

Friday, August 4, 2006

Acting Governor Codey Orders Flags to Fly at Half-Staff to Honor Police Detective Kieran T. Shields

TRENTON – In honor of Police Detective Kieran T. Shields, Acting Governor Richard J. Codey signed the following Executive Order calling for the United States and New Jersey flags to fly at half-staff on Saturday, August 12, 2006. The Executive Order is below: EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26

WHEREAS, Police Detective Kieran T. Shields was raised in Orange, New Jersey, attended Arts High School in Newark, and graduated from Essex County Community College; and

WHEREAS, Officer Shields, a loving husband and the devoted father of three young children, fulfilled his dream to serve the public and to follow in his father's footsteps by joining the Orange Police Department, and after serving for four years was promoted on January 1, 2005, to the rank of detective, having distinguished himself in December 2004 by rescuing a five-year-old girl who was the subject of an Amber Alert; and

WHEREAS, in the late evening hours of August 7, 2006, in the City of Orange in Essex County, Police Detective Shields, at the age of thirty-two, made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life while responding to reports of gunfire and while attempting to locate and apprehend an armed suspect; and

WHEREAS, Detective Shields' selfless devotion to public service and the protection of others makes him a hero and a true role model for all New Jerseyans and, therefore, it is appropriate and fitting for the State where he was raised and where he served so proudly as a peace officer to recognize his remarkable commitment to the welfare and safety of others, to mark his untimely passing, to remember his family as they mourn their tragic loss, and to honor his memory;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD J. CODEY, Acting Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies and instrumentalities during the appropriate hours on Saturday, August 12, 2006, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of Police Detective Kieran T. Shields. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Posted by Harrison at 13:18