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Durham Police Department

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Durham Peace Officers Memorial Service

The Durham County Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police will hold the Annual Peace Officers Memorial Service at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 8 at Peace Missionary Baptist Church, 2608 Apex Highway.

The service is held to remember law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty and to honor their families. The service also pays tribute to current and retired law enforcement officers. Officers from several Durham law enforcement agencies will participate in the program.

The service will honor the following Durham officers:

- **Durham Police Sgt. Gill Cates** - shot to death May 28, 1913 while handling a domestic disturbance call
- **Durham County Sheriff's Deputy Will Hall** – shot to death Oct. 18, 1929 while searching for a cache of hidden whiskey
- **Durham Police Detective Ronald Gill** - shot and killed by a man breaking into a store on June 10, 1933
- **Durham County Sheriff's Deputy Onus Hall** - shot to death while answering a disturbance call on July 17, 1939. He was the brother of Deputy Will Hall.
- **Durham Police Officer J.C. Price** – fatally injured Dec. 3, 1939 in an on-duty motorcycle accident
- **Durham County Sheriff's Deputy William "Tommy" Land** - shot to death Oct. 15, 1971 while answering a silent bank alarm
- **Durham Police Investigator Larry Bullock** - shot to death April 29, 1976 during a drug raid
- **Durham Public Safety Officer Gary Eugene Fletcher** - fatally injured Feb. 14, 1978 in a freak accident when he became entangled in a fire hose and was slammed to the concrete
- **Durham Police Officer Billy T. Gregory** - suffered a fatal heart attack while on duty on April 24, 2004
- **Durham Police Officer Charles Callemyn** - fatally injured Feb. 17, 2007 in a traffic accident

as he was responding to assist another officer at a traffic stop on Holloway Street

The service will also honor the following North Carolina officers who died in the line of duty between April 1, 2008 and April 1, 2009:

- **Onslow County Deputy Sheriff Steve Boehm** - fatally injured June 14, 2008 while directing traffic
- **State Trooper David Shawn Blanton Jr.** - shot to death during a traffic stop on June 17, 2008 near Canton in Haywood County
- **State Trooper Andrew Stocks** - fatally injured in a traffic accident September 9, 2008 in Wake County
- **Caldwell County Deputy Sheriff Adam William Klutz** - shot to death on September 19, 2008
- **Wilmington Police Officer Richard Matthews** - fatally injured February 18, 2009 in a traffic accident

