



UPLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT'S FALLEN OFFICER MEMORIAL in Honor of Officer Ernest R. Dark



Upland Police Department
Upland, California
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UPLAND POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION



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WELCOME

The Upland Police Officers' Association is proud to represent the men and woman of the Upland Police Department. The association would like to thank the individuals and businesses of Upland for their support and donations. This support has allowed the Upland Police Department to build a long overdue memorial in honor of Officer Ernest R. Dark and other officers who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The men and women of the Upland Police Department are proud to serve the City of Upland. We are committed to providing the highest quality service to the community. We acknowledge it is a privilege to serve such an amazingly generous and compassionate community. Thank you again for your support, it is sincerely appreciated.

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Building of the Monument





In Memory of
Officer Ernest R. Dark

Officer Ernest R. Dark was born on January 16, 1899 in Conifer, Colorado. He moved to California with his brother to become Forest Rangers. Officer Dark was married to Walteen and they had two children, Harold (7) and Maxine (5). The family lived at 636 Laurel Avenue in Upland.

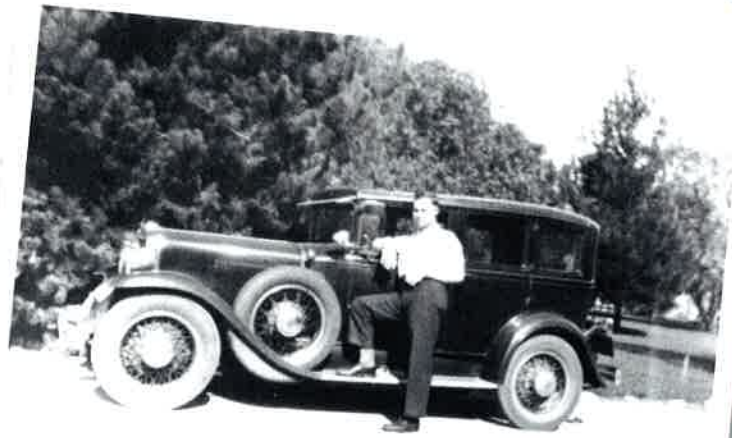


Officer Dark was hired as a Police Officer by Chief Jed Sawyer and was sworn in on May 17, 1928. Officer Dark was a well-respected Police Officer in the community and at the time, he was one of the most senior officers in the county.

Officer Dark's primary responsibility was as a Traffic Officer. In 1935, Chief Jed Sawyer became ill and Officer Dark was appointed as Acting - Chief of Police. One important administrative decision made by Officer Dark during his tenure was that of supporting the involvement of his officers in a newly formed school for peace officers. This forerunner to a modern-day police academy was held at Chaffey College on Euclid Avenue in cooperation with the Ontario, Pomona and Claremont Police Departments.

On September 13, 1940, Officer Dark was in pursuit of a speeding driver westbound on Foothill Blvd. He collided with another vehicle at Yale Avenue in Claremont. Officer Dark was severely injured and succumbed to his injuries on September 17, 1940. The driver of the vehicle he collided with was found to be at fault. The speeding driver was never identified.





Ernest Dark



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