Sergeant Francis J. Fanning was killed in the line of duty on July 6th, 1966 after serving twenty-eight years in law enforcement. Sergeant Fanning joined the Lower Merion Township Police Department on March 15, 1938 and was appointed to the rank of Sergeant on November 28, 1953 after serving in patrol. Sergeant Fanning was in Department headquarters performing administrative duties, when he was stricken by a heart attack and passed away. Sergeant Fanning was survived by his wife Mary and two children Michael and Barbara. The Hero Plaque was sponsored by Lower Merion Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 28 and the Lower Merion Police Benevolent Association.