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**STREET DEDICATION FOR  
FALLEN OFFICER**

The City of Fort Lauderdale will honor the life and memory of Police Officer Bryant Peney when it hosts a street dedication ceremony to rename a portion of S.E. 15 Street in his honor.

The street dedication ceremony will take place on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at 900 S.E. 15 Street, located at the intersection of S.E. 15 Street and S. Miami Road in front of Harbordale Elementary School.

The street dedication ceremony will include a short program with remarks from Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jack Seiler. The program will conclude with the unveiling of a new "Bryant Peney Street" sign at the northwest corner of S.E. 15 Street and S. Miami Road.

Officer Bryant Peney was shot on the evening of January 5, 1996, while pursuing a suspect on foot across South Federal Highway. He passed away in the early morning hours of January 6, 1996 as a result of the bullet wound. Officer Peney was 27 years old and a six-year veteran of the Department who was known for his dedication to the community and love of law enforcement. He had received 10 departmental commendations and 10 commendations from the public. Bryant Peney was a 1986 graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas High School.

Following his death, the City of Fort Lauderdale honored Officer Peney by renaming Lauderdale Park as Bryant H. Peney Park (2100 S.W. 4 Avenue). A Bryant Peney memorial monument was dedicated at the park on June 24, 1997.

On June 20, 2001, the Bryant Peney Act was signed into law by then Florida Governor Jeb Bush. The law allows prosecution for murder in the first degree (Felony Murder) when a perpetrator unlawfully kills a law enforcement officer or another individual when they are committing, attempting to commit or escaping from the immediate scene of a felony while resisting an officer with violence. The bill was sponsored by Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jack Seiler, who at the time was a member of the State House of Representatives.

Parking will be along Southeast 10th Street beginning at Southeast 14th Court. There will be Public Safety Aides and representatives from Parking Services on site to aid residents and community members.



Officer Bryant Peney

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