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From left, James Cook, John Bayless, Ed Luevano, Nancy Iwata, Rivers Jacques, Roy Parker, Vance Bjorklund, Jack Eckles and Pat Jordan were some of the officers attending the memorial service for Edward E. Reed. *Photos by Ned Racine*



Officers have held an annual memorial service for Edward E. Reed since 2004.

Officers Continue Tradition of Remembering Fallen Officer

By NED RACINE, Editor

(Feb. 21, 2008) Overcast skies were a fitting backdrop for a brief memorial service today marking the death of Edward E. Reed, the only Metro Transit Police officer killed in the line of duty.

Reed was killed on Feb. 21, 1993. A drunk driver broad-sided Reed's patrol car and killed him instantly.

"It's important to recognize the service of others," said Jack Eckles, deputy executive officer, System Safety & Security. "Particularly the supreme sacrifice."

Approximately 30 Metro Security, Transit Services Bureau and Los

Angeles Police Department officers joined the memorial service in the Gateway Transit Plaza. Annual services marking Reed's death began in 2004.

Transit Security Lt. James Cook, who spoke briefly at the event, said he attends the memorial because "it's a connection to the officer and a connection to what he served on and gave his life for."

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