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## Light Ohio Blue Media Advisory

This year's Light Ohio Blue campaign begins May 9<sup>th</sup> continuing until the 16<sup>th</sup>. The annual statewide campaign honors law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty, and their surviving family members, as well as show support for current law enforcement personnel across the Buckeye State.

As always, our Ohio law enforcement officers serve on the front line protecting our communities, but since last year, have done so in unparalleled circumstances during a global pandemic. Tragically, four Ohio law enforcement officers died in the line of duty in 2020. So far in 2021, three Ohio law enforcement officers have given their lives protecting their community, state and nation. Countless others across the state have become ill or injured during this same period. Undaunted, thousands of Ohio law enforcement officers in every community, county and state agency continue to show up every day to fulfill their duty to their fellow Ohioans. If there was ever a time that was needed to show these men and women, and their families, that their sacrifices and courage is appreciated and needed, it is now.

On Monday, May 10, 2021, the Light Ohio Blue campaign will have the annual Cruiser Caravan. The caravan consists of cruisers with officers and surviving line of duty family members from across the state. It will start at the Ohio Peace Officers Memorial located on the grounds of the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy (1650 OH-56, London, OH 43140). The staging of the cruisers will begin at 5:00 PM. At 5:45 PM, the ceremony and roll call of officers lost in 2020 and 2021 will be read. There will be remarks by Attorney General Dave Yost and an honor guard and bag piper will be present. The Cruiser Caravan will depart from the Ohio Peace Officers Memorial at approximately 6:15 PM travelling to locations within Central Ohio.

Any interviews requested by the media will have to be done prior to the start of the ceremony.

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