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(Neb.)-Law Enforcement Honored At Memorial Service In Chadron [Listen](#)

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Photo: Chadron police chief Tim Lordino welcomes individuals to the Fallen Law Enforcement Officers Memorial held at Greenwood Cemetery on Wednesday. (Photo by KCSR-Roxie Graham-Marski)

(CHADRON)-A Fallen Law Enforcement Officers Memorial was held at Greenwood Cemetery during lunchtime on Wednesday in honor of National Police Week. The sun shone down serenely as police chief Tim Lordino welcomed those in attendance and recognized other entities present at the event, including the Gordon Police Department, the Nebraska State Patrol, and representatives from the Chadron city council and Dawes County commissioners. Approximately 10 members of the Chadron Police Department attended the event as well.

Chaplains Russ Seger and Shawn Banzhaf both reflected on the sacrificial gift given by fallen officers and the risks associated with being a member of law enforcement. Seger shared that approximately 20 people are personally impacted by the death of an individual when they die, but that number grows exponentially with those in public service. He labeled family members and loved ones who carry worry or grief in their hearts as the unsung heroes of law enforcement. Banzhaf commended and encouraged the officers as they continue to serve and protect "the least of these," even those who are guilty or on the other side of the law. Both Seger and Banzhaf expressed appreciation for those who put their lives on the line every day for the sake of their communities. Each prayed a prayer of blessing and protection over local law enforcement officers and for those around the nation.

Chief Lordino shared some facts and figures regarding assault on law enforcement officers and read a list of local officers killed in the line of duty. Council member Bill Barth read a proclamation that had been signed into effect regarding National Police Week at the last city council meeting, and individuals had the opportunity to thank officers for their service with a handshake and a word of gratitude.

This is not the first year that National Police Week has been celebrated locally. Lordino explained that area entities have taken turns in years past holding the event in Chadron, Gordon, or elsewhere. He said he hopes the memorial helps raise awareness in the minds of the public as to the willing sacrifices law enforcement officers often make.

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