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Fallen Metro Transit Police Officer Reed Remembered at Annual Memorial Service

Edward E. Reed is the only Metro Transit Police officer to be killed in the line of duty.



Former Transit Police Officer and now retired Sheriff's Deputy Belinda Jenkins pays her respects at the granite marker placed near the entrance to Metro Headquarters.



From left, LAPD Officer Chris Carson, retired LAPD Sgt. Nicholas Aldana, Sheriff's Deputy Mana Elliott, Metro Transit Security Lt. Senior Rivers Jacques, Metro Transit Security Lt. James Cook, LASD Deputy Alex Tineo, retired Metro Transit Police Officer Michael Singleton, retired Sheriff's Deputy Belinda Jenkins, Metro Transit Security Senior Officer Henry Solis are among friends and colleagues attending the memorial service held every year since 2004.

(Feb. 23, 2010) A solemn gathering of law enforcement officers marked the annual remembrance and memorial service for Edward E. Reed, the only Metro Transit Police officer killed in the line of duty.

Reed, who was only 24 years old, was killed on Feb. 21, 1993, when a drunk driver broad-sided Reed's patrol car and spun the vehicle into a telephone pole. Reed and his partner, patrolling on night shift, were responding to a transit call when the accident occurred in the vicinity of 41st Street and Central Avenue.

Metro Transit Security officers, Transit Services Bureau deputies 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 the memorial service is a way to honor Reed and "reaffirm the cause that he served. He was dedicated to bringing safety and order to our transit system and to protect the most vulnerable in our society."