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The Burleson Police Department is hosting its annual open house on Tuesday, May 14, 3 p.m.-6 p.m., in the front parking lot at 225 W. Renfro St. The open house will feature displays by the SWAT team, hostage negotiators, Citizens Police Academy, Citizens On Patrol, traffic unit, Burleson Police Officers Association, school resource officers, community resource officers (crime prevention) and public safety communication specialists. Police staff will offer tours of the police department.

The Tri-County Auto Burglary and Theft Task Force will be at the open house with information about vehicle burglaries and auto thefts. Johnson County Crime Stoppers will also be available to answer questions.

At approximately 4 p.m. on May 14, the police department's honor guard will present the colors (flag raising) and conduct a firing party to pay respects to all the law enforcement officers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom. Burleson Fire Lt. Josh Jacobs will play the bagpipes.

The Burleson Lions Club will offer free hot dogs and drinks to those who attend the open house.

National Police Week is May 12-18. It recognizes the service given by the men and women who protect the public through the enforcement of the laws. In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. The theme for 2013 is "Heroes live forever."

Burleson has lost one officer, Janice Vanderveer, in the line of duty. She died in December 1987 while directing traffic around a crash site.