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Onslow County Public Safety Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony

ONLOW COUNTY, NC — The Onslow County Board of Commissioners and County government staff will be paying their respects to local public safety professionals who passed away in the line of duty on Tuesday, October 29th at the Onslow County Public Safety Memorial with a Wreath Laying Ceremony.

They are inviting the community to join them, as they reflect on the lives of the fourteen local fallen heroes inscribed on the memorial. The late Piney Green Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Chief Charles Harvey, who passed away from a heart attack in June of 2007, will be honored this year for the first time.

As a Vietnam Army veteran, Mr. Harvey is buried at the Coastal Carolina Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville. Timothy Bruns, current Chief of the Piney Green Volunteer Fire Department says, “We sure do miss Chief Harvey, he was a big part of our family here at Piney Green. He was a true servant leader that took care of the community and our members every day, embodying the true meaning of selfless sacrifice. Charlie led by example, sharing his experiences with others for the betterment of all. Charlie also loved his animals very much and one of his dogs is still in the Piney Green family to this day. His passing was a great loss to the community and our department, but his memory is with us while we are out assisting the community, as we have dedicated Engine 1105 in his name.”

Mr. Harvey was initially to be included in the Onslow County Public Safety Memorial in September 2018, but due to Hurricane Florence, last year’s ceremony was cancelled. The North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Foundation have also honored him at the State memorial.

The Onslow County Public Safety Memorial is located at the entrance to Burton Business and Industrial Park at 112 NW Corridor Blvd. in Jacksonville, North Carolina. Parking is available onsite near the Tar Landing Baptist Church.

The Onslow County Public Safety Memorial – “Reflected in Our Eyes” – consists of three silhouettes carved out of one-inch steel, leaving spaces behind to represent the holes in the community left by those who gave their lives for others. The memorial’s highly-reflective surface encourages all visitors to reflect on the sacrifices of public safety workers.

Assistant Chief Charles Harvey
Piney Green Volunteer Fire Department
End of Watch: June 25, 2007



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