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Section of U.S. 30 dedicated Monday to Chief Ralph Painter

A stretch of the road will memorialize the Rainier police chief killed Jan. 5

On Monday, Oct. 24, ODOT and City of Rainier officials will dedicate a section of U.S. 30 to Ralph Painter, the city police chief killed last January in the line of duty.

The event, presided over by Rainier Mayor Jerry Cole, is scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday at Rainier Riverfront Park, one block north of U.S. 30 on West A Street, adjacent to the playground. Also attending will be officials from Rainier and Columbia County; state Rep. Brad Witt; and Chief Painter's widow, Amy Painter, and their son.

A new state law passed earlier this year allows memorials on state highways to fallen law enforcement officers. The event Monday will memorialize Chief Painter, a 25-year veteran of the Rainier Police Department.

The section of road dedicated to Chief Painter will extend for more than 18 miles on U.S. 30. from milepost 30 in St. Helens west to milepost 48 in Rainier. Two signs will be put in place, one in St. Helens for the westbound traffic and one in Rainier for eastbound traffic. The signs will say, "Chief Ralph Painter Memorial Highway."

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