

Pennsylvania State Police Corporeal Leo M. Koscelnick E.O.W. 8/15/1977

Corporeal Leo M. Koscelnick made the ultimate sacrifice on August 15th, 1977. Corporal Koscelnick was killed when he was struck by a vehicle while helping a stranded motorist, Mary Fleming of Wayne, Pennsylvania. Corporal Koscelnick and the tow truck operator, James Della, were standing on the side of the Schuylkill Expressway next to the disabled vehicle when another car attempted to illegally pass a vehicle on the right and lost control of his car, striking Trooper Koscelnick and the truck operator, killing them both. The driver, David Sylvester was not injured, but was arrested and charged with homicide by motor vehicle.

Corporal Koscelnick was a member of the Skippack State Police Department for seven and a half years. He also served with Company C, 2nd Battalion, 109th Infantry of the Pennsylvania National Guard. He enlisted in the Pennsylvania State Police on April 9, 1970, and was assigned to Troop K in Philadelphia. Corporal Koscelnick was survived by his wife, Mrs. Constance Koscelnick who was presented with the State Police Cross on January 18th, 1978. Corporal Koscelnick, age thirty three when he passed, had completed seven years and four months as a Pennsylvania State Trooper.