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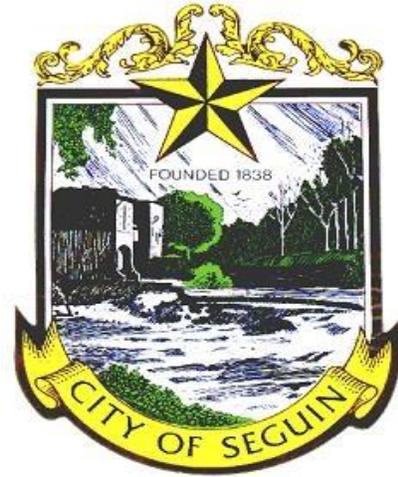
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## **Mayor Proclaims National Police Week**

***May 11-17 Honors Law Enforcement Officers***

**SEGUIN, Texas** – Mayor Don Keil has proclaimed May 11-14, 2014 as National Police Week in the City of Seguin. The proclamation was presented to the Seguin Police Department May 13 at City Hall.

“The men and women of the Seguin Police Department routinely and without hesitation put their personal safety on the line to protect the citizens of Seguin,” Mayor Don Keil said. “I encourage all residents to honor these officers for their sacrifice.”

National Police Week was started in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy as a way to honor law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. According to the Fraternal Order of Police, since the first recorded death in 1791, almost 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have been killed in the line of duty. On average, one law enforcement officer is killed somewhere in the United States every 57 hours. Last year 105 United States law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty.

Seguin Police Detective Joe L. Carrillo died on July 20, 1975 as a result of a gunshot sustained during a traffic stop ten years earlier. Detective Carrillo is the only SPD officer to die in the line of duty.

The Seguin Police Department has 56 sworn officers. Last year, SPD was named a Recognized Law Enforcement Agency by the Texas Police Chiefs Association Law Enforcement Recognition Program. The department was just the 76th agency in the state to be so recognized.

In 2008, Kevin Kelso became SPD's fourth Chief of Police. Under his leadership the part one crime rate has fallen 13% since 2009.



Seguin Mayor Don Keil presents Seguin Police Chief Kevin Kelso and other officers a proclamation declaring May 11-17, 2014 as National Police Week in the City of Seguin. National Police Week honors officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Seguin Police Detective Joe. L. Carrillo is the only SPD officer to be killed in the line of duty. Detective Carrillo died in 1975 as the result of a gunshot sustained during a traffic stop ten years earlier.

#### **About the City of Seguin**

Seguin, Texas is located along Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational, and employment opportunities. Seguin's robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2009, Seguin was proud to be selected by Caterpillar as the site of a major new engine manufacturing facility.

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