront park.

Although this ceremony commemorates the fifteen fallen officers of the St. Petersburg Police Department, it honors all officers that have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of their duty.

The public is invited as we look forward to gathering on May 20th to remember our fallen officers and hope to share our respect and reverence for the dedication of all law enforcement officers with all members of our community.

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