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NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Friday, May 15, 2009 is National Peace Officers' Memorial Day. Flags across the United States will be flown at half-staff in remembrance of the nearly 18,200 law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty. The Garden City Police Department will join this tribute to fallen officers by hosting a memorial ceremony at the Finney County Law Enforcement Center on Friday, May 15, 2009. The ceremony will begin in front of the Law Enforcement Center at 10:00 a.m. with a flag raising ceremony performed by the Garden City Police Department and Finney County Sheriff's Department Honor Guards. Garden City Vice Mayor James Behan, Garden City Police Captain Michael Utz, and Finney County Sheriff Kevin Bascue are scheduled to speak at the event. The public is invited to attend the ceremony and a reception immediately following the ceremony.

In 1962, President John Kennedy designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day. Lowering flags on Peace Officers' Memorial Day is an appropriate way to show respect for those brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice and to remember the family, friends and colleagues they have left behind. It also is an important reminder of the continued service and sacrifice of the 900,000 law enforcement officers who protect our communities and safeguard our democracy.

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