

Austin Police Officer Memorial Executive Summary

The Austin Police Officer Memorial project was started in April of 2008. The project consists of placing granite memorials at every location in Austin where an Austin Police Officer was killed in the line of duty. The Memorials are 5 feet 4 inches tall, 20 inches wide and 6 inches thick and constructed of gray granite. All memorials were donated by Rockdale Memorials. This project was conceived as an effort to remind the citizens of Austin of the ultimate sacrifice made by Austin Police Officers in the name of public safety, security and well-being. The Memorials will contribute historical value and serve as a place for family and friends to remember their fallen Officers.

Memorial markers on state highways: In Senate Bill 2028, the 2009 Texas Legislature authorized memorial markers on Texas Department of Transportation right-of-ways for any peace officers killed in the line of duty on the site the officer was slain.

Memorial markers on private property: The City of Austin Law Department is collaboratively finalizing the private property agreement that will allow private property owners to enter into an agreement to have a memorial marker erected onto their property. This agreement will address public safety concerns of the memorial markers and any outstanding location requirements as recommended by the City of Austin Public Works Department.

Memorial markers in the City of Austin right-of-way: In order to place memorial markers in the City's right-of-way, a code amendment must be made to City Code Chapter 25-10 (Sign Regulations) to allow the placement of memorial markers in the public right-of-way. The proposed amendments should include reasonable requirements to ensure that the design, location, and placement of the memorial markers do not pose a threat to public safety. This recommendation will have to be presented to the Planning Commission before appearing before City Council.