



HONOR GUARD END OF YEAR REPORT 2007

Licking County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard was officially formed in 2004 and consists of 10 members. Overall Commander is Capt. Tom Lee and Sgt. Tim Tyo is the Administrative Supervisor.

Formation and use of the Honor Guard is to provide a service to the public displaying pride, respect, leadership and "esprit de corps" of the Sheriff's Office whether honoring the flag or the fallen.

Honor Guard performs flag raisings and presentations at assemblies such as conferences, sporting events, parades and civic gatherings. Funerals are performed at request of agencies and family members and ceremonies can be full service or in conjunction with military units for honors. Members also attend funerals of law enforcement officers around the state doing so as mourners only representing the department, unless otherwise requested.

Funding has been sporadic in the past taking a few donations from agencies receiving services. To date Honor Guard account holds \$420.08. There are no plans to acquire further funding other than donations for services.

Below are listed events attended by the Honor Guard in 2007:

February 12, 13, 14th, Deps. Moore and Rhodes to Wright Pt. AFB for training

April 2nd, Sheraton in Columbus for State of Ohio Investigators Conf.

May 3rd, Police Memorial. Week in London, Oh

May 22nd, Funeral in Gallia Co. for Dep. David Poling

May 26nd, Hyatt Regency at Easton for State Auditors Conf.

May 27th, Memorial Day Ceremony for LE at Northridge HS

July 4th, Granville 4th of July Parade

August 9th, Babe Ruth opening Ceremony

September 28th, Pros. Atty. Swearing in for Ken Oswalt

October 5th, Funeral for Col. PD Off. Tormasi in Delaware Co.

October 19th, Licking Valley football game opening Ceremony

October 26th, Lakewood football game opening ceremony

For the year 2008, we would like to add and train four new members. This would allow the unit to perform an entire funeral ceremony without participating in dual roles making a much nicer seamless event. It would also permit the formation of an A and B team allowing us to participate in more than one event at a time and aid in putting together an event where vacations etc. doesn't interfere.

We would also like to continue to send two members at a time to Wright Patterson AFB for training, as the members who have attended believe it aided greatly in creating a crisp snap in regimentation and discipline. Training is set for two 4-hour sessions monthly. During inclement weather, it is held at the old Hazelwood Elem. School on O'Bannon Ave. Otherwise, we train at Licking Park's Infirmary Mound Park where we can fire blank rounds without disturbing a neighborhood.

The team would like to develop our website displaying services and offering an array of services to other agencies. Our intent is to allow those agencies to mourn during a funeral and not have to plan and execute services to spending more time with family and department members.