Collecting Memorial Objects for the National Law Enforcement Museum: Police Week 2019

At the close of National Police Week, items left at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial are deemed to be the property of the National Law Enforcement Museum. If you wish to keep an item placed at the Memorial, please remove it by 6:00am on Monday, May 20. In the case of inclement weather, Memorial or Museum staff may collect and remove items prior to this date and time. If you wish to have your item considered for the Collection of the National Law enforcement Museum, please mark the back or bottom with the fallen officer’s name and wall section number and take care to protect it from the elements. Only a small selection of items will be collected from the Memorial on May 20. The rest will be respectfully disposed of, if not reclaimed by the owner before then.

Important things for visitors to know:

- Items left at the Memorial are not the responsibility of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund or the National Law Enforcement Museum.

- Visitors may not leave items anywhere in or outside the National Law Enforcement Museum, including the Hall of Remembrance and on the Museum plaza near the entry or exit pavilions. Any items left in the Museum will be placed in the Lost & Found. If not reclaimed by the owner, these items will be disposed of after a period of two months.

- The National Law Enforcement Museum does not collect items made to memorialize fallen officers or events. The one exception to this policy is select items collected from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial following Police Week.

- The Museum does not collect artifacts on the spot and will not hold onto potential artifact donations for visitors. If interested in donating an artifact to the Museum, visitors are encouraged to fill out and submit our Potential Artifact Donation form. Copies of the form will be available from Visitor Services upon request.