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Law Enforcement Officers Mourn The Loss Of Their Brethren



The American flag is placed as a banner under which the funeral procession travels on Hathaway Avenue (U.S. Alt. 27) before the traffic signal at Thrasher Drive (SR 24), where the hundreds of vehicles would turn left to go to Rosemary Hill Cemetery. Two bucket trucks and crews from Central Florida Electric Cooperative placed this to recognize and honor law enforcement officers.

<https://youtu.be/FYHFeSiL4qc>

This video is a couple of minutes of different activity that included a viewing, a funeral, a funeral procession and a burial with full honors for the two Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office deputies who were shot to death in the line of duty on Thursday (April 19). Gilchrist County Sheriff Bobby Schultz led the efforts to honor GCSO Sgt. Noel Ramirez and Deputy Sheriff Taylor Lindsey who were assassinated in Trenton on April 19. The Tuesday (April 24) ceremonies included law enforcement officers from the GCSO, Levy County Sheriff's Office, Dixie County Sheriff's Office, Alachua County Sheriff's Office, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Lafayette County Sheriff's Office, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Charlotte County Sheriff's Office, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, Trenton Public Safety Department, and police departments in Cedar Key, Chiefland, Williston, Gainesville, Ocala, Palm Bay, Fort Lauderdale, and other agencies including the United States Department of Homeland Security, Tampa International Airport and a multitude of other federal, state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies. Visitation and the funeral service were in the Bell Middle High School gymnasium-auditorium. After the non-denominational funeral service, the funeral procession included hundreds of officers and vehicles traveling from Bell to Rosemary Hill Cemetery on State Road 24 in Bronson. People were seen all along the miles of roadway between Bell and Bronson as they paid their respects to the deputies who died in the line of duty. Even traveling at a relatively quick pace, the funeral procession alone was miles and miles of vehicles. The bond of all people involved with enforcing laws remains strong.

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