

OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

And Now We Say Goodbye

Great sadness fills our hearts today
As pipes and drums, in slow march play.
A comrade's fallen by the way,
And now we say goodbye.

This hero to the very end
Was more than just a casual friend,
Who would a stranger's life defend,
And now we say goodbye.

But we shall cherish, all our days,
The character this life portrayed
With sacrifice so freely made,
And now we say goodbye.

The hand salute, o'er stars and stripes,
And distant skirl of highland pipes,
Give last farewell with hero's rights,
And now we say goodbye.

So now dear partner take your rest,
You served with pride and gave your best.
For having known you, we are blessed,
And now we say goodbye.

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Marshall James W. Williams was shot and killed in 1876.

Officer William Beasley was killed in 1885 while attempting to quell a riot.

Officer Egbert C. Moore was shot and killed in a pistol battle with a burglary suspect in 1933.

Lt. Edward Tullis Wynn died from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident in 1935.

Officer Harley G. Mason died from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident in 1938.

Officer John E. Owen was shot and killed by an escaped convict in 1962.

Officer Sidney Crenshaw died in 1966 from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.

Officer Mitchell L. Nutter was shot in the head responding to a call in 1968.

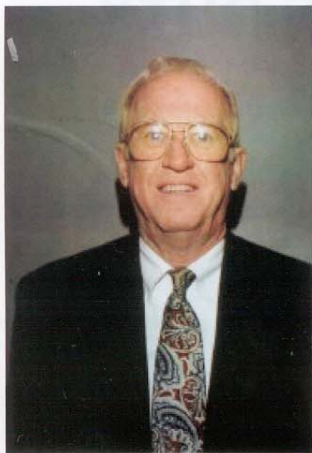
K-9 Baron died in 1978 after the car in which he was riding was involved in an accident. Baron died in surgery from his injuries.

Officer Terry Thuma was shot during a search warrant that left him paralyzed. He died in 1990 at the age of 40 as a result of his injuries.

Officer Michael W. Burson, Jr., died from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident in 1990.



In The Line of Duty



July 10, 1939-
November 10, 1998

In 1997, **Officer Robert J. Montgomery** achieved his dream when he became a police officer, Orlando's oldest at the age of 61. On Monday, November 10, 1998, Officer Montgomery was involved in an automobile accident while returning to police headquarters in his patrol vehicle at the end of an eight-hour shift.

Fellow officers found Officer Montgomery to be happy-go-lucky, and always in a good mood. Teased constantly about his age, he took it in stride and was always ready with a rebuttal.

On February 3, 2000, at 1:20 a.m., **Officer George Stefan DeSalvia** responded to provide assistance for Officer Eddie Diaz who was conducting a traffic stop involving a vehicle with three occupants. It was determined that the rear passenger had an outstanding warrant and he was removed, handcuffed, and placed into one of the patrol cars. A fight ensued when the officers returned and asked the driver to get out of the car. At 1:40 a.m., Officer Diaz radioed in that he had been shot and needed help. Scores of police officers and deputies from as far away as Seminole County responded to the scene. The first officers to arrive found Officer DeSalvia shot in the head, his body lying next to the open driver's side door of the suspect's vehicle. Less than 30 feet away, Officer Diaz lay wounded between the officers' two patrol cars. Suspect Emanuel Saint Nattis was found hiding in an abandoned house with a handcuff on one wrist. Saint Nattis was charged with First Degree Murder.

Officer DeSalvia was a member of the Orlando Police Department for just 256 days. George stood 6-foot-4 and was described as an "extremely courteous" officer who had street savvy and a quiet confidence, "just one of those officers that made everybody look good."



October 26, 1970-
February 3, 2000

On May 18, 2000, **Officer Tanja B. King** became the first female officer to die on duty in Orange County. Officer King lost control of her patrol car while responding to help officers in danger. It was her first night on duty after returning from the Annual Law Enforcement Memorial honoring slain police officers in Washington, D.C. She had gone to honor fellow squad member Officer George DeSalvia.

Tanja joined the Department as a recruit in July 1997. Several months prior to her death, Tanja became the first female to pass the Department's SWAT fitness test. She did not make the team, but she was placed on the list for future openings.



September 15, 1969-
May 18, 2000

