

Sunburst Locust Tree Dedication *in honor of* **Patrolman Justin Honeycutt**

Sunburst is what you think of when you think of Justin – warm, cheery and glowing – just like his smile.

Tolerant – the Sunburst Locust is tolerant of many different urban conditions, thriving in an environment that is difficult for other varieties to survive in, similar to how as police officers, we have to be tolerant and adaptable to the situations and challenges that we encounter daily.

Form – the Sunburst Locust has long broadly rounded branches that will sweep towards the ground, just as an officer wraps his protective arms around a lost child or injured family pet.

Foliage – the Sunburst Locust provides filtered shade, which allows undergrowth to thrive, just as an experienced officer watches over a young new officer to allow him or her to develop and mature without shading them out.

Healing – Medical studies have shown that compounds from the tree have helped in the treatment of arthritis and cancer, just as officers, we work together with the members of the community to help them during their darkest times.

Appearance – the Sunburst Locust is attractive and strong, which accurately describes Justin. Just like the tree, he was strong when he needed to be, yet was also gentle and compassionate. He was the only officer that I know who could climb out of a mud pit after chasing a suspect and still look good enough for a GQ magazine photo-shoot.

In Memory of
PTLM
Justin Honeycutt
EOW 11-4-11

Therefore, in honor and memory of Patrolman Justin Honeycutt, Badge #101, I hereby dedicate this tree to the residents of the Village of Bourbonnais, the community that he so proudly served.

Dedication Address Written and Recited by
Chief of Police, Jim Phelps
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