



## ***NEWS from Memorial Park Funeral Home & Cemetery***

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Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery is again proud to host the annual ***Fallen Heroes Memorial Service*** on **Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.** The ceremony will be held at the *Fallen Heroes Monument*, just west of the Poplar Avenue entrance to the cemetery.

**“All of us at Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery appreciate those who have given their lives to protect us. It’s a privilege to have their relatives, work associates and the public join us at what has become one of our most important community events,”** said Dennis Hamilton, General Manager of Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery.

The chiefs of more than 20 federal, state and local area law enforcement, fire and emergency services agencies will attend. Joining them will be the relatives of more than 100 officers, firefighters and emergency workers who have died in the line of duty in and near Shelby County, some dating back to the late 1800s.

Four officers will receive special recognition. Their names will be added to the *Fallen Heroes Memorial* at the cemetery:

- Officer Timothy Warren, Memphis Police Department, killed in 2011
- Officer Jonathan Schmidt, Truman, Arkansas Police Department, killed in 2011
- Sergeant Robert Brandon Paudert and Officer Thomas William Evans, West Memphis, Arkansas Police Department, killed in 2010

Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr. and City of Memphis Mayor A C Wharton will speak along with Ms. Linda Moon Gregory, the National President of Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS). Ms. Gregory will talk about her role in assisting the families of police officers killed in the line of duty.

Memphis Fire Director Alvin Benson will sing the *National Anthem*. There will also be performances by the Memphis Police Department singing group, *The Peacemakers* and the *Wolf River Pipes & Drums Bagpipe Corps*.

The service is free and open to the public. For more information, contact event coordinator **Natalie Powell at [powelln@nsmg.com](mailto:powelln@nsmg.com) or (901) 767-8930.**

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