



Riverside County District Attorney

NEWS RELEASE

PAUL E. ZELLERBACH
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

For Immediate Release
April 3, 2014

John Hall
Senior Public Information Specialist
Contact: 951.955.8662

THREE CANDLELIGHT VIGILS NEXT WEEK WILL HONOR VICTIMS OF CRIME

RIVERSIDE – Over three days next week at three locations across the county, District Attorney Paul Zellerbach will host candlelight vigils to honor victims of crime.

At the annual event, held in conjunction with National Crime Victims' Rights Week, the DA's Office pays tribute to those who have lost their life to violent crime. The public is invited to all the vigils, which begin at 7 p.m.

The vigils will be held as follows:

- Tuesday, April 8, at the Palm Desert Civic Center Park amphitheater, 43-900 San Pablo St., Palm Desert
- Wednesday, April 9, at the Harveston Center at Harveston Lake Park, 40135 Village Road, Temecula
- Thursday, April 10, at the Riverside Historic Courthouse, 4050 Main St., Riverside. Immediately following the Riverside vigil there will be a gathering at the Victims Memorial Courtyard at the District Attorney's Office, 3960 Orange St., Riverside for the unveiling of new names on the Victims Memorial Wall.

This year there will be a Mothers Against Drunk Driving "crash car" at the Indio vigil and, at all three vigils, there will be two victims' memorial quilts on display which include stories from families of murder victims.

DA Zellerbach will address those in attendance at each event, which will also feature a keynote speaker who lost a loved one to crime. Each keynote speaker is expected to talk about what they have endured and how they have coped with their loss. The names of victims who have recently died will be read at each venue and candles will be lit to remember those who have been killed.

This year's keynote speakers are:

Indio: Lory Gleason, whose son was killed in 2002 by an intoxicated driver after picking up his sister from Palm Desert High School. After her son's death, Lory became active in Mothers Against Drunk Driving and continues to speak on the subject while also working closely with those in the criminal justice system.

Southwest: The wife of a man killed in 2011 when his vehicle was struck head-on by a pickup near the Soboba Casino. The driver of the pickup led police on a dangerous 13-mile pursuit from Beaumont prior to the fatal collision.

Riverside: The mother of Riverside County sheriff's dispatcher Dominic Durden, who was killed in 2012 in Moreno Valley when his motorcycle was hit by a vehicle driven by an unlicensed driver. Since his death, his mother has formed a foundation in his honor which supports victims and provides scholarships for those going into the public safety field through the Riverside Community College District.

MEDIA: If you would like to use photos from last year's vigils, please contact PIO John Hall.