



# St. Petersburg Police Department News Release



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## **National Law Enforcement Memorial Shirts**

National Law Enforcement Memorial Shirts are being printed today at Treasure Island Tees, 4930 8th Avenue South, Gulfport, Florida to honor St. Petersburg Police Department's three fallen heroes: Sergeant Thomas Baitinger, K-9 Officer Jeffrey Yaslowitz and Officer David Crawford.

The five color shirts will be black and are a new material that is softer than the previous cotton shirts.

On the front left breast will be a SPPD badge with the thin blue line and written underneath: Fallen Heroes. On the back will be the National Law Enforcement Memorial Logo with SPPD and our fallen officers' call signs.

A photo of the shirt design is attached.

Underneath will be the three names of St. Petersburg Police Sergeant Thomas Baitinger, K-9 Officer Jeffrey Yaslowitz and Officer David Crawford. Under the three names will be the 12 names of the officers previously killed in the line of duty in the history of SPPD, as the national memorial wall contains all these names. The left sleeve will have a Suncoast PBA logo, as the PBA is providing financial support to fund the project.

Shirts will be \$15 each.

Proceeds from the sales of shirts will go to support the families of our Fallen Heroes and financial support for SPPD officers to attend the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C. in May of 2012.

Shirts will be on sale in the breezeway near the front lobby of the St. Petersburg Police Department on Friday October 21, 2011 from 11-7, Saturday October 22, 2011 from 5-9 and Sunday October 23, 2011 from 12-4.

Detective Ricardo Lopez, 893-4830, is the contact person for this event.

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