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ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION HONORS OUR FALLEN OFFICERS AND THOSE THAT PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE EVERYDAY FOR THEIR COMMUNITIES

Phoenix, AZ, Monday, May 6, 2019 – Today, the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission will be joining police officers and other law enforcement and criminal justice agencies from across the state at Wesley Bolin Plaza for the 46th annual memorial service for all fallen officers in Arizona. The ceremony, which begins at 7:00 p.m., serves as an opportunity to show support and remember law enforcement's true heroes.

"On behalf of the 19 appointed Members and staff of ACJC, we honor these three brave officers that made the ultimate sacrifice protecting their communities," said Andrew T. LeFevre, Executive Director of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission and member of the Peace Officer Memorial Board. "I am deeply honored to read the roll call of heroes at tonight's memorial service to pay tribute to these fallen officers."

In Arizona, 14,500 sworn peace officers put their lives on the line daily to protect their communities. Arizona has seen 257 officer deaths over the years, and in 2018 alone, we will add three more names to the memorial:

- Police Officer Jesus Manuel "Chuy" Cordova
Nogales Police Department
End of Watch 4/27/18
- Trooper Tyler James Edenhofer
Arizona Department of Public Safety
End of Watch 7/25/18
- Deputy Marshal Chase Sabethal White
United States Marshals Service
End of Watch 11/29/18

Every year during the first week in May, Arizona observes Peace Officer Memorial Week to honor the devotion and dedication of our peace officers to preserving the

peace and safety of every man, woman, and child in this state. And on the first Monday in May the Arizona Peace Officer's Memorial Board pays tribute to the officers who, in the past year, made the ultimate sacrifice by adding their names to the fallen officer memorial located on Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza.

"Our men and women in law enforcement embody tradition, honor, and service - they are mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, sons and daughters," stated ACJC Chairperson, Yavapai County Attorney Sheila Polk. "Today and every day, we honor the men and women behind the badge who chose a career to protect others, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the cause."

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Created in 1982, the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) is a statutorily authorized entity mandated to carry out various coordinating, monitoring and reporting functions regarding the administration and management of criminal justice programs in Arizona. The ACJC serves as a resource and service organization for Arizona's criminal justice community on a myriad of issues ranging from drugs, gangs and victim assistance to criminal history and crime laboratory enhancements.