

Officer Tom Decker Project Announces Commemoration Ceremony and Matching Gift

By Chuck Waletzko, Police Memorial Volunteer

The Officer Tom Decker Minnesota Law Enforcement Project announced today that the commemoration ceremony to honor the tenth anniversary of Officer Decker's death will be on Sunday, November 27th, 2022 from 1:00-2:15pm at St Boniface Catholic Church (501 Main St, Cold Spring, MN 56320). After the ceremony, a reception is to follow with food and refreshments. Members of Officer Decker's family, as well as members of Officer Klinefelter's family, who was killed in the line of duty on January 29th, 1996 in St. Joseph, MN, will also be in attendance and will also be honored. The public is not just welcome, but encouraged to attend, so that we can appropriately thank these families and appropriately honor all of Minnesota law enforcement for their continued sacrifice. Congressman Tom Emmer and Bishop Donald Kettler and many other dignitaries will speak at the ceremony.

The Memorial Project is also excited to report that with just thirty-three days until the commemoration ceremony marking the tenth anniversary of Officer Decker's end of watch, we are only \$12,000 short of our goal. Even more exciting is that a generous local company has agreed to match dollar for dollar the next \$6,000 of donations so we can reach our \$60,000 goal to make this all-important memorial a reality. So any additional gift you or your friends might consider at this time will be doubled to help us reach our goal to honor Officer Decker's sacrifice and that of all Minnesota law enforcement.

We are grateful for whatever gift you can share. We are not looking for equal gifts, only equal sacrifice to honor Officer Tom Decker's ultimate sacrifice. So, please go to www.ColdSpringPoliceMemorial.com and to www.GoFundMe.com and search "Cold Spring Police Memorial" in the search bar. Or if you prefer by mail, your check can be made out to the "Officer Decker Police Memorial" and sent to Granite Bank, P.O. Box 416, Cold Spring, MN 56320. Do it now. Do not delay. Thank you very much.

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