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Area law enforcement remember fallen colleagues

Honoring and remembering the officers who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty, the St. Louis County Law Enforcement Chaplain's Association will host the 24th annual Law Enforcement Memorial Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 16, at 7 a.m. in the Great Lakes Ballroom of the Duluth Holiday Inn. The breakfast is presented in cooperation with the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office and Duluth Police Department.

The keynote speaker at this year's breakfast is Dan Carlson, the founder and president of Public Safety Ministries, Inc., a non-profit ministry with the mission: "Serving those who protect – promoting spiritual fitness in the public safety professions". Carlson served 25 years in law enforcement, ending his career as the police chief of Eden Prairie, Minn. Following his retirement, Carlson was ordained as a minister and now serves as the chaplain for the Minnesota Chiefs of Police, Hennepin County Chiefs of Police and the Minnesota Law Enforcement Memorial Association.

"This is an important opportunity for our officers, not just to remember those who have fallen, but also to experience fellowship with their colleagues who day in and day out continue to put themselves in harm's way to protect the public's safety," said Father John Petrich of the St. Louis County Law Enforcement Chaplain's Association.

In 2012 in the United States, 120 officers died while serving their communities, according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. Already in 2013, more than 40 officers have fallen in the line of duty.

The annual prayer breakfast is held in conjunction with National Law Enforcement Memorial Week, which this year is May 13-18, 2013.

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