



POAT Newsletter

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On Saturday, March 21, 2009, the Walk to Cure Diabetes will be held

This walk starts at 8:30 a.m., with registration beginning at 7:00 a.m., at Miami-Metrozoo. All of the money raised goes to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to fund research to find a cure for this terrible disease that affects over 22 million people in the United States, killing one American every three minutes, with a new case of diabetes being diagnosed every 30 seconds. Diabetes directly affects many officers and their families working in Miami-Dade County. The walk brochures and POAT flyers are at all of the police departments and Miami-Dade Police Districts/Bureaus. Remember everyone attending the walk needs to register and raise money to be turned on walk day. If you register, raise money and are unable to make it to the walk, it is not a problem the collected money can be turned in after the walk. This is a fun family day, with a nice morning walk through the zoo. If you are not able to walk, then sponsor someone who is walking. The best way to register is by going to JDRF.org Miami walk at Miami Metrozoo, and register under the POAT team. We hope to see you there. Call the POAT Office (594-6662) for further information.

On Saturday, April 25, 2008, the March of Dimes-March For Babies Walk will be held at Crandon Park, Key Biscayne.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., and the walk will start at 8:30 a.m. Contact Allison Bishop-Cooner (305) 471-1931 or e-mail Abishop-cooner@mdpd.com for further information. The PBA has supported this charity for many years, which provides assistance and research in dealing with infants born prematurely. Take the time to support this worthwhile cause by walking or sponsoring a walker.

The Police Memorial will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2009, at 7:00

p.m. If you have not visited the new Law Enforcement Memorial located in Tropical Park, you owe it to yourself to do so. The memorial service is a time for all of us to take a break from our hectic schedules to recognize and honor all of the fallen officers that have died serving our community. Please make a point to attend this year's service.





The Crops for Cops scrap booking event was held on Saturday February 7, 2009 at the Miami-Dade Police Headquarters. There were 60 “scrapppers” in attendance starting from 8:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. with breakfast, lunch and dinner provided along with some scrap booking materials, all for \$60. We would like to thank everyone who participated in this fundraising event. Candy Loftus and Annette McCully did an excellent job coordinating the event. We hope you enjoyed it!

Baldwin, Patrick

EOW: Mar 29, 1940
Miami

Bearden, David

EOW: Mar 20, 1928
Miami Beach Police

Brantley, William

EOW: Mar 17, 1952
Homestead Police

Brubaker, John

EOW: Mar 31, 1933
Miami

Burlinson, John

EOW: Mar 8, 1958
Miami

Estefan, Victor

EOW: Mar 31, 1988
Miami

Gonzalez, Jose

EOW: Mar 28, 1989
MDPD

Kugler, Randall

EOW: Mar 10, 2000
MDPD

Searcy, Frank

EOW: Mar 27, 1974
MDPD

Wentlandt, Richard

EOW: Mar 15, 1997
MDPD

Young, Johnnie

EOW: Mar 7, 1947
Miami

Service Legacy Brick

The Service Legacy Bricks for retired officers would make a great gift for that special retired officer in the family. The Service Legacy Brick is placed in the walkway at the new Law Enforcement Memorial in Tropical Park. You can get a brick in the walkway by completing the application on our website at www.poaat.org and making a \$50.00 donation to POAT. The funds raised from the brick donations go towards maintaining the Law Enforcement Memorial and funding the annual Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ceremony.

POAT 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 federal, state, county, or municipal officer, serving within the boundaries of Miami-Dade County. 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 with Crime Scene Investigations. Applications for these scholarships can be obtained by downloading them from the POAT web-site at <http://www.poaat.org> or calling the POAT office at (305)594-6662.

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The POAT has updated its website at www.poaat.org. It is 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!

To make a tax deductible donation:

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

Or visit our website at www.poaat.org and click on the Donations Link. The POAT offers assistance to all sworn officers in Miami-Dade County serving in federal, state, county, and municipal agencies. Your contributions make 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 make a notation on the memo section of your check.

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