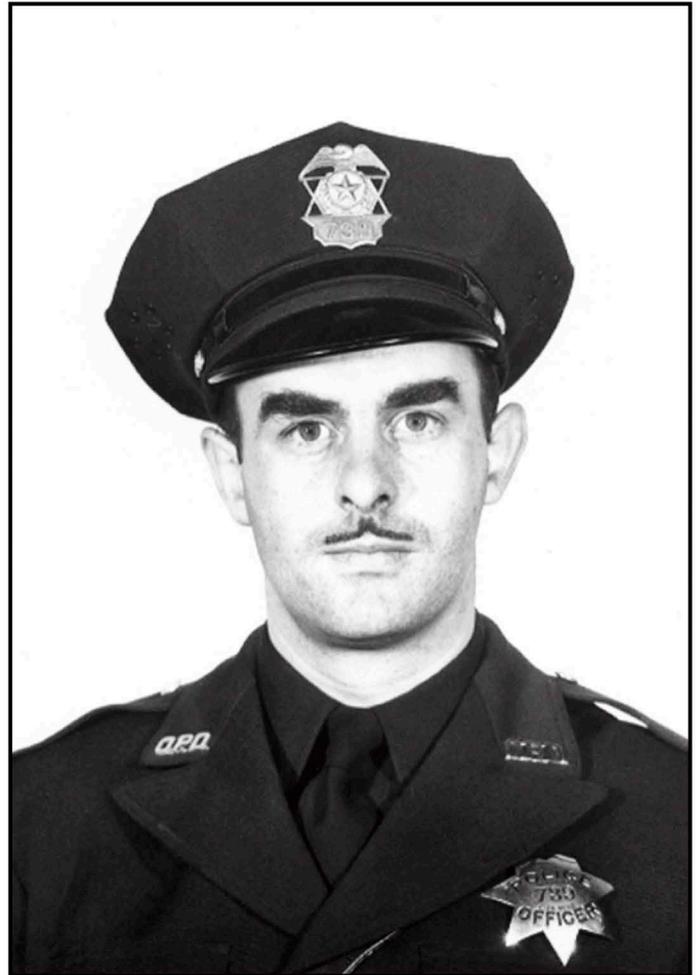




DAVID L. WORCESTER

July 8, 1953



Patrolman David L. Worcester was appointed to the Oakland Police Department in February 1949. He was assigned to the Traffic Bureau as a motorcycle patrolman in June 1952.

Just prior to getting off duty on July 8, 1953, Patrolman Worcester and three other motorcycle officers were assigned to assist at a fire scene at 20th and E 14th Street. Worcester and Officer Leroy Perry left City Hall and drove their motorcycles east. As they made the loop on the 12th Street Dam and onto E 14th Street, Worcester crossed over the centerline. He struck the left front of a westbound vehicle. His motorcycle spun around and Perry's motorcycle struck Worcester.

Worcester was thrown twenty-five feet and struck his head on the pavement. He died shortly after arrival at Merritt Hospital of a fractured skull. Patrolman Perry suffered from minor wounds and shock.

Twenty-nine years old at the time of his death, Patrolman Worcester was survived by his wife and two children.