



# POAT Newsletter

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The POAT hopes everyone had an enjoyable Holiday and Happy New Year!

We would like to thank everyone that took the time to work a table at one of the malls collecting donations for the Holiday Gifts for Surviving Children. We had 59 children of slain or deceased officers who were recipients of gifts from POAT thanks to your kindness and generosity. We would like to acknowledge Marilyn Butler and all the hard work and countless hours she put in to ensure all of the children of fallen officers were remembered and got exactly what they wanted. The semi annual motorcycle ride, which was held on November 17, 2007 and also supports the Holiday

Gift program, was another success due to Rudy Gonzalez and his crew. There were over 500 motorcycles at this ride. The next ride will be held in the spring.

On December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mike Bracci coordinated the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Softball Tournament to benefit the Somohano family POAT. Thank you to all of those who donated their time to man the concession and sales tent. This is a great event where officers from different departments and bureaus get to know one another and have a good time. There was plenty of limping, groaning and the aroma

of Ben-Gay in the air over the course of the two days, but all for a good cause. All of the teams played hard with the final three being; Narcotics Bureau first, Kendall Station second, and Special Patrol Bureau third. Congratulations to all, we'll see you next year.



POAT is embarking on an endeavor to erect a K-9 Memorial to honor and recognize police K-9 work dogs that have died in the line of duty and served the Miami-Dade County community. The K-9 Memorial will be located in close proximity to the Law Enforcement Memorial. Visit <http://www.poat.org> for more information



**Zorsky, Theodore**

**EOW:** Jan 8, 2002  
Key Biscayne Police  
Department

**Callaway, Samuel J**

**EOW:** Jan 10, 1927  
Miami

**Trudeau, Leonard**

**EOW:** Jan 16, 1995  
Miami-Dade  
Corrections and  
Rehabilitation  
Department

**Dekorte, Robert**

**EOW:** Jan 21, 1972  
Coral Gables

## Upcoming Events

Looking ahead to the New Year, there are several upcoming events:

**The Eighth Annual LEO Awards Gala.** The next motorcycle ride will be held at 9:00 a.m., on Saturday, November 17, 2007, starting at the Snapper Creek service plaza. All proceeds from this event will go towards our Holiday Gifts for Surviving Children program. Commemorative "Cops Ride for Kids" baseball caps will be given to riders that register and donate \$20 per motorcycle. The registration forms can be downloaded from POAT.org. Contact Rudy Gonzalez at (305) 471-2312 or the POAT office (305) 594-6662 for more information.

**On Saturday, March 15, 2008, we will have the POAT walk team entered in the Walk to Cure Diabetes.** This walk starts at 8:30a.m., with registration beginning at 7:00a.m., at Miami-Metrozoo. Last year POAT had over 150 walkers grossing \$119,000, which was the largest in the State of Florida. This was largely due to the City of Homestead Police Department raising \$43,000. All of the officers and/or their family members who are affected by diabetes are very grateful and humbled by the momentum this event has gained over the years and the overwhelming response from the law enforcement community. To register to walk for the POAT Team log onto JDRF.org, navigate to the Miami walk and complete the registration designating POAT when that specific field appears, or you can complete the registration on the walk brochure and mail/fax it to JDRF. If you have any questions you can contact the POAT office at (305) 594-6662.

**On Saturday, April 28, 2008 the March of Dimes Walk** will be held on Key Biscayne at 8:00a.m. Allison Bishop-Cooner, Miami-Dade Police Department, coordinates this walk in conjunction with the PBA. We can all work together for this worthwhile cause.

## Service Legacy Brick

The Service Legacy Bricks for retired officers would make a great Christmas 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 that is on our website at POAT.org and making a \$50 donation to POAT. The funds raised from the brick donations goes 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 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>. 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 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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