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### Rockford Police Announce Series of Events to Recognize Northern Illinois Police Memorial Week

**ROCKFORD, Ill.** – The Rockford Police Department will be participating in a series of public activities marking the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern Illinois Police Memorial Week, Saturday, May 7 – Sunday, May 15, 2016.

The week is preceded by the Illinois Police Officers Memorial Ceremony, held today in Springfield, where the Northern Illinois Multi-Jurisdictional Honor Guard, the oversight organization for the Northern Illinois Police Memorial Week Events, and other Honor Guards from across the state gathered to honor, respect and remember officers who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty while serving their communities.

Beginning May 7, several events will be held to many of which the public is invited:

- **Saturday, May 7, 2016, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**
  - Cosmic Bowl Fundraiser at Cherry Bowl, 7171 CherryVale Blvd., Rockford featuring a 50/50 raffle and gift basket silent auction. Adult and youth bowlers are welcome to attend. Entrance fee \$15.00.
- **Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 10:00 a.m.**
  - Police, Fire and EMS Prayer Service at St. Bernadette's Catholic Church, 2300 Bell Avenue, Rockford.
- **Thursday, May 12, 2016**
  - Ecumenical Police Memorial Remembrance Ceremony at the Old Stone Church, 101 E. Union Street, Rockton. This ceremony is in remembrance for Officers who gave the ultimate sacrifice. The surviving families of these officers will be present.
- **Friday, May 13, 2016 – Saturday, May 14, 2016, 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday, May 15, 2016, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

- Interactive event featuring a memorial wall, squad car displays, K-9 and bomb robot demonstrations, child fingerprinting, face painting, and a Birds of Prey demonstration at CherryVale Mall, 7200 Harrison Avenue, Rockford.

Additionally, the public is encouraged to donate blood noting their favorite police or fire hero during the month of May, as part of the “Clash of the Heroes Police vs. Fire blood donation competition. Donations will be taken at two Rock River Valley Blood Center locations, 419 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 3065 N. Perryville Road.

A complete list of activities is enclosed.

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# A HERO REMEMBERED...NEVER DIES



## **N. IL MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HONOR GUARD**

### **COSMIC BOWL FUNDRAISER**

**SATURDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

**7:00P.M. – 10:00 P.M.**

**Strictly for Fun!**

**NO BOWLING ABILITY REQUIRED**

**\$15.00 PER PERSON**

**50/50 FUNDRAISER**

**&**

**GIFT BASKET SILENT  
AUCTION**

**ADULT & YOUTH BOWLERS INVITED**

### **THE CHERRY BOWL**

**7171 CHERRYVALE BLVD.**

**815-332-9595**

**3 GAMES OF SCOTCH DOUBLES**

**9 PIN COUNTS AS A STRIKE**

**MUSIC AND LIGHTS**

**SIGN UP BY CALLING: LISA DITZLER 815-222-0283**

**DANIEL WATTON 815-218-3273**

**RECOGNITION \* HONOR \* REMEMBRANCE**

**RECOGNIZED 501-C3 NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**



## **36<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern Illinois Police Memorial Week 2016 Schedule of Events**

**Saturday, May 07<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Cherry Bowl**  
**7171 CherryVale Blvd.**  
**Rockford, IL 61112**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Cosmic Bowl Fundraiser**  
**\*See Attached Form\***

**Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**St. Bernadette's Catholic Church**  
**2300 Bell Ave.**  
**Rockford, IL 61103**

**10:00a.m.**

**Police, Fire, EMS Prayer**

**Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Old Stone Church**  
**101 E. Union Street**  
**Rockton, IL**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Ecumenical Memorial Service**

**\*\*\*Sponsored by the Rockford Police Department Chaplain's Division\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Northern IL Multi-Jurisdictional Honor Guard Event\*\*\***



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**Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
CherryVale Mall**

