



POAT Newsletter

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Good luck Patrick and Willie.

*Sergeant Chuck Duncan, Miami Dade Police Department
April 10, 2007*

Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony

The Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony will be held at 7:00 p.m. on **Thursday, May 3, 2007**, at the new memorial site in the center of Tropical Park south of the stadium. It is important for the law enforcement community to come together on this special evening and pay tribute to those who have died serving the community. If you have never attended this moving ceremony you owe it to yourself and those who have fallen to do so. Please do your part by attending this moving ceremony.

Angels in the Outfield Softball Tournament

The Angels in the Outfield Softball Tournament will be held Friday May 4th and Saturday May 5th at Kendall Indian Hammocks Softball complex. The number of entries is limited so contact Mike Bracci at (305) 471-2310 or Mbracci@mdpd.com for more information.

PATRICK PEDRAJA DRIVING FOR DONORS



Don't forget May 7th at MDPD Fred Taylor Headquarters Building, Patrick Pedraja, 11 year old son of MDPD detective Willie Pedraja, is kicking off their driving for donors trek across the country. Patrick is battling leukemia and is setting out to add over 2,000 names to the national bone marrow registry.

They will be traveling through 25 major cities across the country. All that is required is a simple blood test to be added to the registry to see if you are a match. Donations are welcome to help cover the expense of the blood test, \$53 a test. You can log onto Patrick's web-site at <http://www.drivingfordonors.com/> to learn more about this worthy cause. Click [here for flyer](#) and please to not forget to complete the release form

Indian Creek Golf Outing

The Indian Creek Golf outing will be held on May, 2, 2007, with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. There will only be 18 foursomes at this very prestigious golf course. The cost is \$250 per golfer (\$1,000 a foursome). All proceeds go to POAT.

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Scholarships

The POAT has two scholarships that we offer to students getting ready to attend a university, college, or vocational school and are the children of a sworn officer, federal, state, county, or municipal, serving within the boundaries of Miami-Dade County. The deadline for both scholarships has been extended to June 30, 2007. **The Paul Janosky Art Scholarship** is offered to students majoring in visual, graphic or computer arts. **The Mike Byrd Crime Scene Scholarship** is offered to students majoring in Biology, Chemistry, Forensics, Pathology, or any major affiliated to Crime Scene Investigation. Applications for these scholarships can be obtained by downloading them from the POAT web-site at <http://www.POAT.org> or calling the POAT office at (305)594-6662.

www.POAT.org

POAT has updated its web-site at <http://www.POAT.org>. Karen Mussoline (wife of retired MDPD Lt. Joe Mussoline) has done a great job designing the site and keeping the updates current. It's a great way to keep informed of POAT's events and fundraisers or scroll through the roll call of honor.

Thanks for your support and stay safe!

Make a tax deductible donation:

**Mail to: Police Officer Assistance Trust
1030 NW 111 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33172**

POAT offers assistance to all sworn officers in Miami-Dade County from federal, state, county, and municipal agencies. **Your contributions makes these efforts possible!** Checks should be made payable to the Police Officer Assistance Trust or POAT. If you wish to make a donation to a specific area of assistance (educational, general, holiday gifts, police memorial, Paul Janosky Art Scholarship, Mike Byrd Scholarship), please notate the information in the memo area of your check

The Police Officer Assistance Trust is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization operating within Miami-Dade County, Florida. POAT provides assistance to law enforcement officers and their families in times of crisis or critical need