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## **DMV Inspector to be added to National Law Enforcement Memorial**

MONTPELIER – Research conducted by local historian Brian Lindner and retired state police Major Wesley Newman has resulted in a Vermont Department of Motor Vehicle inspector being added to the National Law Enforcement Memorial.

On the evening of September 8, 1935, Vermont DMV Inspector Robert Daniel Rossier crashed his department motorcycle on a rain-slick road near Brattleboro. A passing motorist transported Inspector Rossier to the hospital, where he died the next morning.

The Vermont DMV has been notified that Inspector Rossier's name will be added to the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C. as part of a candlelight vigil on May 13, 2010. The event is part of National Police Week, in which officers from around the country will converge on Washington to honor their fallen comrades.

Vermont DMV Commissioner Robert Ide, along with several DMV inspectors, will represent the Department at the ceremony. "I am pleased that after all this time that Inspector Rossier is receiving the recognition that he rightfully deserves," Ide said. "The memoriam means a lot to his family and all of us at the DMV."

Inspector Rossier, age 24 of Newport, had been with the Department for a very short time and began his first assignment in Brattleboro a few days before the crash. He was survived by his wife and parents.

DMV Inspectors were the first organized statewide law enforcement department in Vermont, and predate the Vermont State Police Department, which was created in 1947.

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