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30th Annual Dean–Williams Memorial 5K to Honor Fallen Officers and Support Special Olympics

The Shreveport Police Department invites the community to participate in the 30th Annual Dean–Williams Memorial 5K, which will be held on April 18 at 8:00 AM. This annual event honors the memory and legacy of two Shreveport Police officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Officer Ron Dean (#551), who served in the Narcotics Division of the Shreveport Police Department, was fatally wounded on December 16, 1992, while attempting to serve a narcotics-related search warrant at the Goodwill Pines Apartments.

Just months later, Officer Dwayne Martin Williams (#904), also assigned to the Narcotics Division, was fatally wounded on March 3, 1993, while attempting to serve narcotics search warrant at a residence on Magnolia Avenue.

Both officers were proud supporters of the Special Olympics during their law enforcement careers. In their honor, officers, law enforcement agencies, and civilians gather each year to participate in the Dean–Williams Memorial Run.

The event serves not only as a tribute to Officer Dean and Officer Williams, but also as a time to remember all law enforcement officers who have given their lives in the line of duty.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Special Olympics of Louisiana, continuing the legacy of service and compassion that both officers demonstrated throughout their careers.

The Shreveport Police Department encourages members of the community, fellow law enforcement officers, and supporters to come out and participate in this meaningful event.

Event Details:

30th Annual Dean–Williams Memorial 5K

 April 18, 2026

 8:00 AM

All funds raised will be donated to the Special Olympics of Louisiana.

Together, we run to remember.

30th



Special Olympics
Louisiana



DEAN- WILLIAMS MEMORIAL 5K RUN/WALK/CRAWL

Register

APRIL 18
2026



8:00 AM

Their Story

Ron Dean #551 and Dewayne Williams #904 were working in the narcotics division of the Shreveport Police Department. On December 16, 1992 Ron Dean was fatally wounded while attempting to serve a search warrant for narcotics at the Pines Apartments. On March 3, 1993 Dewayne Williams was fatally wounded while attempting to serve a search warrant for narcotics at a home on Magnolia Ave.

Ron Dean and Dewayne Williams were supporters of Special Olympics during their law enforcement careers. Shreveport Police Officers along with other law enforcement agencies and civilians participate in this run each year. This run is not only in memory of Ron Dean and Dewayne Williams; it is in memory of all fallen law enforcement officers.

Corporal
Dwayne Martin Williams

Patrolman
Ronald Edward Dean, Jr.

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**The 30th DEAN-WILLIAMS
Memorial 5K Run/Walk/Crawl**

April 18th, 2026

8:00 a.m. Fun run/ walk 8:30 a.m. 5K Run

Brought to you by the Shreveport Police Department

Please join us for our 30th year as we honor our fallen law enforcement heroes. These officers have made the ultimate sacrifice for the safety and protection of our city and its people.

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Special Thanks to: Shreveport Police Department, Shreveport Police Officers Association, Shreveport Police Local Union 275, Ivan Smith Furniture, Dynamic Trophies & Awards, & Sportspectrum Race Management.

Date & Starting Times: Saturday, April 18th, 2026 1/2 mile Fun Run/Walk starts at 8:00 a.m., 5K Run starts at 8:30 a.m.

Early Registration: Online registration @ www.sportspectrumusa.com. Early registration fee is \$25.00 April 3rd after that the fee is \$30.00. Race day fee \$35.00. You can also register at Sportspectrum, 6970 Fern Ave., Shreveport with cash, check or credit card.

Sleep-in supporter: Don't feel like getting up and running? Be a sleep-in supporter. You still get a shirt and you don't have to break a sweat to get it!!

Race Packet: Every pre-registered participant will receive an **Official 2026 Dean-Williams Run T-shirt**. Shirts will be limited to the first 300, so please register early. You may pick up your packet early at Sportspectrum—**Thursday, April 16th from 10 a.m.—6 p.m. and Friday, April 17th from 10am—5:30pm**. Race day pick up will be from **7:00—8:15am** at the race site.

Course Description: The race will begin near the Veterans Memorial on the Clyde Fant Parkway. Runners will head north on the Parkway to the Police/ Fire-man's Memorial turn around and head back to the finish.

Awards: Overall Male & Female will receive awards. 1st & 2nd age group winners receive awards. Male & Female 13-under, 14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 & up

Law Enforcement Awards: Overall Male & Female. 1st & 2nd age group winners receive awards. Male & Female 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 & up.

Special Note: Under RRCA regulations, absolutely no baby joggers, bikes, skateboards, or rollerblades will be allowed. No dogs allowed on course.

The 30th Annual Dean-Williams Run Official Entry Form

April 18th, 2026 8:00am fun run - 8:30 am 5k

Last Name _____ **First**

Name _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____ **DOB**

_____/_____/_____ **Gender: Male or Female**

Please circle event: Sleep in Supporter 1/2 Mile Fun Run (all paid participants get a medal) 5K Run/Walk

Law Enforcement? Yes No

Shirt Size: YM YL S M L XL XXL (add \$2.00) E-mail Address

Waiver & Release: In consideration of my being admitted to enter the Dean-Williams Run, I, for myself, my heirs and assigns, executors and administrators, do hereby forever release and discharge Sportspectrum, Shreveport Police Department, & Sportspectrum Race Management their employees and agents, of and from any and all claims of demands for damages of liability in any manner arising out of participation in such event. I certify that I have prepared myself for this event and that I am in adequate physical condition to complete the event I have entered on. I agree to follow all rules of this race, and to permit myself to be removed from the race if in the opinion of the Race Administrators my continuing would endanger my health.

Signature _____

_____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature if under 18
