**Garda Inspector Samuel (Sam) Donegan**

**8th June 1972**

SEFF remembers Garda Insp Samuel (Sam) Donegan who was murdered by Provisional IRA terrorists.

Samuel (Sam) Donegan was born on 20th November 1911 and was from Ballintampen, Ballymacormack, Co. Longford. He joined An Garda Síochána on 4th September 1934, and was promoted Sergeant in 1952 and Inspector in 1967.

Inspector Donegan, a married man with six children, served in Co. Mayo and Co. Sligo before being transferred to Cavan in 1967.

On 8th June 1972, Inspector Donegan and an Irish Army patrol were called to investigate a suspect package on the Fermanagh/Cavan border. Inspector Donegan and Lt. John Gallagher were inspecting the device when it exploded killing Inspector Donegan instantly and seriously injuring Lt. Gallagher. Insp Donegan was aged 61 years at the point he was murdered.

An interview with Lt. John Gallagher discussing the incident can be viewed at: <http://aftermath-ireland.com/portfolio/john-gallagher-interview/>

Insp Donegan is remembered on SEFF’s Memorial Quilt; Terrorism knows No Borders.

SEFF’s thoughts and prayers are with the Donegan family today and every day.