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Family members, friends, and co-workers of fallen Okaloosa County Deputies Skip York and Burt Lopez were among those attending the 28th Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Service in Tallahassee Monday, May 3rd. Deputies York and Lopez were two of ten Florida officers who lost their lives last year.

Corporal Bill Griffith and Deputy David Chamberlin helped escort the York and Lopez families during the ceremony, where they pressed red roses into a wreath at the steps of the Old Capitol and received personal memory plaques from Governor Charlie Crist.

Family members of fallen OCSO Deputy Tony Forgione also attended. Deputy Forgione was killed in the line of duty in July 22nd, 2008. Deputies York and Lopez were killed in the line of duty just over a year ago, April 25th, 2009.

Governor Charlie Crist said, "This is a deserved tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. On behalf of all Floridians, I thank you."

Members of the OCSO Honor Guard and Motorcycle Unit also took part in the service in memory of the agency's fallen deputies.

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