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Fallen Texas peace officers honored today



Cpl David Slaton



Jonathan McDonald

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Twenty-one Texas law officers—including two DPS Highway Patrol officers—who lost their lives on duty in 2010 and 2011 were remembered and honored today during the DPS Memorial Service at the Texas Department of Public Safety Headquarters in Austin.

The 21 officers honored during the roll call was an increase from 12 at last year's service.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst was the guest speaker at the ceremony, one of the many across the nation honoring fallen law enforcement officers during National Police Week.

"Today, we honor the brave law enforcement officers who have given their very lives for the safety and security of our communities," said Dewhurst. "I'm grateful beyond words for these heroic men and women in uniform and those who continue to serve and protect the people of Texas."

Highway Patrol Corporal David Slaton, stationed in Bowie, died in an on-duty crash Sept. 20 last year in Montague County. Less than two months later, on Nov. 15, Trooper Jonathan McDonald died in an on-duty crash south of Post, where he was stationed. Slaton and McDonald were the 84th and 85th DPS officers to die in the line of duty. Their widows—Lynetta Slaton and Laura McDonald—placed the memorial wreath at the ceremony.

"This is always a difficult event, and more so this year because we are remembering two of our own who gave their lives protecting the citizens of Texas," said DPS Director Steven C.

McCraw. “Those honored today, including Corporal Slaton and Trooper McDonald, will never be forgotten for their service and their sacrifice. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.”

Officers killed accidentally while performing their duties in 2011:

Deputy John Norsworthy of Fort Bend County SO died in a traffic crash on Jan. 4, 2011.

Officer Kevin Marceau of Dallas PD died after being struck by a vehicle on Jan. 14, 2011.

Officer Stephanie Brown of San Antonio PD died in a traffic crash on March 15, 2011.

Deputy Robert Britton of Smith County SO died after he was struck by a wounded animal on March 28, 2011.

Officers killed feloniously while performing their duties in 2011:

Deputy Sherri Jones of Bowie County SO was shot and killed while transporting an inmate on April 18, 2011.

Deputy Clifton Taylor of Johnson County SO was shot and killed after responding to a domestic disturbance on April 23, 2011.

Officers killed accidentally while performing their duties in 2010:

Officer Craig Story of Arlington PD died in a traffic crash on Jan. 13, 2010.

Officer Timothy Zurovets of Forest Hill PD died in a traffic crash on Mar. 24, 2010.

Deputy Jacob Rene Rayos of Reeves County SO died in a traffic crash on April 11, 2010.

Officer Rodney Holder of Abilene PD died in a traffic crash on April 29, 2010.

Officer Eydelmen Mani of Houston PD died in a traffic crash on May 19, 2010.

Officer Leonard Reed of Cedar Park PD died in a motorcycle crash on Aug. 18, 2010.

Corporal David Slaton of the DPS Highway Patrol died in a traffic crash Sept. 20, 2010.

Officer Karl R. McDonough of El Paso PD died in a traffic crash on Oct. 13, 2010.

Deputy Odell McDuffie Jr. of Liberty County SO died in a traffic crash on Oct. 25, 2010.

Officer Sergio Antillon of San Antonio PD died after being struck by a vehicle on Oct. 29, 2010.

Trooper Jonathan McDonald of the DPS Highway Patrol died in a traffic crash Nov. 15, 2010.

Officer Andrew Rameas of Harker Heights PD died in a motorcycle crash Nov. 20, 2010.

Officer Ann O'Donnell of University of Houston PD died in a traffic crash on Dec. 24, 2010.

Officers killed feloniously while performing their duties in 2010:

Officer Craig Shaw of Lancaster PD was shot and killed investigating a suspicious person on June 20, 2010.

Officer Jillian Smith of Arlington PD was shot and killed after responding to a domestic violence call on Dec. 28, 2010.

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