



**Press Release**  
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**SCSO Reserve Class to Honor Slain Deputy as Fallen Hero  
With Street Re-naming**

Deputy **Rupert Peete** began his career with the **Shelby County Sheriff's Office** on April 1, 1997.

On **March 8, 2000**, he was on his way to an unrelated call when a passerby flagged him down warning him there was an armed man at a burning house on the **4200 block of Germantown Road**.

Moments later, that armed man emerged from his burning home with a shotgun in hand, and turned it on Deputy Peete. The blast struck the 45-year old deputy before he could exit his cruiser. Peete was pronounced dead at the scene. Also killed that day were firefighters **William Blakemore and Javier Lerma**.

On **Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**, at noon the **Shelby County Sheriff's Reserve Class #129** will honor Deputy Peete with the **renaming** of a section of **Forest Hill Irene** in his honor. The location is **385 North** to approximately the south side of the Germantown City limits ½ mile south of the West Tennessee Veteran's Cemetery.

For those who wish to attend, plans are to meet at the **Shell station** just north of 385. Deputy Peete's widow Mary and family will attend.

The media is also invited.

