



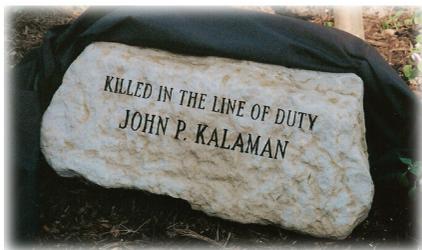
John P. Kalamam was a five-year veteran of the Centerville Police Department when he lost his life on the morning of January 12, 1998.

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 Kalamam 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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OUR PROMISE TO YOU

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

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

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.

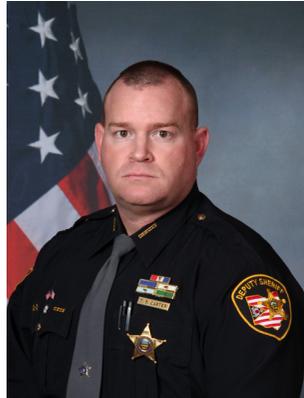
To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

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



Deputy Jonathan Petry

Deputy Jonathan Petry began his law enforcement career in 2013 with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, and was promoted to deputy sheriff in 2015, serving in Jefferson Township, Harrison Township and Washington Township. Since November 2020 Jon has been WT's Community Oriented Policing deputy.

During the pandemic Jon took the initiative to build relationships with hotels and motels in the Township. From this relationship MCSO deputies were able to quickly and strategically address trespassing issues and loitering concerns that had the potential to become detrimental to the business community.

Working with all the neighborhood watch groups in the Township, Jon has not only grown the size of these neighborhood watch groups, but the number of them as well. He has started additional social media talk groups, participates in platforms such as Ring, Nextdoor and Facebook, has assisted residents with locating missing pets, address speeding concerns, and providing assistance in solving thefts and burglaries. Using the Community Resource Trailer Jon has been able to assist with feeding hundreds of Centerville School students due to the school being out during COVID-19 pandemic, dropping off supplies to residents in need. Jon is the epitome of the team player who is always willing to help out where needed. His selfless leadership to the community along with his dedication and passion to the residents of the Township are exemplary.



**Jeffrey K. Kaercher
Detective Sergeant**

Detective Sergeant Jeffrey Kaercher was unanimously nominated for the John P. Kalamam Respect for Law Award by his peers based on his devotion to duty, knowledge, and tireless dedication to his profession. He began his career with the Centerville Police Department as a patrol officer on July 28, 2008. Some of Det. Sgt. Kaercher's many roles have included patrol officer, detective, physical fitness coordinator, and sergeant. After months of research and testing, he implemented a new software program that has streamlined the department's scheduling and payroll process. Det. Sgt. Kaercher is generous in mentoring fellow officers (notably younger ones) in patrol tactics and assisting with investigations. He has received numerous awards and letters of recognition and has brought credit and pride to this department.



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. Kalamam**.

JOHN P. KALAMAN RESPECT FOR LAW AWARD

RECIPIENTS

- 1998 – John P. Kalamam & 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
- 2020 - Amanda Holland & Shane Carter
- 2021 – Jeff Kaercher & Jon Petry

* 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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Golf Course Clubhouse