

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY RISA VETRI FERMAN
HONORS LOWER MERION POLICE OFFICER EDWARD SETZER WITH
FALLEN HERO PLAQUE**



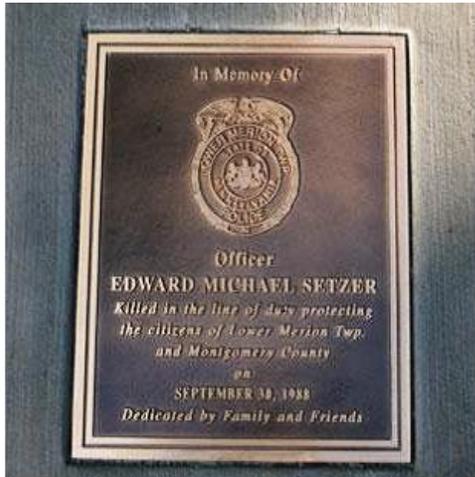
District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman, along with James Binns, founder of the Fallen Hero Plaque Program and Lower Merion Police Department Chief Joseph Daly honored Officer Edward Setzer with a Fallen Hero Plaque on Monday, October 1st, 2007 at the corner of Mt. Pleasant Road and Waverly Road. The plaque was sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 28. Officer Setzer marks the third Fallen Hero Plaque since the program reached Montgomery County in early 2007. The plaque memorializing Officer Setzer represents his dedication and sacrifice for the community.

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."



Approved for release:

Risa Vetri Ferman