

Peace Officers Memorial Day Service
Tuesday, May 18
Department of Public Safety
10:30 a.m.

This Service is being sponsored by the Mississippi Highway Patrol and the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics
Remember to stand up straight and speak in low tones.

Opening

1. David, thank you for the introduction.
(Thank you for the hard work and dedication to the Department of Public Safety – glad to have you back on the team.
2. Recognize Don Strange – Director, Bureau of Narcotics and L. M. Claiborne – Director of MHP
3. I appreciate the invitation to participate in today's service.

Remarks

- We are here today to remember and pay our respects to the 27 Mississippi officers who have given the ultimate gift to the people of our state – their lives.
- We ask the ultimate sacrifice of the men and women who serve and protect us as members of

the Mississippi Highway Patrol and the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics.

- They put their lives on the line daily.
- They do their jobs with the utmost concern and care, not because they have to, but because they feel compelled to do so.
- I want to thank the families of each and every one of our officers. You also give selfishly of yourselves and your loved ones. I thank you, and the people of our state thank you.
- I know first hand about the effectiveness and efficiency of the MHP.
- (Story about your wreck.)
- Without their quick response and care, I would not be with you today.
- For those family members of our 27 officers, who have died in the line of duty, I want to assure you that your husband, or son, or father or friend will not be forgotten. Their memories will

live on in the hearts and minds of all who they protected.

Closing

- I thank you for asking me to be a part of this service.
- It is my sincere hope and prayer that we never lose another officer in the line of duty.
- Thank you.