Honor Dignity Respect Tradition

An Introduction to the Regional Honor Guard Concept

When: Wednesday, February 8th 2023 from 1 pm – 3 pm

Where: The Trotwood Community Center

4000 Lake Center Dr.

Trotwood, Oh. 45426

Who: This event and group is for anyone who is interested in EMS, Fire and Police ceremonies from Colors Teams and Pipes and Drums to funeral preparations. Everyone from Chiefs to the lowest rank are invited and encouraged to attend. If your department has a formal team or just 1 person interested, if you are full time or volunteer, if you are union or non-union and have questions or interest, please send them to this meeting. (If you are concerned about things like marching and it has kept you from joining an Honor Guard in the past, please attend as there are many ways you can be included that do not involve marching.)

Why: As budgets get tighter, some of the first things to go by the way side are our oldest and most cherished traditions. Departments are finding it harder to pay for things like Honor Guards and the service as a whole is finding it harder to find people who are willing to volunteer for such service. And yet, when the need unfortunately arises, departments scramble to honor our fallen as best they can. This concept will allow the pooling of local and state resources, the opportunity to provide training in drill and ceremony, and an opportunity to bring the region together in a way that can make a large event less stressful.

Topics: What the team is and is not, training opportunities and schedule, future goals and potential costs down the road.

If you have any questions at all about this meeting or Honor Guard related topics, you can contact Lt. Sean Lehrter at (937) 608-0964 or via e-mail at [slehrter@trotwood.org](mailto:slehrter@trotwood.org). An RSVP is not required but requested.