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**All First Responders**

**“In the Line of Duty” Memorial”**

**UPDATE: 4/30/2014**

**Steve Austin; Titus County Historical Commission Ch.  
Titus & Franklin County Veteran Service Officer...**

**TO: Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters, EMT's and others**

**YOUR Memorial Black Granite Stone is aboard an ocean container ship and is due to arrive in port in about 3 weeks. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to get it etched and engraved and set before our original target date, Peace Officers Memorial Day, May 15<sup>th</sup>. A specific date for the dedication ceremony is pending.**

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Last year, at this time, Titus County Judge and Commissioners approved the request to secure funding, order monument, acquire artisan, set the stone on Courthouse grounds, eligibility requirements and determine initial honorees.

The funding goal of \$1,000 was completed within the first 3 months of the project. Donations were received from the following: Diana Kennedy, American National Bank, City of Winfield, The Space Place, Guaranty Bond Bank, Dr. Eric & Barbara Bruechner, Mount Pleasant Optomists, Hoyt Scogin, Miller Cove Grocery, Daysi's Taqueria, Oasis Beverage Barn, I.D. & R.B. Weldon and Crazy 8's Package Store.

John Fitch and Fitch Memorials were selected to handle the ordering and completing the etching, engraving and placement of the memorial stone. The location of the placement of the stone will be on the east side of the Courthouse, to the left of the entry stairs, in the grassy area, at a point next to where the sidewalk and the entryway to the steps meet.

Eligibility requirements for Honorees are established as: (1) Died as a result of injuries sustained in the performance of duties within the confines of Titus County or as approved by a majority of the Commissioners Court during a regular or special called meeting for that purpose as submitted by the Titus County Historical Commission Chairman (2) Born in Titus County, or (3) Resident of Titus County, or (4) Serving the citizens of Titus County regardless of agency, including officers of the court.

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The initial Honorees are: (1) Titus County Pct. 8 Constable; Edward Price, EOW-March 22, 1933. (2) MPVFD Firefighter; Robert Simpson; EOW-May 8, 1962. (3) MPPD Patrol Sgt.; Charlie Jerry Shepard; EOW-July 17, 1985. (4) Texas Forestry Service Firefighter; Roland Lambert, EOW-May 27, 1990.

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