

**GOVERNOR HOCHUL DIRECTS FLAGS TO HALF-STAFF IN HONOR OF RETIRED
FIRST SERGEANT MICHAEL E. SNELL**

Flags Will Be Flown at Half-Staff Across New York State on Thursday, May 29

Governor Kathy Hochul today directed that flags on all State government buildings be flown at half-staff in honor of New York State Police retired First Sergeant Michael E. Snell, who passed away on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at the age of 56. First Sergeant Snell's passing is attributed to an illness stemming from his assignment in and around the World Trade Center site following the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

"First Sergeant Snell honorably served the people of New York State for 23 years, making the ultimate sacrifice for his fellow New Yorkers when it mattered the most," **Governor Hochul said.** "On behalf of New York State, I extend my deepest gratitude for First Sergeant Snell's contribution to the protection of our state, and send my heartfelt condolences to his family."

First Sergeant Snell retired from the New York State Police on May 24, 2023, after more than two decades of service. He is survived by his wife, Tammy Snell, and their four children: Wyatt, Ashton, Harrison and Lawson.

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