

Lower Merion Township Officer Edward Setzer E.O.W. 9/30/1988

Officer Edward Setzer served with the Lower Merion Police Department for fifteen years before making his ultimate sacrifice on Friday, September 30th, 1988 when he was thirty-seven years old. Officer Setzer was shot and killed while searching for a burglary suspect in the Gladwyne area. As he investigated an unoccupied vehicle parked on the shoulder of a road he was confronted by a male suspect. A struggle ensued and Officer Setzer was shot in the chest. The suspect was apprehended and an investigation showed that the suspect had been involved in a series of burglaries and assaults in the area. The suspect was sentenced to life in prison. Officer Setzer was survived by his wife and three children.

Officer Setzer was the second police officer to die in the line of duty in Lower Merion Township following Officer Francis X. "Buck" Roy who made his ultimate sacrifice in 1924. Officer Francis X. "Buck" Roy was honored with a Fallen Hero Plaque on September 27th, 2012. Both officers will remain a part of the Lower Merion Police Department through these plaques.

District Attorney Ferman said, "Heroes are lost but never forgotten. Although twenty-six years have passed since Officer Setzer made his sacrifice, we do not forget and we do not relinquish respect. We have this plaque as a reminder of the sacrifice made by these individuals who put their lives on the line every day in order to protect the citizens of this community."