

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Matthew Fertal
Dept: City Manager
Subject: GARDEN GROVE POLICE OFFICERS
MEMORIAL HIGHWAY RESOLUTION

From: Joseph M. Polisar
Dept: Police Department
Date: November 27, 2007

OBJECTIVE

For the City Council to adopt a resolution requesting that the State Legislature approve and direct the erecting of Memorial Highway Signs on the Garden Grove (22) freeway honoring the five Garden Grove Police Officers who were killed in the line of duty.

BACKGROUND

The Garden Grove Police Department is celebrating its 50th Anniversary; as part of that celebration the department is recognizing many of its accomplishments while proudly serving the community. Tragically, the City of Garden Grove has had more Police Officers killed in the line of duty than any other municipal police agency in Orange County. In an effort to recognize and honor each of these police officers sacrifice, a suggestion was made by a member of the Police Department to have Memorial Highway signs placed along the Garden Grove Freeway. The Memorial Signs would honor the five fallen police officer's, Myron L. Trapp, Andy R. Reese, Donald R. Reed, Michael L. Rainford, and Howard E. Dallies Jr.

DISCUSSION

The State of California through CalTrans has a program where Memorial Highway signs can be erected along state highways in honor of police officers killed in the line of duty. As an example, there is a memorial sign on the Orange (57) Freeway at the Riverside (91) Freeway designated as the "CHP Officer Don Burt Memorial Highway". The same procedure could be utilized in erecting signs in both directions of the Garden Grove Freeway. Staff recommends the sign to say "Garden Grove Police Department Memorial Highway" listing the five names of the Garden Grove Police Officers killed in the line of duty. The only requirement is that a local legislator requests a state resolution authorizing that the memorial signs be installed.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

None

COMMUNITY VISION IMPLEMENTATION

Not Applicable

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council:

- Adopt the attached resolution supporting the efforts to have "Garden Grove Police Officer Memorial Highway" signs erected along the Garden Grove (22) Freeway, in honor of the five Garden Grove Police Officer's who were killed in the line of duty.

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Chief of Police

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Attachment: Resolution