



POAT Newsletter

Sergeant Chuck Duncan, Miami Dade Police Department
February, 2008

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All of the hard work the volunteers put in at the malls during the holidays to raise funds for the **Holiday Gifts for Surviving Children** was a success with over \$62,000 being raised. Thanks again to all of the officers with Miami-Dade Police, Sunny Isles, Aventura, Coral Gables, City of Miami, Homestead, Florida Highway Patrol, Miami-Dade Schools, Hialeah, Bal Harbor, Golden Beach and Florida Department of Law Enforcement who took time out of their busy schedule during the holidays to help make a difference in the lives of so many surviving children.

Gift program, was another success due to Rudy Gonzalez and his crew.

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 Abraira, 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 Yuhay 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 28 years.	Joe Alvarez and daughter Sammie, diabetic for 6 years.	Jorge Martin and son Jorgie, 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. Cepero and son Justin, diabetic for 5 years	Chloe Melouf, granddaughter of Bob Messer, diabetic for 4 years.	Joe Bermudez, diabetic for 9 years.	Chuck Duncan and daughter Carly, diabetic for 8 years.

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

There were over 500 motorcycles at this ride. The next ride will be held in the spring.

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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



Beckham, James
EOW: Feb 3, 1928
Miami

Fritz Jr., Edward
EOW: Feb 3, 1953
MDPD

Johnson, Earl Lee
EOW: Feb 3, 1962
MDPD

Nichols, William
EOW: Feb 4, 1936
Miami Beach Police

Vargas, Robert
EOW: Feb 7, 1997
MDPD

Barnett, Elmer
EOW: Feb 14, 1978
Florida Highway
Patrol

LaFleur Sr., Leroy
EOW: Feb 16, 1951
Miami

Marchbanks, John
EOW: Feb 16, 1926
Miami

Hardison, Luther T.
EOW: Feb 17, 1951
Coral Gables

Butler Jr., Victor
EOW: Feb 20, 1971
Miami

Upcoming Events

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

The Eighth Annual LEO Awards Gala. 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. For tickets contact Annette McCully at (305) 471-3272

On Saturday, March 15, 2008, we will have the POAT walk team entered in the Walk to Cure Diabetes. On Saturday, March 15, 2008, will be the Walk to Cure Diabetes. This walk starts at 8:30a.m, with registration beginning at 7:00a.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 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 by the first of February. 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 Metrozoo, and register under the POAT team or you can mail in your registration card from the walk brochure. Everyone that is 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.

On Saturday, April 26, 2008 the March of Dimes Walk On Saturday, April 28, 2008 the March of Dimes Walk will be held on Key Biscayne at 8:00a.m. Allison Bishop-Cooner (305) 471-1716, Miami-Dade Police Department, coordinates this walk. The PBA has supported this charity for many years, which provides assistance and research in dealing with infants that are born premature. Take the time to support this cause by walking or sponsoring a walker.

The Police Memorial will be held on Thursday May 1, 2008. Unfortunately, there are names that will be added to the wall this year so make every effort the attend the ceremony and honor our heroes.

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Miami Beach Police

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Miami

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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