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MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADAM BELLO, MAYOR MALIK EVANS DEDICATE NEW FIRST RESPONDERS CIRCLE

The First Responder Circle at the Civic Center Plaza recognizes the men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community

ROCHESTER, NY — Monroe County Executive Adam Bello today dedicated the new First Responders Circle at the Civic Center Plaza in downtown Rochester alongside Rochester Mayor Malik Evans, Monroe County Sheriff Todd Baxter, the Rochester Police Department, Rochester Fire Department and other first responder agencies. The circle includes the Monroe County Sheriff's Office Fallen Officers Monument, the Rochester Police Department Fallen Officers Monument and Rochester Fire Department Fallen Firefighters Monument.

"Our first responders – from our law enforcement to our fire departments and EMS personnel – literally put their lives on the line for their neighbors every day," said County Executive Bello. "I encourage all our residents to visit the First Responders Circle and honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our community and our way of life."

Earlier this week, the Monroe County Department of Environmental Services moved the RPD and RFD monuments from the Rochester Public Safety Building to the new location. The dedication ceremony coincides with National First Responders Day.

"The First Responder Circle at Civic Center Plaza reminds us that public safety in all forms comes with very steep costs and we owe a tremendous debt to all of the men and women who paid the final price for our safety," said Mayor Malik Evans. "The names that are etched on these monuments each tell a powerful story of courage and sacrifice that our community must never forget. I want to commend County Executive Adam Bello for bringing these names together so they can be united within this circle of honor."

"The first responder family is exactly that, a family," said Monroe County Sheriff Todd K. Baxter. "With the addition of these memorials, we have collaboratively created a complete circle to honor our fallen deputies, police officers, firefighters and EMS personnel. These men and women paid the ultimate sacrifice to protect our community. They are the first to jump into action to help others. They are necessary. We are forever indebted to their service and sacrifice."

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