



**To:** Mayor and Ames City Council Members

**From:** Steven L. Schainker, City Manager

**Date:** April 9, 2015

**Subject:** Authorization to Expend City Funds

We have been informed that Sergeant Howard Snider will be honored during the 34<sup>th</sup> National Peace Officers' Memorial Service during Police Week in Washington, DC, from May 11 to May 17. As you might remember, Howard was the original supervisor for our Safe Neighborhoods Team and a very well-respected leader in our Police Department who died June 17, 2012.

Howard's widow and children have been invited to this event under the auspices of the Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) organization. As part of this event, the National Police Officer Memorial Service Committee requests that each police agency, along with the family of the fallen officer, choose one officer to represent the family and department at the Memorial Service.

While, at least six of our current Police Officers, including the Chief, will be attending this event in Washington, DC, at their own expense, I am seeking Council authorization for the City to pay the travel, housing, and meal costs of one officer who will be selected as the family's escort for the event. Chief Cychosz has estimated that the cost of this event will be approximately \$2,150, and he is prepared to absorb this cost within his department budget.

**Since this is an unusual request, I am seeking City Council authorization for what, I believe, is a legitimate expenditure of city funds to help honor one of our own at this national recognition event!**