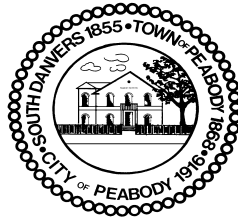


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Peabody Fire & Police Memorial to be Dedicated Saturday *Life-Sized Bronze Statues Honor Generations of Service and Sacrifice*

Mayor Edward A. Bettencourt, Jr. and members of the Peabody Police and Fire Departments will dedicate the Peabody Fire and Police Memorial this Saturday, October 14th at 10:00 a.m. on Perkins Street across from Emerson Park.

Considered the first of its kind, the Memorial features bronze statues of a police officer and firefighter standing side by side, amidst a beautifully appointed courtyard. The entrance to the site is paved with engraved bricks, many dedicated to police officers and firefighters who served Peabody with great distinction.

“Each day we are reminded that the men and women who serve as firefighters and police officers are worthy of our great respect and eternal gratitude,” said Mayor Bettencourt. “This beautiful new memorial is a fitting tribute which will stand to honor their service and sacrifice on our behalf.”

The dedication ceremony is expected to draw public safety officials from across Massachusetts as well as family members of past and present police officers and firefighters. Also expected to attend is Sergeant John Epstein of the New York City Police Department. Epstein is assigned to the 84th Precinct in Brooklyn where two officers were shot to death in 2014 as they sat in their patrol car. Mayor Bettencourt, police Chief Thomas Griffin and 20 Peabody officers traveled to New York to extend their sympathy to members of the 84th Precinct following the tragedy.

Parking for Saturday’s ceremony is available on Perkins Street near the Memorial as well as in the Higgins Middle School parking lot. A shuttle will provide round trip transportation between the Higgins and the Memorial site beginning at 9:30 a.m. Following the ceremony, there will be a brief reception at the new Higgins Middle School where light refreshments will be served.

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