

BEHIND THE BADGE

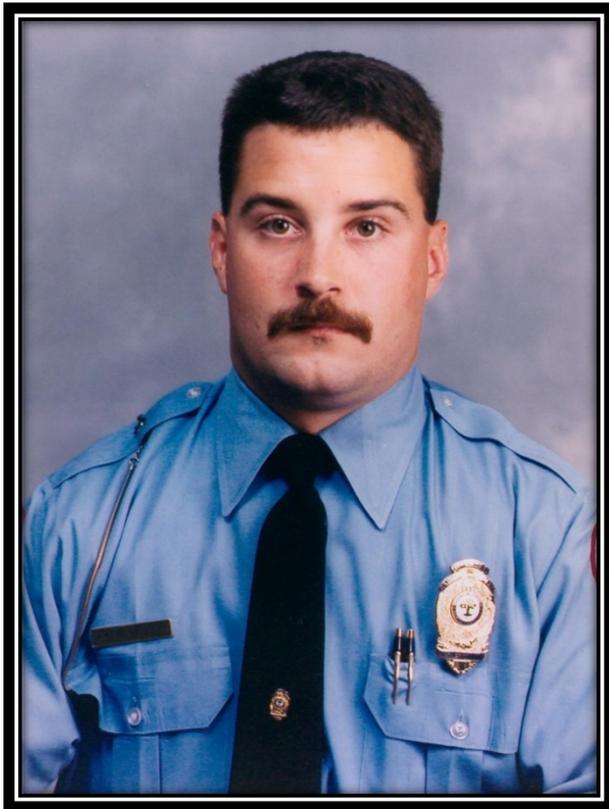
End of Watch



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Master Officer Charles R. Paul End of Watch: September 10, 2002



Master Officer Charles Radford Paul III's childhood dream was to become a fearless protector, similar to the western cowboy marshals he saw on television. As a young boy, besides wanting to be a cowboy, he also had an interest in wrestling. During his time at East Wake High School, Officer Paul was on the wrestling team and won "Wrestler of the Year" awards numerous times.

After graduating from high school in 1990, Officer Paul attended East Carolina University. During his time at ECU he started to show an interest in motorcycling. His first motorcycle was a Honda Valkyrie. He graduated from ECU in 1994 with a bachelor's degree in physical education.

Officer Paul began the 65th Academy of the Raleigh Police Department on July 17, 1995. He excelled in "Defensive Tactics" training, which is now "Subject Control and Apprehension Techniques." Sergeant T.V. Silluzio, an academy classmate, remembers sizing him up during training. He says he looked at the "small guy" and under-estimated his strength. After being sworn-in on January 5, 1996, Officer Paul was assigned to C Platoon. During that time, officers were assigned to a foot patrol beat on the old Fayetteville Street Mall. They

were responsible for conducting security checks on the mall to ensure the businesses were safe. Officer Paul's mother remembers waiting up all night when he was assigned to Fayetteville Street, unable to sleep until he came home.

After talking with his friend, retired Senior Officer L.T. Archie, Officer Paul decided to pursue his passion for law enforcement and motorcycle riding. In August 2000, he was assigned to the Traffic Enforcement Unit and loved riding his police motorcycle.

Officer Paul was described by others as tender-hearted and "a little man with a big, big heart." Besides his career in law enforcement, he adored his daughter Charlie. He was an only child and always had a love for children. It showed in

the way he loved his daughter. When he could during the day, he would visit with his mother who worked for the Department of Corrections.

Officer Paul's watch ended on September 10, 2002, when he was killed in a motorcycle accident on I-440 while trying to catch up to a speeding motorist. During his funeral service, then Chief J. Perlov commented on how he thanked every person he ticketed each day after the enforcement action was taken. While at the graveside service, his mother remembers seeing a gentleman standing off in the distance, apparently distraught. The funeral director said after everyone left, the gentleman went to Officer Paul's graveside and cried. When asked if he was all right, the gentleman told the funeral director that he was homeless and lived in a camp on Officer Paul's beat. He said Officer Paul looked after him and made sure that he never went hungry.

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