

Law enforcement memorial redesign unveiled

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The Honolulu Police Department held a memorial service tonight for officers who have died in the line of duty.

It's part of Police Week, which started today.

Plans are still in the works to build a permanent memorial monument honoring Hawaii's fallen law enforcement officers.

Today we got a glimpse of what the memorial monument will look like.

Organizers are hoping it'll be built in time for next year's Police Week.

These are architectural renderings of the Hawaii Law Enforcement Memorial -- a visual tribute to the officers who've made the ultimate sacrifice.

It's a little different from the original design that was created by University of Hawaii students.

"According to the professional architects, they had to modify the design somewhat for safety reasons. The original design had walls where the names were going to be placed, and some of these walls were six feet high and there

was a concern that children could fall off. So they had to make it much safer but the original concept and original theme remains," said Tommy Aiu, Hawaii Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation.

63 Hawaii law enforcement officers have died in the line of duty.

The fallen officers are honored and remembered every May during Police Week.

The Honolulu Police Department held a memorial service Monday night at the State Capitol.

Aiu hopes the memorial monument will be built within a year.

"So if things work out as we hope, the next memorial service we have annually will be at the site," said Aiu.

The site will be on the Honolulu Hale Civic grounds.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held last May.

The Hawaii Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation still needs another \$300,000 or so to get the project going.

"We're still raising funds and we are in the process of getting donations for materials of concrete and earth and steel and other items," said Aiu.

And if you'd like to help, you can donate money online or contact the Foundation: <http://www.hlemf.org/the-memorial>

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