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## **WCSO TO MARK 20 YEARS IN LOSS OF SERGEANT** Simultaneous tribute for the 1st WCS deputy killed in the line of duty.

**Detroit (September 9, 2011)** — On Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, Sheriff Benny N. Napoleon and the men and women of the Wayne County Sheriff's Office will pay homage to fallen WCS Sgt. William Dickerson, who died on September 11, 1991. Sgt. Dickerson was shot and killed when he interrupted an inmate escape attempt at Jail Division II. In honor of Sgt. Dickerson, Wayne County's newest jail facility, Jail Division III (which opened November 1991 at 3501 Hamtramck Drive) was named the **William Dickerson Detention Facility**.

**As America remembers the thousands of innocent victims and heroes who tragically lost their lives on September 11<sup>th</sup>, Sheriff Benny Napoleon also wants to acknowledge the heart-rending passing of this dedicated public servant who made the ultimate sacrifice.** Sheriff Napoleon will be joined by the men and women of the entire Wayne County Sheriff's Office in honoring a true peace officer who displayed honor and professionalism in his calling.

**On Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., all WCS officers in equipped units will assume a fixed location on Wayne County roads and simultaneously enable their lights and sirens for 15 seconds in memory of Sgt. Dickerson.** In addition, flags will be flown at half staff at all WCSO facilities and personnel will wear black bands across their badges in honor of Dickerson. **We want to alert the traveling public who may witness the tributes that this is an agency-wide observance so they are not unnecessarily alarmed.**

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