



Montgomery Township Police Officer David Hancock

Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman presided at a ceremony this morning honoring Montgomery Township Police Officer David Hancock, who was killed in the line of duty on December 11, 1976. A plaque was dedicated to Officer Hancock at the Montgomery Township Police Department, recognizing his ultimate sacrifice.

Officer Hancock was shot to death with his own service revolver behind the J.C. Penney Auto Center next to the Montgomery Mall at 3:40 a.m. on December 11, 1976. He had responded to a burglar alarm at the store with a fellow officer, who was not injured. Officer Hancock was forty-one years old and a ten year veteran of the force. He was survived by a wife and two children. The shooting suspect was caught, prosecuted by then District Attorney William T. Nicholas, convicted of the murder, and sentenced to life in prison.

The Montgomery County Cops Hero Program sponsored Officer Hancock's plaque. This program was started in 2001 by attorney James Binns honoring men and women in Philadelphia law enforcement who have been killed or died in the line of duty. This program was subsequently expanded to Montgomery County, and honors the twenty-six (26) police officers from Montgomery County who have made the ultimate sacrifice and given their life to protect others. To date, twelve plaques have been dedicated on behalf of fallen Montgomery County law enforcement officers.



