The Briefing

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LPD celebrated 25 years of award winning K-9 units with a reception that included a demonstration of Zeus and Shadow's skills. Shadow celebrated the occasion when his trainer, Officer Chad Loeffler, released him to take a bite on my arm after a short pursuit.

Sgt. Andy Bohlen, who was instrumental in developing Lakeville's Yellow Ribbon efforts, joined U.S. Rep. John Kline, myself, and Gov. Dayton at an event that recognized Dakota County and several of its cities as Yellow Ribbon entities. Several Lakeville police officers also serve in the military.

Honoring Those Who Have Fallen

One of the highlights of my recent visit to Washington D.C. was the reflective moments spent at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. The Memorial features two curving, 304 foot marble walls. Carved on these walls are the names of the more than 19,000 officers who have been killed in the line of duty throughout U.S. history. Each of the four pathway entrances to the Memorial walls are adorned with a statue of a lion protecting its cubs. The statues symbolize the protective role of law officers and convey strength, courage and valor that are the hallmarks of those who serve. The memorial is ever-changing with new names of fallen officers added each spring in conjunction with National Police Week.
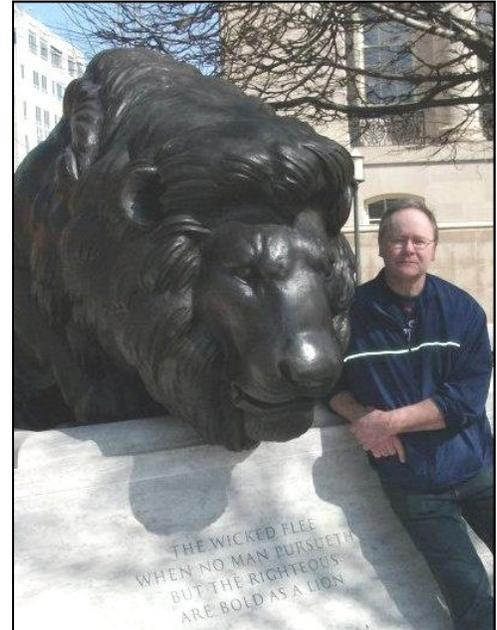
On average, one law enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty somewhere in the United States every 53 hours

Other notes from Chaplain Bellows

- June 13th promises to be an afternoon of fun! Brunswick Zone has generously offered to provide a fund raising event for LPCS. Participants will get to bowl with and interact with police officers. Further details can be found on our web site as the event is organized: www.lakevillepolicechaplaincy.org

- The continued work of LPCS is made possible by the financial gifts of others. LPCS is a 501c3 organization. Your tax deductible contribution can be mailed to 9623 162nd Street West, Lakeville MN 55044.