

Memorial Plaque Honoring Nick Vela to be Unveiled, Sunday, Feb. 19

**POLICE OFFICER/PILOT NICK VELLA MEMORIAL UNVEILING**



Sunday, February 19, 2023  
10:00 AM  
Marina Park  
1600 W. Balboa Blvd.  
Newport Beach, CA 92663





## Huntington Beach Police Department



February 13 at 10:00 AM · 🌐

On the first anniversary of Officer/Pilot Nick Vella's passing, friends, family, and the law enforcement community will meet at Marina Park to honor Nick with a memorial plaque. The unveiling will be on Sunday, February 19, 2023, at 10 AM.

### Location:

Marina Park (Seawall)

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Nick tragically lost his life in the line of duty on February 19, 2022. He was in a police helicopter (HB-1) and responding to a call for service when it crashed into the waters off Newport Beach. Nick, a 14-year veteran of the HBPD, is survived by his wife Kristi, daughter Dylan, father John, mother Marcella, and brother John Arthur.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank our neighbors at the Newport Beach Police Department and the City of Newport Beach for their collaboration in paying tribute to Nick with a memorial plaque. We are also deeply grateful to Orange County Sheriff Don Barnes and the Association of Orange County Deputy Sheriffs. We invite the community to join us as we remember our brother, who gave the ultimate sacrifice to protect the community he loved.

Nick will live in our hearts and never be forgotten.