

John P. Kalaman was a five-year veteran of the Centerville Police Department when he lost his life on the morning of January 12, 1998.

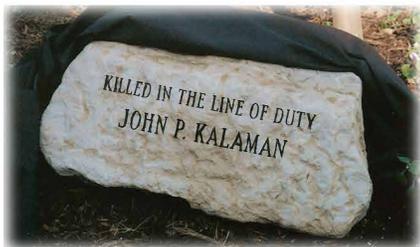
About 6:00 a. m. John responded to an accident on I-675 near Wilmington Pike. After the crash victim had been placed in the rescue vehicle, John, along with Washington Township firefighters Bob O'Toole and Chuck Arnold, returned to the damaged vehicle. Another car traveling west lost control, crossed the median and struck the three men. Officer John Kalaman died instantly, and Firefighter Bob O'Toole died shortly thereafter in a hospital emergency room.

Firefighter Arnold survived the crash, but with considerable injury. John, his parents and younger brother Bob lived in Kettering where John graduated from Fairmont HS in June, 1986. He played baseball with the KABC while in elementary school and junior high school. John graduated from the University of Cincinnati in June 1991 with a degree in Political Science and a minor in Russian language/Studies.

He had hoped one day to go into the foreign service, or work with the FBI. During off hours John loved to ski, sail, dance, ride his Harley Davidson motorcycle, and play softball and racquetball. The Noon Optimist Club of Centerville named their Respect for Law Award in John's



memory and to honor those in our community who unselfishly give of themselves in service to others.



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To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

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To make all your friends feel there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.



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JOHN P. KALAMAN
**RESPECT
FOR LAW AWARD**



Captain Jeff Papanek

Captain Jeff Papanek has served our community for the past five years as the Washington Township Police Director, overseeing daily operations of the Washington Township Substation, of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, including the Road Patrol, detectives, a school resource officer and a traffic officer. Under Jeff's Watch, the crime rate remained low, the closure rate for open cases was impressively high, and OVI enforcement has been a model for other area communities. Jeff also made it a high priority to reach out to the local community with programs that include Neighborhood Watch, a Business Watch, a Walker Watch program, Community Education and comprehensive school safety programs. Under Jeff's leadership, The Washington Township Substation has excelled above and beyond its mission, first by identifying critical safety issues faced by seniors in our community, and then responding to their needs by establishing the highly effective STAR Program for at risk residents. Jeff retired in April of 2018.



Terry Blair was a dedicated public servant and a committed member of the Centerville Noon Optimist Club. He was passionate about recognizing public servants and in 1998, became a driving force in naming our Respect for Law annual award in the memory of John P. Kalamán.



Officer Tracy A. Sommers

Officer Tracy A. Sommers began her career with the Centerville Police Department in 1999. Officer Sommers began as a dispatcher and was promoted to police officer. During her 20 years of service, she has served in a variety of roles including the Honor Guard, ALICE Instructor, School Resource Officer, and an advisor to the Centerville Police Department Explorer Program. Officer Sommers is very active in coaching and mentoring the youth in our community both on and off-duty. She has received numerous awards and letters of recognition for her exemplary performance. In February 2018, Officer Sommers was awarded a Life-Saving Award for reviving an unresponsive subject. Officer Sommers is a dedicated law enforcement professional who believes in providing exceptional police service.

JOHN P. KALAMAN RESPECT FOR LAW AWARD

RECIPIENTS

- 1998 – John P. Kalamán & Danielle L. Salyer
- 1999 – Thomas Heck & Jerry L. Hansen
- 2000 – Jeffrey Williams & Don McCuiston
- 2001 – Steven O. Maynard & Timothy Powell
- 2002 – Daryl Wagner & Todd S. Fazzari
- 2003 – Chad A. Eckenrode & Steven G. Egleston
- 2004 – Scott E. Thomas & Bob Werling
- 2005 – Faupo Laufo & Ron Thomas
- 2006 – Mark Casey & Tony Ball
- 2007 – Ed Skinner & Gary Fulwiler
- 2008 – Michael Yoder & Tonya Baker
- 2009 - James A. Shanesy & Wade Fields
- 2010 - Aaron Nicley & Matt Wright
- 2011 - Adam T. Bennett & Jeffrey Gray
- 2012 - Judy Kuhns & Rick Ward
- 2013 - Scott Owsley & Dee Osterfeld
- 2014 - Nadia Dexter & Brian Burke
- 2015 - Jared Rhoten & Brad Fizer
- 2016 - Christine Smart & Jeffrey Gray
- 2017 - James W. Stephenson & Gary Ridgeway
- 2018 – Faupo Laufo & Linda Shutts
- 2019 – Tracy A. Sommers & Jeff Papanek

* In each case, the first-named person is the Centerville Police Department honoree and the second-named person is the honoree from the Washington Township Sheriff's Department.

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