- 10:00am -9:00 pm    Community Choice Donations**
- 1:00 pm                K-9 Demonstration  
(Rockford Police Department)**
- 5:30 pm                K-9 Demonstration  
(Boone County Sheriff's Department)**
- 7:00 pm                K-9 Demonstration  
(Rochelle Police Department)**
- 9:00 pm                Mall Closing**

**Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
CherryVale Mall**

- Command Center Displays – All Day**
- 10:00 a.m.             Display Open**
- 10:00a.m.–9:00p.m.    Community Choice Donations**
- 11:00 pm–5:00 pm    Child Fingerprints  
(Winnebago County Sheriff's Department Display)**



## **36<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern Illinois Police Memorial Week 2016 Schedule of Events**

**Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
CherryVale Mall (Cont.)**

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| <b>12:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Bomb Robot Demonstration<br/>(Rockford Police Department)</b>                                     |
| <b>12:00 p.m.</b>           | <b>K-9 Demonstration<br/>(Winnebago County Sheriff's Department)</b>                                 |
| <b>12:00 p.m.</b>           | <b>Face Painting<br/>(Northern Illinois Police Memorial Week<br/>Committee)</b>                      |
| <b>1:00 p.m.</b>            | <b>K-9 Demonstration<br/>(DeKalb County Sheriff's Department –<br/>Deputy Jason Johnson)</b>         |
| <b>2:00 p.m.</b>            | <b>Minute to Win It</b>  |
| <b>3:00 p.m.</b>            | <b>K-9 Demonstration<br/>(Belvidere Police Department –<br/>Officer Brandon Parker &amp; Ralphy)</b> |
| <b>TBD</b>                  | <b>Bomb Robot Demonstration<br/>(Winnebago County Sheriff's Department)</b>                          |
| <b>6:00 p.m.</b>            | <b>K-9 Demonstration<br/>(Ogle County Sheriff's Department)</b>                                      |
| <b>9:00 p.m.</b>            | <b>Mall Closing</b>  |



