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Flags lowered to half-staff for fallen Sheriff's sergeant

Board of Supervisors Chairman Curt Hagman has ordered flags at all county government facilities to fly at half-staff in honor of Sheriff's Sgt. Dominic Vaca, who was killed in the line of duty on Monday.

Chairman Hagman encourages all county residents, businesses and government agencies to do the same.

"Sgt. Vaca lost his life bravely protecting the people of this county. He made the ultimate sacrifice so that someday all of us can live our lives free from the fear of violent crime," Hagman said.

Sgt. Vaca was a 17-year veteran of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. He was killed when a motorcyclist opened fire on deputies who had been pursuing him in Yucca Valley. The gunman was killed during the gunfight with deputies.

"Our hearts are broken. Sgt. Vaca was a true hero and a beloved member of our Morongo Basin community," said Board of Supervisors Vice Chair Dawn Rowe, a resident of Yucca Valley. "Our thoughts, prayers and support are with his dear family during this tragic time."

A memorial fund has been established to assist Sgt. Vaca's wife and children, <https://porac.org/fundraiser/sgt-dominic-vaca-memorial-fund/>.

The County will keep flags at half-staff until sunset on the day of Sgt. Vaca's interment, which has yet to be determined.

