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Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the dedication ceremony for the Woodbine Police Chief Phillip DeSantis Memorial and Reflection Area was held on May 15, 2010. The location of the Memorial is the Woodbine bikepath at the intersection of Route 550 and Heine Avenue. A moment of silence was called for by the Mayor in memory of Chief DeSantis's widow Sonya, who passed away Thanksgiving 2009, and who was a figure in the community in her own right. Approval for this project and its siteing was given by Woodbine Mayor and Council.

Life Scout Francis Smyth, Jr., of Troop 56, Dennisville created the Memorial/Reflection Area as his Eagle Scout Project in honor of the late Woodbine Police Chief Phillip J. DeSantis. Chief DeSantis was killed in the line of duty, on August 6, 1973 while trying to arrest a local man after he robbed and killed a gas attendant in Middle Twp.

"I want to thank all those who supported Frank's Eagle Scout project," said Mayor Pikolycky. "It serves as a lasting reminder of Chief DeSantis's ultimate sacrifice."

Photo shows Life Scout Francis Smyth, Jr.
in front of DeSantis memorial
at start of dedication ceremony