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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Village of Buffalo Grove to Honor Fallen Police Officers**

(Buffalo Grove, IL) Prior to the Village Board meeting on May 15, 2017 at 7:30 p.m., the Village of Buffalo Grove will honor police officers across the nation who have died in the line of duty. In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as *National Peace Officers Memorial Day*, and the week that the date falls in as *National Police Week*. The ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m. outside of the Buffalo Grove Village Hall with a flag raising ceremony.

"The flag to be raised is what is known as a Blue Line flag, which shows support and solidarity towards law enforcement," said Buffalo Grove Police Chief Steven Casstevens. Following the ceremony, there will be a moment of silence to honor police officers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The Village will also have a select number of blue light bulbs to be distributed free of charge to community members on a first-come, first-served basis in honor of "Project Blue Light".

In addition to the blue light bulbs available prior to the meeting, the Buffalo Grove Police Department will also have approximately 200 bulbs to distribute to residents and business owners on May 7, 2017 starting at 8:30 a.m., which will also be free of charge, while supplies last. Please check for availability by calling the police department at 847-459-2560. There is a limit of two bulbs per household and/or business.

"Project Blue Light" originated in 1989 in Philadelphia. Dolly Craig, mother-in-law to Daniel Gleason, an officer with the Philadelphia Police Department who was killed in the line of duty, came up with the idea to honor him, along with her late daughter who had been killed in a traffic crash by lighting a blue candle and placing it in a window of her home during the holiday season. Since then, the idea of placing a blue light, whether candle or bulb, in a front window or on a porch light, has gained momentum as a silent way to pay respect to law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty.

The light bulbs were obtained through a generous donation from Wal-Mart in Wheeling, and bulbs were also purchased at Buffalo Grove-based electrical supplier, Connexion.

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