

TOLEDO AREA POLICE MEMORIAL SERVICE

A solemn obligation



Detective Keith Dressel
E.O.W. February 21, 2007

On the night of February 21, 2007, Detective Keith Dressel, along with two other Vice/Narcotics detectives, were on routine patrol in the 1400 block of Ontario Street in North Toledo. At approximately 1:59 a.m., the detectives spotted two young males who they suspected may have been violating the city's curfew ordinance and involved in a drug transaction.

The detectives exited their vehicle, identified themselves as police officers, and approached the young males. As they approached, the males began to run in opposite directions. Two detectives ran after one of the males. In the dense fog, Detective Dressel pursued the second suspect alone. Within seconds of the initiation of the pursuit, the fleeing juvenile shot Detective Dressel point-blank in the chest. As Detective Dressel fell to the ground, he made a valiant attempt to return fire, discharging six rounds from his issued firearm.

Detective Dressel was transported to St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center where he was pronounced dead at 2:34 a.m.

15-year-old Robert Jobe was apprehended a few hours later and charged with Detective Keith Dressel's murder. On November 30, 2007, Judge Charles J. Doneghy sentenced Jobe to 18 years to life for the crime. Keith left behind a wife, two small children, and a loving family.

Keith Dressel

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2012