



Texas Department of Public Safety

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DPS Memorial Service for fallen officers Tuesday

The annual DPS Peace Officer Memorial Service will occur Tuesday, May 17, at 10 a.m.

Lt. Governor David Dewhurst will be the guest speaker.

Among the officers to be remembered are two DPS officers killed in the line of duty, **Highway Patrol Corporal David Slaton** of Bowie and **Trooper Jonathan McDonald** of Post. Their widows—Lynetta Slaton and Laura McDonald—will place the memorial wreath at the ceremony. **Cedar Park Police Officer Leonard Reed**, who died in a motorcycle crash last August, will also be part of the roll call of fallen officers.

The Memorial Service will take place in front of the DPS Training Academy in Austin.

If you are planning to cover the service, please let us know, so we can set aside an appropriate amount of space for the media. E-mail tom.vinger@txdps.state.tx.us or call 512-424-2080.

Directions to the Training Academy:

The Texas Department of Public Safety is located at 5805 N. Lamar Blvd. (the northeast corner of the intersection of North Lamar and Koenig/RR2222/US 290E). The ceremony will be held at the Training Academy, Building C, located just north of Building A, on the DPS campus.

If you're headed west on Koenig/RR2222/US 290E, you will turn right onto North Lamar Blvd. Take the next immediate right into the driveway for DPS. Continue following the road to the left, passing Building A (the building with the flag in front) and traveling north on the driveway. The Training Academy (the red brick building) is the second building on your right, past Building A. Please do not park in a reserved parking space.

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