

## DEDICATION



This book is dedicated to all of the law enforcement officers and support personnel who uphold the laws and serve the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Their continued support and cooperation make possible the publication of the 1995 Crime in Kentucky.

The Kentucky State Police, the Data Processing Section, the Records Section, and the Uniform Crime Reporting staff also salute all of the Kentucky law enforcement agencies for their contributions toward this publication.

We are extremely proud to report that in 1995, no Kentucky law enforcement officer was required to pay the supreme sacrifice of giving their life in the line of duty for the citizens of this great Commonwealth.

# **SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

During 1995 numerous law enforcement officers were injured in the line of duty, some of those suffered life threatening injuries.

We are eternally grateful and indebted to all law enforcement officers for their willingness to place themselves in harm's way, in order to serve and protect the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

It is impossible to list all of the law enforcement officers who were injured in 1995. Therefore, our staff has provided the following reports which we feel epitomize the commitment of all law enforcement officers in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, as well as throughout the United States.

## **JEFFERSONTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **OFFICER JOHN GREGG**

On September 20, 1995, Officer John Gregg was on patrol and monitoring his police radio when he heard a request from federal officers asking for assistance in stopping a red GMC Jimmy, driven by a dangerous fugitive. Although Officer Gregg was not aware of it at the time, the suspect was wanted for the attempted murder of an Ohio police officer.

Officer John Gregg, who was in the immediate area, pulled in behind the fugitive's vehicle and activated his blue lights. Suddenly the fugitive jumped from his rolling vehicle, produced a weapon, and fired two shots through Officer Gregg's windshield, both of which struck the officer's bullet proof vest.

As Officer Gregg attempted to exit his vehicle, the suspect fired several more shots into his cruiser. One of those shots went through the side of Officer Gregg's vest and passed through his lung, heart, and liver. Although wounded, Officer Gregg returned fire as he tried to get behind the rear of his cruiser for better protection. As he moved, so did the fugitive, who continued to fire shots at the officer.

After firing five shots at the suspect and hitting him at least three times, Officer Gregg collapsed behind his vehicle. He was rushed to University Hospital where he underwent three hours of surgery.

Although the fugitive suffered several potentially fatal gunshot wounds from officers on the scene, it was determined he died from a self-inflicted gunshot to the head.

As of April 22, 1996, Officer Gregg had not returned to work.

## **HOPKINSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **OFFICER CARY HAYES OFFICER ROGER ROBINSON**

On November 1, 1995, at 4:20 AM, Officer Cary Hayes stopped an individual for suspected Driving Under the Influence (DUI). Officer Ken Grace stopped to provide backup and Officer Roger Robinson responded to the scene with a Preliminary Breath Test Device (P.B.T.). The vehicle contained two males. When Officer Hayes finished administering the P.B.T. and advised the driver that he was under arrest, the driver pulled a Glock .45 with laser sight from under his shirt and began firing at the officers. The passenger produced a .357 revolver and also began firing at the officers. In less than 12 seconds a total of 37 shots were fired (18 by officers, 19 by suspects). Neither suspect was wounded. However, Officer Hayes was struck five times: in the chest (stopped by vest), groin, buttocks, right arm and right shoulder. Officer Robinson was struck three times: in the right side, elbow, and leg. Officer Grace was not wounded.

The suspects fled the scene and were captured 24 hours later in a rural portion of Christian County, Kentucky. Both officers are recovering from their injuries and plan to return to work.

## **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE RESOURCES**

### **CONSERVATION OFFICER, LT. RUSSELL WOLFE**

On November 20, 1995, at approximately 6:15 pm, Lt. Russell Wolfe stopped an individual suspected of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) driving a Chevrolet S-10 Pick-up. While Lt. Wolfe was conducting his investigation of the driver, the passenger slipped away to his nearby house and returned with a shotgun. Lt. Wolfe was apparently shot in the leg with the shotgun. After Lt. Wolfe was wounded, he radioed for assistance.

Law enforcement officers from the Clay County Sheriff's Office, Manchester Police Department, Kentucky State Police, Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources, and the US Forest Service responded to Lt. Wolfe's call for assistance. The suspect was tracked to his residence with the assistance of a K-9 unit. At approximately 8:00 pm he was taken into custody without incident.

Lt. Wolfe still conscious and in stable condition was taken to the Manchester Hospital and later transferred to the UK Medical Center.