



## Kentucky's fallen law enforcement officers honored at annual ceremony earlier this week

When Covington Police Detective Anthony Jansen became old enough to enter the field of law enforcement, he said he thought often about what it would have been like for his father to witness him following in his footsteps.

"After graduating the academy, the first thing I did was go to the cemetery," Jansen told the crowd today during the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial ceremony. "I stood before my father's headstone in my class A uniform – something I felt I needed to do, because my mother always said my father took pride in his uniform. I wanted him to be proud of me. Throughout my life as I carry out my duties with the Covington Police Department, one thing is for certain that I think daily about my father."

Jansen's father, Newport Police Officer Anthony E. Jansen, Sr., was killed in the line of duty on Dec. 30, 1984. Jansen was just six months old when his father died.

Monday's ceremony honored nine surviving families like Jansen's, whose loved ones' names were added this year to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation monument. Jansen was joined by keynote speaker Gov. Matt Bevin and Justice and Public Safety Cabinet Secretary John Tilley, who also addressed surviving families and guests.

Four officers killed in the commonwealth during 2015 were honored:

- Burke Rhoads**, *Nicholasville Police Dept*, died March 11, 2015
- Eric Chrisman**, *Kentucky State Police*, died June 23, 2015
- Cameron Ponder**, *Kentucky State Police*, died Sept. 23, 2015
- Daniel Ellis**, *Richmond Police Department*, died Nov. 6, 2015

### Ken Meng Recently Appointed as Tax Policy Director For the Dept. of Revenue

After a long career with accounting giant Ernst & Young LLP, Ken Meng is bringing his state and local tax expertise to Revenue's Office of Tax Policy.



Ken spent 22 years with E&Y most of which he advised companies on state and local tax (SALT) matters. He served in various capacities including director of SALT services for the Kentucky/Indiana/Ohio region and tax managing partner for the same region.

"The depth and breadth of the experience was dynamic and exposed me to the challenges companies and practitioners face in navigating the myriad of laws across all the taxing jurisdictions. I believe this background will serve me well in my new position with the department," he said.

"States face challenges in crafting laws and tax policies to meet the changing economy. Meeting Kentucky's monetary needs while maintaining a fair and competitive landscape for businesses to operate is paramount for all parties. My exposure to multi-state tax issues provides me with insight that will be beneficial to Kentucky."

Prior to his work in the private sector, Ken worked the Office of the Attorney General where he represented the commonwealth in a variety of consumer protection litigation matters.

Ken has a B.S. in Accounting from the University of Kentucky and a law degree from UofL. He's also a CPA.

Ken lives in Lexington with his wife. They have two daughters. He's an avid UK sports fan and is involved with thoroughbred racing and breeding.



The memory of those lost in the line of duty is a sentiment shared by newly-appointed Department of Criminal Justice Training Commissioner Mark Filburn. During his law enforcement service, Filburn said he witnessed the loss of two of his fellow officers in the line of duty.

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Last week Chris Nicholson of COT captured an almost surreal picture of the new office building on Sower Boulevard. The move in is slated to begin next week and phased in over the next several months.

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"I want you to know as family members that there is not a day that goes by that I don't think of your family members, the sacrifices you've made by giving members of your family to protect each and every one of us. We think about you every day, we pray for you, and it is truly humbling to sit here today to honor you as well as your fallen heroes," Filburn said.

Gov. Matt Bevin said he hopes these names which are fresh in our minds today will continue to be remembered. As a father who lost his 17-year-old daughter in an automobile crash, Bevin said he will never forget the names of the officers who spoke to his family that tragic day.

**Fleet Auction Another Success**

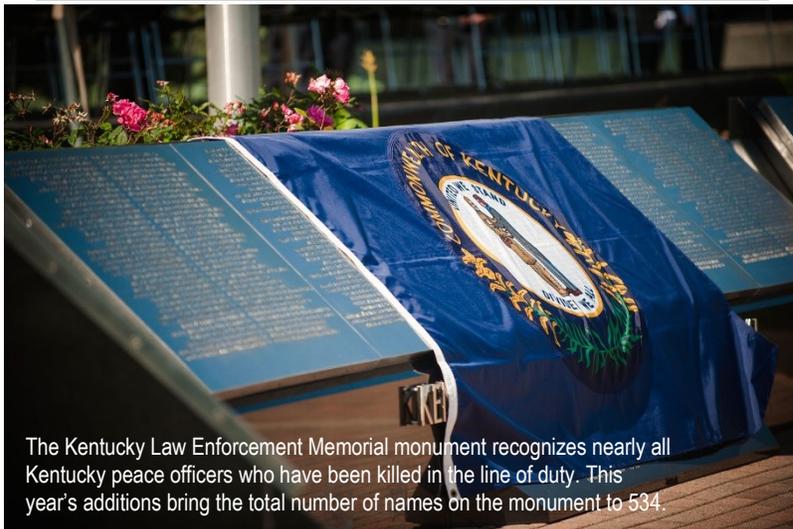
A crowd of about 200 bidders gathered yesterday vying for one or more vehicles being retired from the state fleet. Overall the bidding was lively and at the end of the day all vehicles were sold for a total bid price of \$305,225.