## **36<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern Illinois Police Memorial Week 2016 Schedule of Events**

**Sunday, May 15<sup>h</sup>, 2016**

**CherryVale Mall**

**(National Law Enforcement Memorial Day)**

**\*\*\*Flags to be flown at Half Staff\*\*\***

**Command Center Displays – All Day**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Display Openings**

**11:00 a.m.–5:00p.m.**

**Child Fingerprinting**

**(Winnebago County Sheriff's Dept. Display)**

**11:00a.m.-2:00pm**

**Community Choice Donation**

**12:00 p.m.–4:00 pm**

**Bomb Robot Demonstrations  
(Rockford Police Department)**

**12:00 p.m.**

**K-9 Demonstration**

**(Rockford Police Department)**

**12:00 pm–2:00pm**

**Birds of Prey**

**(Rockford Park District)**

**12:30pm–3:30 p.m.**

**Face Painting**

**(Police Week Committee)**

**1:00pm–3:00pm**

**Chief's Day**

**1:00 p.m.**

**K-9 Demonstration**

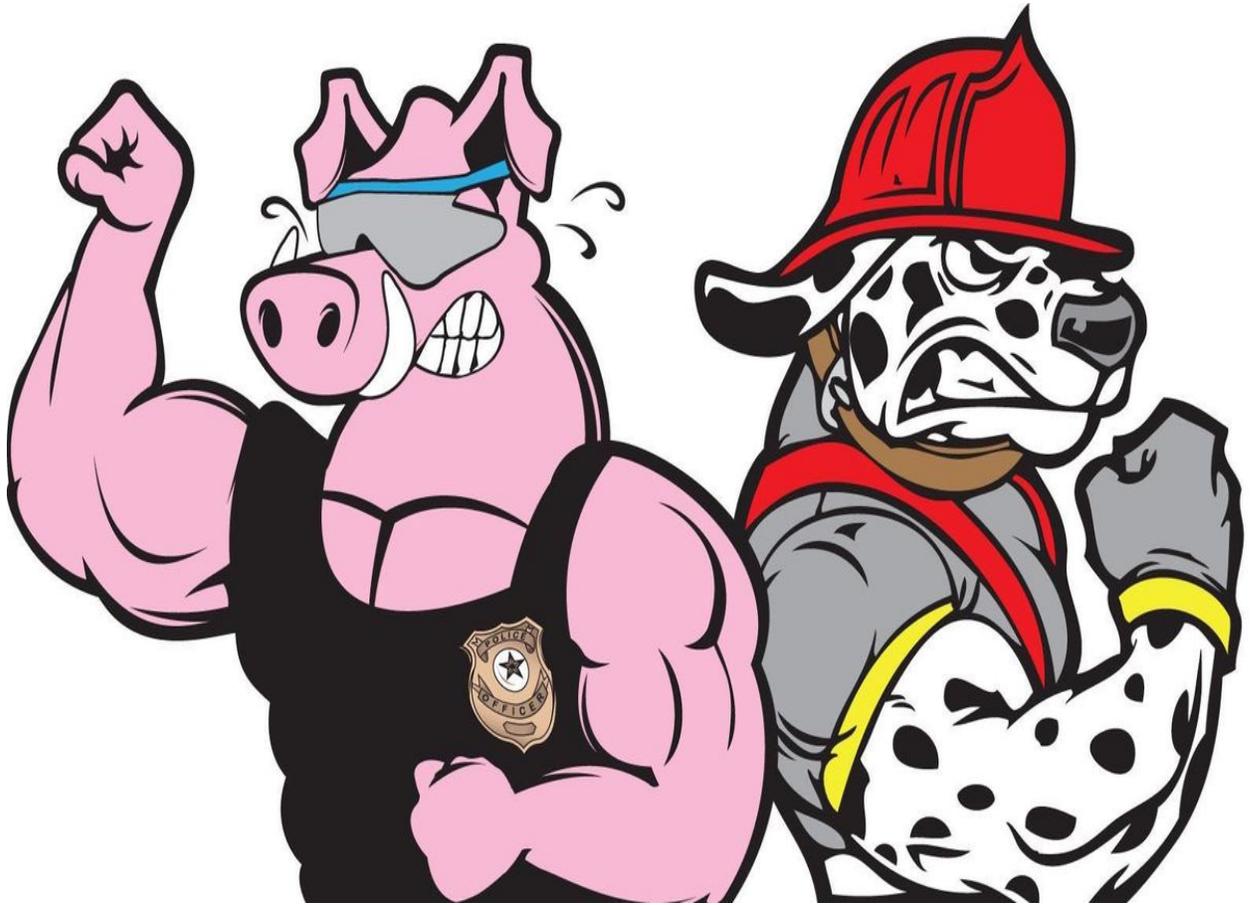
**(Marengo Police Department –  
Sgt. Rodney Riley & Shadow)**



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**Sunday, May 15<sup>h</sup>, 2016  
CherryVale Mall (cont.)  
(National Law Enforcement Memorial Day)  
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| <b>2:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Minute to Win It</b>  |
| <b>3:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Community Choice Award Presentation</b>   |
| <b>3:00 p.m.</b> | <b>K-9 Demonstration<br/>(Rockford Park District Police Department –<br/>Officer Josh Strand &amp; Kilo)</b> |
| <b>TBD</b>       | <b>Bomb Robot Demonstration<br/>(Winnebago County Sheriff's Department)</b>                                  |
| <b>4:30 p.m.</b> | <b>K-9 Demonstration<br/>(Loves Park Police Department –<br/>Officer Eric Meadors &amp; Rico)</b>            |
| <b>6:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Mall Closing</b>  |



**CLASH OF THE HEROES**  
**POLICE VS FIRE**

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MONTH OF MAY

**BLOOD DONATION COMPETITION**

When you go to donate, you can do it for your favorite **HERO**.

Rockford locations:

419 N 6th St & 3065 N Perryville Rd