

## **Dutchess County Lowers Flags to Honor Former Deputy Sheriff Michael Williams**

**Poughkeepsie...**Dutchess County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro has directed all Dutchess County County Government facility flags to be lowered to half-staff to honor New York Police Department Officer and former Dutchess County Deputy Sheriff Michael Williams, who died in the line of duty on Sunday, September 21, 2014 in a vehicular crash accident.

“We extend our prayers to the family of NYPD Officer and former Dutchess County Sheriff's Deputy Michael Williams. Our hearts are heavy over the tragic loss of someone so young, someone who had chosen to dedicate his life to protect and serve. May God bless him and his family,” said County Executive Molinaro.

Michael Williams was a 2012 graduate of the Dutchess County Law Enforcement Academy and served as a part-time deputy sheriff with Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO). He began as a New York Police Department Officer earlier this year. Williams was a 2007 graduate of Arlington High School.

“We are all very saddened by the sudden and tragic loss of Police Officer Michael Williams. He held so much upon us in dedication to the protection of the public that will truly be missed. The law enforcement community will be there for Michael's family but will never be able to replace the loss of such a fine young man, ” said Dutchess County Legislature Chairman Robert Rolison, who is also a retired member of Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department and whose son Deputy Sheriff Christopher Rolison graduated with Michael from the 2012 Dutchess County Law Enforcement Academy Class.

Flags will remain at half-staff until interment