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**SUBJECT: UPDATE: 50-75 Squads Expected to Proceed Across Aerial Lift Bridge for National Peace Officer Memorial Day**

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**NATURE OF INCIDENT: Law Enforcement Procession**

**CASE NO.:**

**INCIDENT DATE: 5/15/2020**

**INCIDENT TIME: 9:30 PM**

**INCIDENT LOCATION: Aerial Lift Bridge, Duluth, MN**

[DULUTH, MN] 5/14/2020 After gaining interest from law enforcement agencies from across the state, we are now expecting above 100 squads to proceed across the Aerial Lift Bridge to remember fallen officers.

The procession will stream live on the Duluth Police Department's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/DuluthMNPolice/> starting shortly before 9:30 PM. The program will include aerial drone views, bridge views, and South Lake Ave views of the procession. During the live stream, a reading of the names of all Minnesota fallen officers, Superior, WI, and Douglas County, WI will be done by Chaplain John Haatja.

The procession route along S Lake Ave to the bridge will include the honor guard, two fire ladder trucks displaying an American flag for squads to proceed under, and the illuminated blue Aerial Lift Bridge.

[DULUTH, MN] On Friday, May 15th at 9:30 PM, the Duluth Aerial Lift Bridge will be illuminated blue to honor law enforcement officers who were killed in the line of duty. With lights flashing, squads will leave from the DECC parking lot, travel east on Railroad Street, then turn right on South Lake Avenue, where they will proceed across the Aerial Lift Bridge, down to the end of Park Point and back.

To ensure social distancing is maintained, members of the public are encouraged to watch the procession program online via the Duluth Police Department's Facebook page where we will remember each law enforcement officer who gave the ultimate sacrifice from Minnesota, Superior, WI, and Douglas County, WI.

The Duluth Police Department's Facebook page is linked here: <https://www.facebook.com/DuluthMNPolice/>.

You do not need a Facebook account to watch.

National Police Week is each year from May 10th – May 15th. It is a time where law enforcement agencies across the United States take the time to remember and honor those who were killed in the line of duty. During normal times, tens of thousands of individuals in the law enforcement profession and their supporters gather in Washington D.C. and departments across the nation to hold events.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, most traditional events have been cancelled. This virtual event is a way for law enforcement agencies in our region and across the state to remember their fallen.

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