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## Shine a Blue Porch Light to Show Support for Law Enforcement

CARSON CITY, Nev. – Residents and businesses in Nevada’s state capital can show support for Carson City sheriff’s deputies and all law enforcement this spring by shining a blue porch light, Mayor Bob Crowell said today.

“Police officers endanger their lives every day responding to 911 calls and patrolling our neighborhoods, streets and highways,” Crowell said. “Let’s join the national blue lights movement and do a small deed to send a big message by simply replacing your front porch light with a blue bulb, which Carson City residents can get at no cost.”

Free blue light bulbs are available at several locations:

- Dick Campagni’s Carson City Toyota, 2590 South Carson St.
- Capital Ford, 3660 South Carson St.
- Carson City Sheriff’s Office, 911 East Musser St.

Campagni partnered with Nevada electrical distributor Wedco Inc., which is supplying the bulbs. Toyota General Manager Dana Whaley invites the public to pick up a complimentary bulb and help turn Carson City blue through May.

Wedco’s free bulbs also will be available at this year’s 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Nevada Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ceremony May 3 at 1 p.m. on the Nevada Capitol Grounds. The event honors those killed in the line of duty.

“We know that our sheriff’s deputies and Nevada Highway Patrol must deal with tragic, violent, threatening situations every day they are on duty,” Wedco President Rich Stoltz said. “A blue light shines as a beacon to police both on and off duty and Wedco is proud to be a part of this community support system for these brave officers.”

Nevada’s memorial ceremony will honor the 132 fallen officers since 1861. The most recent death was Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Officer Charleston Vernon Hartfield, killed in the Oct. 1, 2017, massacre at the Route 91 Harvest Festival on the Strip. National Park Service Ranger T.K. Brown, who died at Lake Mead in 1973, was included on the list in the past year. The ceremony precedes National Police Week, May 13-19, created in 1962 by President John Kennedy and a joint resolution of Congress.

“Our officers sincerely appreciate seeing a blue light shining in the darkness from someone’s porch, yard or the front of a business,” Carson City Sheriff Kenny Furlong said. “Every day, law enforcement officers know the tremendous risks and dangers, and when they see the sign of community support a blue light delivers it means more than I can express.”

Last year, when Shine Blue Lights began, the Carson City Board of Supervisors proclaimed it should be observed annually. “Some residents have chosen to leave their blue porch lights shining all year, so their support will always be visible to our deputies and other law enforcement officers,” the mayor said.

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