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The Burleson City Council proclaimed the week of May 15-21 as National Police Week in Burleson. To commemorate that week, the police department will host an open house on Tuesday, May 17, 3 p.m.-6 p.m. at 225 W. Renfro St. The police department's honor guard will host the opening ceremony. Members of the Burleson Lions Club will be offering free hot dogs and soft drinks.

The names of the dedicated servants who have died in the line of duty are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. Among those names is Burleson Police Officer Janice Vanderveer. She died in December 1987 while directing traffic around a crash site. National Police Week is a way to publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in Burleson and in communities around the nation.

The Burleson Police Department, under the leadership of Police Chief Tom Cowan, employs 57 sworn and 20 non-sworn personnel who are divided into three divisions: Administrative Services, led by Commander Doug Sandifer; Operations, led by Commander Chris Havens; and Professional Standards, led by Commander Cindy Aaron.

Administrative Services includes the Communications Section, Criminal Investigations Section, Property and Evidence, Records Section, Recruitment and Hiring and Johnson County Special Crimes Task Force Detectives.

Operations includes Patrol, Bicycle Unit, Citizens Police Academy, Citizens On Patrol, Community Resource Officers, Crisis Negotiations, Explorers, Honor Guard, SWAT and Traffic.

Professional Standards includes Accreditation, Bicycle Registration, Crimestoppers, DARE, the department's Information Technology, Department Training, Internal Affairs, Intersection Safety (red light camera enforcement), School Liaison, School Resource Officer, Teddy Bear Program, Vacation Home Check Letters and Victims Assistance.

The May 17 Open House will feature displays by the SWAT team, crisis negotiators, Citizens Police Academy, Citizens On Patrol, traffic unit, Burleson Police Officers Association, school resource officers, community services and telecommunicators. Fingerprinting for children will also be offered. Parents will receive two ID cards and a file copy.