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2025 Tree of Angels Dedication

“A Time to Remember, Together”

On behalf of the citizens of the City of Midlothian and the Midlothian Police Department, I would like to cordially invite you to participate in the dedication of our **“Tree of Angels”**. The “Tree of Angels” honors victims of violent crime and/or sudden loss of life. The Midlothian Police Department is honored to sponsor this event, which is the only “Tree of Angels” in Ellis County.

Please note the **day of the week and location**. This dedication will take place at **7:00 o’clock on Thursday evening, December 11th**, at the **Shepherd’s House**, 3221 Mockingbird Ln, Midlothian, TX 76065, and will be followed by a reception and refreshments at the same location.

Midlothian and Ellis County victims of a violent crime and/or sudden death, their family members and/or friends, are invited to participate by bringing an **“Angel Ornament”** to place on this special tree. The “Angel Ornament” will represent your loved one or friend who has suffered because of criminal activity and/or sudden death, and may be personalized in any meaningful way that you like.

You have the right to remember the loss of your loved one!! Please accept our invitation and join hands with other victims of crime and families who grieve as we remember together.

Please RSVP to larry.atchley@midlothian.tx.us or return the enclosed postcard by November 28th so that we can plan for the evening and have enough refreshments. In your email please give us the following information; Name, Address, Best Contact Phone number, and your Angels name. We look forward to seeing you on December 11th. If you have any questions regarding the Tree of Angels Dedication, please contact me at 469-672-0161 or email me at larry.atchley@midlothain.tx.us.

Sincerely,

Larry Atchley

Lead Chaplain
Midlothian Police Department

Tree of Angels

In 1991, **People Against Violent Crime** (PAVC) initiated the first Tree of Angels in Austin, Texas. The evening recognized that the Holiday Season is a particular difficult time for crime victims and their families. This special evening honored surviving victims and victims' families by making it possible for loved ones to bring an Angel Ornament to place on a special Tree, known to most individuals as a Christmas Tree. The Tree of Angels is a reverent forum for the community to remember, include and support crime victims who are a part of our lives and the community as a whole. The Tree is a symbol of tragedy, but more than that, the Tree symbolizes Hope and Triumph. The Hope that someday another name will not have to be placed on any Tree and the Triumph of the human spirit. Above all, the Tree of Angels is an expression of love.

In March 2000, the Tree of Angels was officially registered by PAVC with the United States Office of Patents and Trademarks to provide crime victims ownership with their very own special event the first week in December. The Tree of Angels has been recognized by Governor Greg Abbott with a Proclamation, "Tree of Angels Week" in Texas.