
Jon ODELL Memorial 2022

PC Jon ODELL was a Traffic Officer based at Margate Police station. He was conducting a Road check in Shottendane Road, Margate when he tried to stop a Vauxhall Astra being driven by Wayne Rule. Rule did not slow down, he struck PC Odell who was trying to get out of the vehicles path. PC Odell was rushed to Hospital but later died of his injuries.

During the Trial an expert told the Court that the vehicle had been estimated to be traveling 48-52 mph when it hit PC Odell. Rule was convicted of Manslaughter and sentenced to 10 years in Prison.

The killing of Jon's led to Joe Holness who was a serving Officer with Kent Police to found the National Police Memorial Day which is held every year on the nearest Sunday to 29th of September to remember who have been killed on duty. Jon's Funeral was held at St Johns Church in Margate. Thousands of Members of the public lined the streets of the Town Centre as the Funeral Procession went past

Jon had been based at Thanet since he joined Kent Police, he was a hard working, popular Officer who was highly regarded by his Colleagues

The memorial will take place on 19th December and take place in two parts.

0930am – Shottedane Road, memorial stone – remembrance service led by Rev. Hartley, prayers, wreaths laid by ACC Ball & PC Ralph, 1 minute silence

1030am – Margate Police Station – reflection service lead by Rev. Hartley, story from former colleague of PC Odell, presentation of the Odell Shield

All are welcome to attend both, if members are wishing to attend the service at Margate Police, and they are not current service officers / staff with swipe card access, can they please make advance contact with myself (tim.whale@kent.police.uk) to ensure we are aware of attendance.

Kind regards,

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