

KSTP.COM — 5 EYEWITNESS NEWS**Fallen St. Paul Officers Honored in Memorial Service**

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Hundreds of community members and law enforcement officers gathered Wednesday to honor St. Paul Police officers killed in the line of duty.

Thirty-one fallen St. Paul officers were recognized at the 49th annual Memorial Day Service during an outdoor ceremony at Mears Park.

It was the first time police paid tribute to St. Paul patrolman Richard Cronin. He died during a struggle with a man he was trying to arrest back in 1905. He served with the St. Paul Police Department for 17 years. Patrolman Cronin's name was recently added to the National Law Enforcement Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C.

St. Paul Police Chief Tom Smith challenged the community to never forget the sacrifice the fallen officers made.

Governor Mark Dayton, St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman and Ramsey County Attorney John Choi also spoke at the event.