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Vandals Deface Police Memorial

The National Police Defense Foundation's announces that our September 11th Police Memorial has been recently vandalized as it was being readied for display at PNC Arts Center.

In 2001, the NPDF commissioned world-renowned Italian-American sculptor Franco Minervini of Freehold, NJ to create the NPDF September 11th Memorial, which is 90% completed. The memorial is a 14-foot high wall of Indiana limestone that features a forcefully carved American flag unfurled like a protective blanket against the twin World Trade Center Towers. To the right of the buildings stand a full length statue of a Police Officer, at attention, with a police dog at his side. This sculpture represents the 37 Port Authority Police Officers, PAPD K-9 and 23 New York City Police Officers killed in the line of duty on September 11th, 2001 in the opening salvo of the War on Terror as they valiantly endeavored to save lives while sacrificing their own.

It is this policeman sculpture that was defaced during the evening of April 12, 2008. The actors took time to perpetrate this crime by using a blunt object to damage the policeman's face and visor of his uniform cap. Estimates of the damage range into the thousands of dollars, if it can be repaired at all.

With this in mind, the National Police Defense Foundation is offering a five thousand dollar reward (\$ 5,000) for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the actor or actors who perpetrated this repulsive crime. Information can be directed to the Freehold Township Police Department at 732-462-7500.

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