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## **NCLEES 2009 March and Memorial Service**

The National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies Inc., (NCLEES) will sponsor its 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial March and Service in Washington D.C. on Thursday, May 14, 2009 during National Police Week. This event is one of the major highlights of National Law Enforcement Week.

NCLEES is a diverse group made up of 82 Emerald Societies from across the country including New York, Washington DC, Chicago, Philadelphia, Nassau County, Colorado, San Francisco, and of course Indiana. The Memorial March is followed by an extremely moving Memorial Service at the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial for all fallen peace officers - especially those of Gaelic descent.

### **National Honor Units For 2009**

The NCLEES 2009 Host Pipe Band is the Lake County (Indiana) Sheriff's Office Pipes and Drums. The 2009 Host Honor Guard is Philadelphia Police Honor Guard. Lake County Sheriff's Pipes & Drums will not only be playing music with the mass bands but also be playing two solo tunes "Gardens of Skye" and "Rakes of Mallow."

### **The 2009 Memorial March & Service at the NLEOM**

The March will start at 6 PM at New Jersey Avenue NW and F Street NW (official staging area). The March will proceed past various locations (Police Headquarters, Superior Court) and end at the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial at Judiciary Square, where there will be a memorial service and wreath laying ceremony.

This year, the Guest Speaker is U.S. Senator Evan Bayh from Indiana, and the Keynote Speaker is Lake County, Indiana Sheriff Rogelio "Roy" Dominguez. One of the memorial wreath presenters is Lake County, Indiana Sheriff's Department Chief of Police, Marco Kuyachich.

Last year over 40 Police Emerald Societies, 20 Police Pipe Bands, 50 Honor Guard Units and many members from various law enforcement agencies throughout the United States and Canada, totaling over 1,200 officers took part in the solemn service to honor America's fallen law enforcement officers who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the performance of their duty.

For further details go to NCLEES web site [www.nclees.org](http://www.nclees.org).