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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, Thursday, May 7, 2020** – This week, the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission observes Peace Officer Memorial Week to honor the devotion and dedication of our officers who put their lives on the line for their communities across Arizona everyday.

“On behalf of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, we honor all of our men and women in law enforcement who embody tradition, honor and service,” stated Commission Chairwoman and Yavapai County Attorney, Sheila Polk. “We are truly grateful for the risks our officers make on a daily basis for our safety. Today, we also honor four brave officers that made the ultimate sacrifice in protecting their communities.”

In Arizona, 14,500 sworn peace officers put their lives on the line daily to protect their communities. Arizona has seen 260 officer deaths over the years, and in 2019 alone, we will add four more names to the list:

- Detention Officer Gene Wade Lee  
Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office  
End of Watch 10/30/2019
- Border Patrol Agent Robert Mark Hotten  
United States Department of Homeland Security- Customs Border and Protection  
End of Watch 10/6/2019
- Police Officer Paul Thomas Rutherford  
Phoenix Police Department  
End of Watch 3/21/2019
- Police Officer Clayton Joel Townsend  
Salt River Police Department  
End of Watch 1/8/2019

*Our mission is to continuously address, improve, sustain and enhance public safety in the State of Arizona through the coordination, cohesiveness, and effectiveness of the Criminal Justice System*

“At the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, we join with our fellow Arizonans to acknowledge and honor these brave officers that gave their all in the line of duty,” said Andrew T. LeFevre, executive director of ACJC.

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