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Included below is a press release regarding the Central West Michigan Police Memorial Ceremony, which is being held at 9 a.m. May 9 on the campus of Ferris State University. Further information is available by contacting Leah Nixon.

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Ferris hosts annual police memorial ceremony

BIG RAPIDS – Ferris State University will be holding the Central West Michigan Police Memorial Ceremony at 9 a.m. May 9 in front of the University’s FLITE building in recognition of Police Memorial Week.

Police Memorial Week was established by President John F. Kennedy to honor the men and women who have dedicated their lives to serving the public and keeping America’s freedoms safe – sometimes sacrificing their lives in the line of duty.

“As with the dedication of those who served in all wars, officers fighting the often-times deadly war on crime have since had a place in the hearts of Americans who wish to express their support and appreciation,” said Ferris Department of Public Safety Chief Martin Bledsoe. “This moving ceremony will honor those officers and give the public time to meet police officers, and review their equipment and modes of transportation to show different aspects of police work.”

Officers from Big Rapids, Ferris, Mecosta County, the Michigan State Police, and other university public safety departments and local, county, state and federal agencies will participate in the event, which includes the playing of Taps, bag pipers, flag and gun salutes, laying of the wreath and a reading of fallen heroes’ names.

“This is an excellent civic/social experience for students and other citizens and I encourage everyone to participate,” Bledsoe added.

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