



**PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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**Sylvester Johnson, Police Commissioner  
Police Headquarters, Franklin Square, Philadelphia, PA 19106**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL PLAQUE**

On Wednesday, June 13, 2007 at 11:00 AM, in the 5300 block of Oakland Street, a plaque will be unveiled honoring Philadelphia Police Detective John Cousin #958, SDD, who died in the line of duty on Thursday, August 15, 1996 at 10:41 PM. Detective Cousin was off duty walking for exercise when two males robbed him point of gun. Cousin, although shot five times was able to shoot one of his assailants before succumbing to his injuries. Cousin's killers made good on their escape and took Cousins weapon. In all, four males were arrested for the murder of Detective Cousin.

The plaque for Detective Cousin is the 36<sup>th</sup> placed and the 7<sup>th</sup> for 2007. The cooperative effort between the Philadelphia Police Department, Cement Masons Union Local 592, and the business community, spearheaded by Jimmy Binns, Esq. and the Philadelphia Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 5, continues to memorialize Philadelphia Police Officers at the various locations where they were killed in the line of duty. Twenty additional plaques have been dedicated, but not as yet placed for Philadelphia Police Department members who were killed or died in the line of duty in the 1800's and early 1900's.

The sponsor of Detective Cousin's plaque is the Philadelphia Boat Team, formerly known as the Philadelphia Dragon Boat Team.

It is anticipated that elected representatives, city officials, and a representative of Detective Cousin's Family will give brief remarks.

Detective Cousin was 48 years old, his birthday on September 30, 1947 and was in his 26<sup>th</sup> year of service to the citizens of Philadelphia. He is a member of Philadelphia Police Academy Class 209, appointed on June 1, 1970.

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