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Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil, Guest Speaker

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Greater Cincinnati Police Museum and Hamilton County Police Association

Grave Rededication Ceremony

For

Cincinnati Police Department Matron Rosa A. (Dyer) Regan 1867-1908

Friday May 18, 2018, Noon

St. Joseph's New Cemetery



CEREMONY:

Emcee: Cincinnati Detective Edward W. Zieverink III (Retired)
Greater Cincinnati Police Museum Historian

Invocation Reverend Todd Keys
Hamilton County Police Association Clergy

Guest Speaker, Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil

Key Note Speaker, Cincinnati Lieutenant. Steve R. Kramer (Retired),
Greater Cincinnati Police Museum Archivist

Hamilton County Police Association Honor Guard and Salute Team

Police Officer Ken Poppe, Green Township PD, Commander
Police Officer Ryan Lay, Cincinnati PD, Asst. Commander
Police Officer Mike Draise, Springfield Township PD, Asst Commander
Police Officer Adam Hubbard, UC Police PD
Police Officer PD Brian Weldele, Delhi Township PD
Police Officer Derik Setters , St. Bernard PD
Police Officer Dave Spurgeon, Hamilton County Park Ranger
Police Officer Marc Schildmeyer, Cincinnati PD
Police Officer Jeremy Jordan, Deer Park PD
Police Officer Ron Mueller, Madiera PD
Police Officer Alex Janszen, Montgomery PD
Police Officer Chris Jones, Mt. Health PD
Police Officer Erik Langevin, Springdale PD

Bagpipes Police Officer Steve Watt, Mariemont PD

Benediction Reverend Todd Keys

Dismissal PO Ken Poppe, Green Township, Commander

ROSA A. (DYER) REGAN

Rosie was born November 25, 1867 in Cincinnati to Prussian immigrants, Henry (a carpenter) and Mary Vonderheide. She grew up in Cincinnati, near the river in the West End. She married Harry H. Dyer, and bore him two sons, Raymond and Frederick Walter Dyer.

Upon entering his 30s, Harry contracted endocarditis, a bacterial infection of the heart. As Harry's symptoms became more pronounced and debilitating, with 6- and 1-year-old sons, Rosie sought employment and on December 7, 1893 was nominated for the position of Janitress at the Cincinnati Police House of Detention on the 3rd Floor of the west wing of City Hall; which paid \$35 a month. She was approved 10 days later, December 17. In 1894 she was promoted to Matron at the House of Detention in City Hall.

On Saturday afternoon, February 8, 1908, while working at City Hall, Matron Regan needed to use the Police Elevator, but the elevator operator was absent. She attempted to control the car herself, but as she descended, something happened that caused her to try to jump off. Her body got caught between the elevator car and the shaft and was crushed. She was taken to the City Hospital.

Mr. Regan came to her bedside and remained there until, at 8 a.m. the next morning, February 9, 1908, she passed away, becoming the second female line of duty death in American law enforcement history.

Matron Regan was survived by her mother, Mrs. Mary Vonderheide; husband, John F. Regan (55); and children, Raymond Dyer (20) and Walter Frederick Dyer (15).

A funeral service was conducted at the Regan's home at 921 West Court Street. A requiem high mass was celebrated by Fr. Mulvihill at St. Peter in Chain Cathedral on February 12, 1908. She is buried in St. Joseph's (New) Cemetery.

