

The Connecticut Police Chiefs Law Enforcement Memorial



Ernest W. Schilke
Patrolman
Bristol
Died: 05/17/1944

On May 17, 1944, Officer Schilke, 22 died after being overcome by gas fumes in an attempt to rescue an employee of the Wallace Burnes Rolling Mill, following a gas explosion. Officer Schilke made a valiant effort to save the man and, according to Police Chief Crowley, Officer Schilke died a hero's death. Officer Schilke was a full-time supernumerary who had only been with the department 3 months. He left his father, step-mother, 3 brothers and 5 step sisters.