The lowest price bid on a runner was \$100 for a 1999 Ford Taurus with 114,025 miles.

The highest bid was \$6,000 on a 2003 Chevy Silverado 2500 CC 4x4.

TYPE	Count	Average
CAR	68	\$ 1,363.24
SUV	17	\$ 2,211.76
TRUCK	53	\$ 2,583.96
VAN	15	\$ 1,673.33

Average price by type.



The Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial monument recognizes nearly all Kentucky peace officers who have been killed in the line of duty. This year's additions bring the total number of names on the monument to 534.



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"In a tiny way, I have some appreciation for what some of you who are being honored have experienced, yet I can't even begin to walk in your shoes," Bevin said. "Your sacrifices will not be forgotten by me. I am grateful to you, and as the governor of this state, I want you to know I will have your back. It is something I pledged as I was running, and something I hope you have seen some indication of even in these first five months. Expect to see more of it. We owe you a tremendous debt of gratitude."

Five officers who previously were killed in the line of duty, but whose names had not yet been added to the monument, were also honored. They are:

- George W. James**, *Georgetown Police Dept*, died Oct. 22, 1893
- John R. Russell**, *Harrodsburg Police Dept*, died April 25, 1896
- Rory J. Draughn**, *Hazard Police Dept*, died Dec. 18, 1913
- Alford Holland**, *Hazard Police Dept*, died Dec. 6, 1922
- Anson B. Tribby**, *Kentucky State Police*, died Jan. 22, 2013

**John James Audubon State Park, Henderson  
Volunteer Work Day, June 4**

Volunteers are needed to work on the trails at John James Audubon State Park as part of National Trails Day. Work starts at 8:30 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be provided. The event is co-sponsored by the Audubon Outdoor Club. This is a great opportunity for church groups, scouts and others to help get the trails in tip-top condition. Volunteers should wear appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes for the weather. Groups and individuals interested in volunteering should contact Mark Kellen at 270-826-2247 or [mark.kellen@ky.gov](mailto:mark.kellen@ky.gov)

**Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park, Dawson Springs  
Guided Hike, June 4**

The park will offer a guided hike along Lake Trail beginning at 9 a.m. Participants will meet the park naturalist in the Lodge Lobby to hike for approximately 2 hours. Guests should bring insect repellent, hiking stick (optional), water and snacks. The hike is not recommended for children under the age of five. Call 800-325-1711.

**Pine Mountain State Resort Park, Pineville  
Guided Hike, June 4**

Pine Mountain State Resort Park will offer a guided hike along the Hemlock Garden Trail at 4 p.m. on June 4. The hike is through a cool, hemlock cove forest along Bear Wallow Stream. For ages 5 and older. Meet at the Hemlock Garden Trailhead. Call 606-337-3066.

**Wickliffe Mounds State Historic Site, Wickliffe  
Hike Historic Grounds, June 4**

Wickliffe Mounds State Historic Site will offer a nature trail hike. A trail map and bird checklist will be available at the front desk. Trail access is included in museum admission of \$5 adults, \$4 kids and seniors and military/veterans. Trail use only is free during hours of operation. For more information, call the park at 270-335-3681 or email [carla.hildebrand@ky.gov](mailto:carla.hildebrand@ky.gov)

For more information about Kentucky State Parks, visit [www.parks.ky.gov](http://www.parks.ky.gov)  
For more information about National Trails Day, including special events at other Kentucky locations, visit [www.americanhiking.org](http://www.americanhiking.org). For more information on free fishing weekend in Kentucky visit <http://fw.ky.gov/>.

**Kentucky State Parks Take Part in  
National Trails Day June 4**

*Free Fishing Weekend is June 4-5*

National Trails Day is June 4 and Kentucky State Parks are participating with events across the state to recognize the excellent hiking and fishing opportunities at state parks.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife is also offering a free fishing weekend June 4-5, when no license is required to fish Kentucky waters.

Kentucky State Parks have outstanding fishing opportunities and some parks will loan out fishing poles and tackle. Anyone 16 years old and older is required to have a fishing license the remainder of the year.

The following state parks have events planned for National Trails Day and free fishing weekend:

**Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park, Buckhorn  
Hook and Hike Day, June 4**

Planned activities include a Kids Fishing Derby for kids ages 15 and under, a session on orienteering and a hike of the 1 1/2 mile gradually sloping Moonshine Holler Trail. Call 606-398-7510 for details.

**Columbus-Belmont State Park, Columbus  
History Hike on June 4**

The park will offer a History Hike around the grounds, nature trail and historic Civil War earthworks. Maps and a bottle of water will be provided at the snack bar. A scavenger hunt list will be issued with museum admission and a prize given upon completion. Call 270-677-2327.



**Surplus Property Auction  
Friday, June 10, 2016**



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