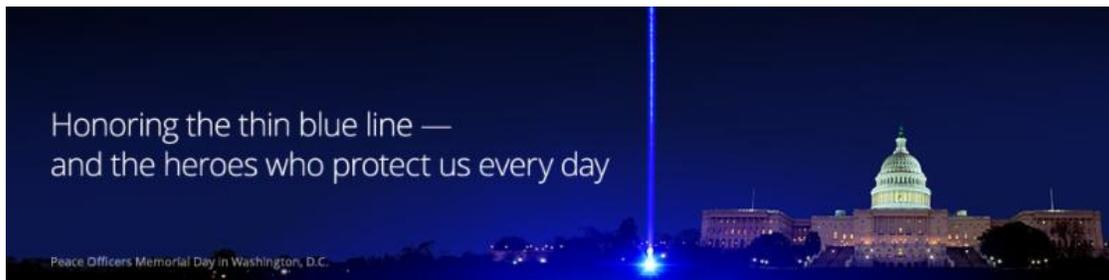


## National Police Week, Washington, D.C. May 15-21, 2016



Since 1962, National Police Week has been commemorating law enforcement officers and draws between 25,000 to 40,000 attendees to the nation's capital every year. The attendees come from departments throughout the United States as well as from agencies throughout the world. The event kicked off with the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service on Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> to honor fallen officers followed by other conferences throughout the week. Fraternal Order of Police DC Lodge #1 sponsors receptions each afternoon and evening throughout the week. National Police Week will take place in Washington, D.C. from May 15-21. For additional information on National Police Week, visit [www.policeweek.org](http://www.policeweek.org).





Law enforcement officials and their families gathered on Friday night on the National Mall to pay tribute to officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. The ceremony and candlelight vigil organized as part of National Police Week honored the 252 fallen officers whose names were recently added to National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Those honored include 123 officers who were killed in 2015, and another 129 officers who died in previous years but had not previously been recognized.

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## **NOBLE Member and Yale University Police Chief Ronnell Higgins Partners with the FBI to Train Youth Seeking Law Enforcement Careers**

NEW HAVEN, CT-NOBLE Member and Yale University Police Chief Ronnell Higgins has partnered with Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) New Haven Field office to offer local youths interested in a career in



**Yale Police Chief Ronnell Higgins**

law enforcement a groundbreaking opportunity to get first-hand experience in an FBI office. According to the FBI, "the program-called Future Law Enforcement Academy (FLEYA)-gives selected youth an inside look at today's FBI while simultaneously being exposed to various local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies and practices. Additionally, Yale's campus provides an academic environment rich with the atmosphere significant for students to pursue higher education." Chief Higgins noted Yale's unprecedented role in a program of this nature stating, "I know of no other institutions of higher learning that have partnered with the FBI to bring such a program to a campus."

The students will receive specific classroom training and practical exercises in investigative forensics, use of cyber technology techniques for combating violent crime, counterintelligence, gang awareness, civil rights (hate crimes), and many more violations of state and federal law. This unique training will include classes with Assistant U.S. Attorneys and State's Attorneys, local police, judges, and federal agents. Additionally, world renowned forensics expert Dr. Henry Lee has reached out to Chief Higgins to offer to teach a class. Higgins said, "Just to interact with someone like Dr. Lee, I don't know if they're going to see or feel the impact initially."

The FLEYA training program, which is mostly funded by Yale and takes place on the university's campus from July 24 -29, will be an overnight camp in which the FLEYA students will be chaperoned by sworn law enforcement and FBI employees. The chaperones chosen to oversee the daily and evening events will include Yale Police Department officers, FBI employees, and FBI National Academy alumni. Each alumni officer will originate from the county that the students represent. This will act as a way to promote ongoing connection and networking between law enforcement and the students post academy. Of the chaperone structure, Higgins said, "Our goal is to grow our own. We're going to plant our own garden and grow our own."

Diversity is an important part of the program. The 26 selected students will be evenly split along gender lines and ethnically, racially, and culturally diverse. FBI Community Outreach Specialist Charlie Grady said, "We intend to make this class as diverse as possible representing all areas of Connecticut, urban and suburban."

FLEYA is open to students ages 15-18 who are U.S. citizens, currently attending a Connecticut high school, and have a minimum GPA of 2.7. The application process includes an [online application](#), two 200 to 500-word essays, a telephone interview with academy staff members, and a final panel interview at the FBI office in New Haven. The submission deadline is 5 p.m. May 27, 2016. Further information can be found on the FBI's New Haven Field Office website at <https://www.fbi.gov/newhaven>.

Philadelphia Police Department (PPD) Captain James Reaves passed away on March 16, 2016 in Ohio. A native of South Philadelphia and graduate of Central High School, Mr. Reaves joined the force in 1940 and was the only African American in a class of 175 cadets. In 1954, he became Philadelphia's first black captain under the civil service merit system and rose to the rank of lieutenant. Captain Reaves served as captain of four precincts until 1963 when he was transferred to head the community relations division. From 1964 until his retirement in 1965, Mr. Reaves commanded Philadelphia's 22<sup>nd</sup> District.

After leaving the PPD, Mr. Reaves began a second career as a project manager with the Philadelphia Housing Authority and rose to Director of Security, a position he held until he retired in 1981. In 1991, he authored a book on African Americans in law enforcement entitled *Black Cops*.

Mr. Reaves was a member of the Southeast Police Chiefs Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives.

He served on the board of directors of the Travelers Aid Society, NAACP, Parkside YMCA, American Red Cross, and the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Reaves is survived by six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a sister; and nieces and nephews. His wife, Vivienne preceded him in death in 2005. Additionally, two sons Joseph and Alan, preceded him in 1990 and 2015 respectively.

Donations in honor of Captain Reaves can be made to the Guardian Civic League, James N. Reaves Scholarship Fund, 1516 W. Girard Ave., Philadelphia 19130.



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