



News from the Shelby County Sheriff's Office

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Sheriff's Office Participates In National Observances

Corrections Deputies and Deputy Sheriffs will be celebrating their professions for the next couple of weeks. May 5-11 is **National Correctional Officers' Week** and May 11-15 is **National Peace Officers' Week**.

For **National Correctional Officers' Week**, Corrections Deputies and other staff will host events at the Shelby County Jail facilities. Festivities include a banquet and memorial service to honor co-workers who have passed away during the past year.

The jail staff will especially remember the lives of three former jailers who died in the line of duty:

- **Jailer James C. Nelson**-Died October 29, 1917, killed while trying to stop an escaping prisoner
- **Jailer George T. Reeves**-Died November 30, 1920, shot by three men escaping the Shelby County Jail
- **Sergeant Deadrick A. Taylor**-Died April 19, 1996, who was shot by a gang assassin in the driveway of his home in retaliation for putting a gang leader into solitary confinement at the jail earlier in the day

As Corrections Deputies hold celebrations this week, Deputy Sheriffs will take part next week in local and national events to honor law enforcement officers, especially those who have been killed in the line of duty.

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Nine Shelby County Sheriff's Deputies and one Shelby County Constable have died while performing their duties:

- **Deputy Sheriff Houston Mitchell**-Died July 11, 1904, during a shootout at a gambling raid
- **Deputy Sheriff Thomas J. McDermott**-Died July 12, 1904, during a shootout at a gambling raid
- **Constable J.H. Goad**-Died June 23, 1907, shot while trying to apprehend a criminal
- **Deputy Sheriff Fielding F. Applebury**-Died December 17, 1920, shot while serving a warrant
- **Deputy Sheriff Edward W. Stelling**-Died July 5, 1945, shot while trying to arrest a suspect
- **Deputy Sheriff Olney B. Crawford**-Died March 24, 1946, run over by a drunk driver while directing traffic
- **Deputy Sheriff Sherry Hopper Goodman**-Died July 26, 1996, shot by a suspect while taking him to jail
- **Deputy Sheriff Rupert Peete**-Died March 8, 2000, shot by a man who had just murdered two firefighters
- **Deputy Sheriff George M. Selby, Jr.**-Died December 4, 2002, while serving a narcotics warrant
- **Deputy Sheriff Timothy Dunn, Jr.**-Died October 29, 2004, killed in a traffic crash while on assignment

"Police Week" events will take center-stage in Washington, D.C. next week. On Friday, May 15, President Obama will speak to law enforcement officers and their families at the United States Capitol. Several Shelby County Sheriff's Deputies will attend the ceremony.

Sheriff's Deputies are also promoting the "**Fly the Blue**" campaign by **C.O.P.S. (Concerns of Police Survivors)**, which urges citizens to tie a blue ribbon onto vehicle antennas or display blue ribbons in public ways to show support of law enforcement officers.

To receive free blue ribbons, contact **Linda Gregory**, Chapter President of West Tennessee C.O.P.S. at **(901) 309-9455**.

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