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MTA TO HOLD MEMORIAL CEREMONY FOR OFFICER EDWARD REED, JR. KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY IN 1993

A memorial service honoring the memory of Officer Edward E. Reed, Jr., the first and only MTA officer killed in the line of duty, will be held at 11 a.m., June 25, at MTA's Gateway Plaza in downtown Los Angeles. Officer Reed died Feb. 21, 1993 when his vehicle was struck by a drunken driver.

A three and a half foot high and two foot wide grey granite pillar with a black granite inlayed plaque will be unveiled in the presence of Officer Reed's parents who are being flown in for the event from Washington State. Also present at the ceremony will be MTA Chief of Police Sharon Papa, MTA Interim CEO Linda Bohlinger, MTA Board members and executive staff.

All present will hear a special message from Edward Reed, Sr. and MTA PD Chaplain, Dr. Arthur Henry, who will do the invocation. Chief Papa and Bohlinger also will speak.

Reed's inscription, lasered onto the black granite plaque, will read: "In honor of our fallen brother, Officer Edward Reed, Jr. killed in the line of duty, February 21, 1993." The grey pillar also will include a photograph of the deceased police officer.

Officer Reed is remembered for his idealism, excellence at work, and dedication to his community.

"Ed Reed was a good, fun-loving guy who loved his job," said Senior Transit Police Officer Mark Warner. "He was one of the best guys I've ever met in my life. He's missed by all who knew him."

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