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# BEHIND THE BADGE

## NEWS FLASH



### Ceremony Honors Fallen Wake County Officers

Hundreds gathered outside the Progress Energy Center on Tuesday to honor the sacrifice of Wake County's 19 fallen officers at the first annual Wake County Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

Chief Dolan and Wake County Sheriff Donnie Harrison each offered remarks, and John Dorsey, the secretary-treasurer of the Wake County 200 Club, spoke to the crowd about the volunteer nonprofit organization's mission to support public safety personnel. Dorsey, a friend of fallen RPD Detective Paul Hale, assisted Paul's parents with forming the 200 Club as a means to offer immediate financial support to the families of Wake County public safety workers killed in the line of duty.

The ceremony, which was planned by representatives from RPD, Wake County Sheriff's Office, Morrisville PD, Wake Forest PD, and the Highway Patrol, will be an annual event during Law Enforcement Memorial Week.

A video of the ceremony is available on WRAL's Web site:  
<http://www.wral.com/news/local/noteworthy/story/5130686/>



*Officers from RPD, Wake Forest PD, the N.C. Highway Patrol, Morrisville PD, and the Wake County Sheriff's Office honored fallen officers by placing white roses on wreaths at the ceremony.*



*SO J.J. King of SEU salutes after placing a white rose in the wreath honoring Master Officer Charles Paul.*



*Sgt. D.L. Meyers chats with Thomas Crabtree, son of fallen RPD detective Tom G. Crabtree. Mr. Crabtree, now 97, was 10 years old when his father was killed in 1922.*



*Officers from agencies across the county, along with family and friends of the 19 fallen officers, gather in front of Memorial Auditorium.*



*The multi-agency color guard retreats after posting the colors at the beginning of the ceremony. MO A.C. Greene of the Northwest District represented RPD in the group.*



*SEU members line up with their rifles before giving the 21-gun salute at the ceremony.*