Goggins attends National Police Memorial Day Service

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It is important to remember the sacrifice of all police officers who have lost their lives serving their community, Security Minister Paul Goggins MP has said.

The Minister was speaking as he attended the fourth National Police Memorial Day Service at Edinburgh International Conference Centre today.

Paul Goggins said: “It is important to remember the sacrifice made by so many police officers throughout the United Kingdom.

“As Minister with responsibility for policing in Northern Ireland, I would particularly like to pay tribute to the bravery of the men and women who have served the community in Northern Ireland with distinction.

“We must never forget the ultimate sacrifice made by so many and today’s National Memorial Service is an opportunity for the police family to remember colleagues who are no longer with us.”

Note to Editors:

The National Memorial Day Service is now an annual event on the policing calendar.

The service was in memory of all police officers who have been killed or died whilst on duty throughout the United Kingdom.

The annual service is an opportunity for the whole police service from across the UK to join with families, friends, colleagues, Government Ministers and politicians to remember these officers.

It provides an opportunity to demonstrate to the relatives, friends and colleagues of fallen officers that their sacrifices have not been forgotten.

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