



POAT Newsletter

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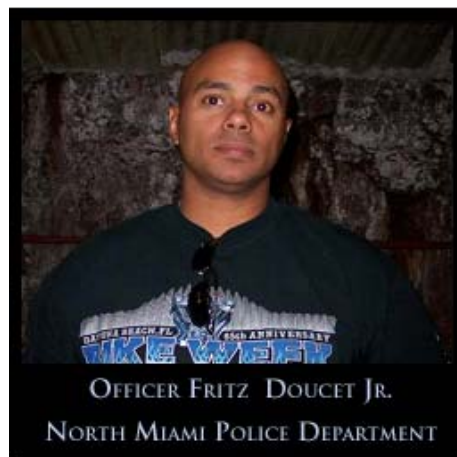
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The Police Memorial was held on May 1, 2008 at the memorial site located at Tropical Park. The largest crowd ever attended the ceremony with Miami-Dade Police Officer Chris Hodges being the keynote speaker. Officer Hodges delivered a speech from the perspective of a surviving family member, his father, Tom Hodges, was killed in the line duty when he was 4 years old; and through the eyes of a 12 year veteran police officer. His ability to incorporate the loss of his father as a small child into adulthood, ultimately into becoming a police officer, with a family of his own, and experiencing the loss of fellow officers was superbly done. Those who attended the ceremony experienced a speech/event you are not likely to ever forget. Thank you to everyone who participated in all of the preparation involved in making the ceremony such a meaningful and moving event.

The Bi-Annual POAT Motorcycle Ride was held on May 4, 2008. There were over 700 riders that participated. All of the proceeds went to Miami-Dade Officer Jorge Perez and North Miami Police Officer Fritz Doucet's widows. Both officers died in recent off duty motorcycle accidents, leaving young children behind.

The Annual POAT Golf Tournament was held on Tuesday May 6, 2008, at Indian Creek Golf and Country Club. The event was an overwhelming success with more foursomes than we could accommodate. Thank you to everyone who participated in this golf outing.



OFFICER FRITZ DOUCET JR.
NORTH MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT



OFFICER JORGE PEREZ
MIAMI DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Barton, Homer

EOW: June
Coral Gables

Beasley Jr., James

EOW: Jun 25, 1986
Sweetwater

Becker, Jr., Hugo

EOW: Jun 25, 1966
Hialeah

Brown, Ephriam

EOW: Jun 3, 1986
Opa-Locka

Bryant, Charles

EOW: Jun 15, 1923
Homestead

Craig, William

EOW: Jun 21, 1988
Miami

Hendrickson,

Wilber

EOW: Jun 2, 1915
MDPD

Langworthy, Ralph

EOW: Jun 10, 1928
Fulford

Rakow, Scott

EOW: Jun 30, 1988
Miami Beach

Riblett, John

EOW: Jun 2, 1915
Miami

Stafford, Charles

EOW: Jun 11, 1991
Miami Springs

The Renovation Of Fallen Officer James Walkers parent's residence stemmed from April 10, 2008 to April 13, 2008. Long days filled with very labor intensive work enabled us to get Mr. and Mrs. Walker back into their refurbished home quickly. I would like to thank everyone who volunteered and assisted in completing this project quickly. You all worked very hard. I think the greatest reward for all of us that participated was the look on the Walker family's faces when they saw the finished product. They were extremely appreciative.



Crop for the Cops: All Day Scrapbooking Event, Saturday, June 7, 2008 8am-10pm. Cost: \$60.00 Includes Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Catered by Café Cappuccino. Space is limited to the first 75 People who sign up - so register ASAP!!!

The registration forms can be [downloaded here](#) or contact Sergeant Candy Loftus at 786-337-4454, or the POAT office (305) 594-6662 for more information.

[DOWNLOAD "CROP FOR COPS" FLYER HERE](#)

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 Law Enforcement Memorial in Tropical Park. You can get a brick in the walkway by completing the application by [clicking here](#) or visit our website at <http://www.POAT.org> and making a \$50 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 officer, federal, state, county, or municipal, 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 to Crime Scene Investigation. Applications for these scholarships can be obtained by downloading them from the POAT website at <http://www.POAT.org>, calling the POAT office at (305)594-6662 or downloading here:

[The Paul Janosky Art Scholarship](#)

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POAT offers assistance to all sworn officers in Miami-Dade County from 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 notate the information in the memo area of your check

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