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Shown are images from last year's Niagara County Interfaith Police Memorial Service at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. (Photos by Anthony DiPasquale)

Area police agencies to honor officers killed on duty

Law enforcement agencies from Western New York and Southern Ontario will honor the sacrifices made by officers killed in the line of duty at the 24th annual Niagara County Interfaith Police Memorial Service on May 16.

The service will be held at 7 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 140 Rainbow Blvd., Niagara Falls, where the host pastor will be the Rev. Canon Helen O. Harper.

The observance is free and open to the public. A reception will immediately follow.

This year's guest speaker will be Anthony V. LeBron, acting president of the Western New York Law Enforcement Helpline, a volunteer organization of specially trained law enforcement officers and family peers who provide confidential assistance to active and retired law enforcement personnel and their families for issues that may impact work and family life.

LeBron, who is a certified trauma responder, retired from the Buffalo Police Department after a distinguished 32-year career and has been a Helpline member since 2017. He has assisted countless officers following critical incidents.



He is also president of the South Buffalo Community Table, which provides more than 1,100 hot meals per month to needy individuals and families.

The Niagara County Interfaith Police Memorial Service gives special recognition to law enforcement officers who gave their lives for the safety and protection of others. The service will include the recitation of the Roll of Honor – the names of those fallen officers – followed by the rendering of full military-style honors by an interagency honor guard.

Down River Run (or walk and roll) set for June 8



The Down Syndrome Association of Niagara is bringing back its one-of-a-kind 5K run and 1.5-mile walk to Western New York.

The fourth annual and certified 5K Down River Run will be held Saturday, June 8, at Fort Niagara State Park alongside Lake Ontario. It is managed by It's Your Race, Race Management Solutions.

Organizers noted this event "is truly a celebration of the courageous individuals helping to make every step count."

Registration and details of the race can be found at <https://downriverrun.itsyourrace.com/event.aspx?id=6746>.

Check-in begins promptly at 9 a.m. at the south entrance of Fort Niagara State Park. The walk start time is 9:45 a.m. The 5K start time is 10 a.m. Advance registration before June 1 is \$35. Late registration (through race day) is \$40. Virtual participation is \$35 and includes shipping of a T-shirt. Register before May 31 to be guaranteed a T-shirt. An award ceremony and light refreshments will follow completion of the race.

The press release added, "Proceeds from this year's event will help us continue our 'Miles of Care' initiative, which provides monetary relief to families that need to travel for heart operations, commonly needed for newborn babies with Down syndrome, and help us further our mission to promote posi-

Make Plans to Attend

Fourth annual 5K Down River Run

Saturday, June 8

Fort Niagara State Park

Walk start time: 9:45 a.m.

5K start time: 10 a.m.

tive awareness about Down syndrome and facilitate the inclusion of adults with Down syndrome. A goal of this event is to raise funds to offset some start-up costs of a business operated by individuals with Down syndrome."

Organizers said, "We respect and understand the need of family pet companionship, however, we kindly ask owners to assume full responsibility of their pets. We also ask that any minors be accompanied and supervised at all times by their legal guardians."

The Family and Friends Down Syndrome Association is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, and local affiliation of The National Down Syndrome Society. It advocates "positive awareness, quality education and meaningful community inclusion for all individuals with Down syndrome."

For sponsorship or volunteer opportunity, contact Deborah Fleck at downriverdebs@gmail.com.

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