



Construction set to begin this summer for law enforcement memorial

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A dinner in Waikiki Friday honored the Honolulu Police Department.

It was put on by the Honolulu Police Community Foundation to pay tribute to those who put their lives on the line for us.

Meanwhile, another honor for those who lost their lives in the line of duty is finally coming to fruition.

Plans to build a law enforcement memorial have been in the works for years and ground was broken for the project years ago.

Set away from the hustle and bustle is a spot perfect for contemplation and reflection. There you'll find the 65 names of law enforcement officers who paid the ultimate price.

The earliest dates back to 1851: Constable Kaaulana. There are others more recent, like officers Garret Davis, Chad Morimoto and Eric Fontes.

Currently in the shadow of the Kalanimoku building on the Civic Center Grounds, this will soon shine bright with an eternal blue light.

The Hawaii law enforcement memorial has been five years in the making. Though ground was broken back in 2011, the project was delayed because of financial reasons.

Recently, the state legislature appropriated the remaining \$608,000 needed and, once the governor signs off on it, construction can begin this summer.

It's expected to take about four months to build.

Organizers are hoping it'll be ready by Thanksgiving and in time for Honolulu City Lights, an event that draws thousands of people to the area during the holidays.