



POAT Newsletter

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March, 2008

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The Eighth Annual LEO Awards Gala will be held on Saturday March 8, 2008. The Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police and the Law Enforcement Officers Foundation, with some of the proceeds being donated to POAT, sponsors this event. The awards ceremony will recognize distinguished law enforcement officers and civilian personal that have performed their duties in an exemplary manner. We will list the award winners from the various categories in next months article.

On Saturday, March 15, 2008, the Walk to Cure Diabetes will be held. This walk starts at 8:30 a.m, with registration beginning at 7:00a.m, at Miami-Metro Zoo. 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 21 million people in the United States, directly affecting many officers in Miami-Dade County. The walk brochures and POAT flyers should be out to all of the police departments and

districts. 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. All walkers need to register. The best way to register is by going to JDRF.org Miami walk at Miami Metro Zoo, and register under the POAT team. Everyone planning to walk needs to register and raise money for this worthwhile cause. We hope to see you there. Call us at the POAT Office (594-6662) for information.

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Join the POAT Team and Walk to Cure Diabetes

Help support the effort to find a cure for diabetes by joining our fellow police officers and their families for a walk around Miami Metrozoo.

DATE & TIME: SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2008, 8:30 A.M.



Alex Acosta and niece Alexa, diabetic for 11 years.



Bill Abaira, Sr. and son Bill, Jr., diabetic for 3 years.



Virgil Valdez, Sr. and son Virgil, Jr., diabetic for 10 years.



Diana Lyons, diabetic for 11 years.



Bill Fowler and daughter Samantha, diabetic for 8 years.



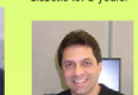
Jorge Yohay and son Andres, diabetic for 4 years.



Donna Cope and daughter Hunter, diabetic for 5 years.



Joe Petras and niece Nicole, diabetic for 19 years.



Joe Lopez, diabetic for 14 years.



Chris Moon and brother Greg, diabetic for 26 years.



Joe Alvarez and daughter Sammie, diabetic for 6 years.



Jorge Martin and son Jorge, diabetic for 6 years.



Javier Garcia, Sr. and son Javier, Jr., diabetic for 6 years.



Felix Jimenez and nephew Ryan, diabetic for 2 year



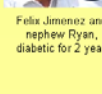
T.C. Cepers and son Justin, diabetic for 5 years



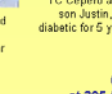
Chloe Malouf, granddaughter of Bob Messer, diabetic for 4 years.



Joe Bermudez, diabetic for 9 years.



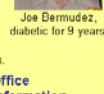
Chuck Duncan and daughter Carly, diabetic for 8 years.



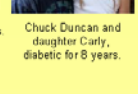
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Contact the POAT Office at 305-594-6662 for more information.



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

On Saturday, April 26, 2008 the March of Dimes Walk On Saturday, April 28, 2008, the March of Dimes-March For Babies Walk will be held at Crandon Park, Key Biscayne. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. start: 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 premature. Take the time to support this worthwhile cause by walking or sponsoring a walker.

The Police Memorial will be held on Thursday May 1, 2008. Unfortunately, there are several names that will be added to the wall this year. It is our duty to honor and pay tribute to all of the officers that have died while serving our community. If you have never attended this ceremony, you owe it to yourself and fellow officers to do so..

The Bi-Annual POAT Motorcycle Ride to support Holiday Gifts for Surviving Children will be held on May 4, 2008. The Ride begins at 9:00 a.m., starting at the Snapper Creek Plaza on the Turnpike and ends at Holiday Isle in the Keys. For additional information contact Lt. Rudy Gonzalez at R_Gonzalez01@mdpd.com (305-471-2312), or the POAT office at 305-594-6662. Registration forms can be downloaded from the POAT website; POAT.org.



The world's first online auction for buying and selling law enforcement equipment!

<http://www.copsbids.com> is hosting a fundraiser in response to the rash of officers killed in the line of duty. The T-shirt "Cops Helping Cops" was designed specifically for this fundraiser and can only be purchased on cobsbids.com. All of the proceeds from this fundraiser go directly to POAT.



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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