



# POAT Newsletter

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**Thursday September 11, 2008, the 9-11 Ceremony will be held at the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial site in Tropical Park.** The POAT

sponsors this ceremony every year in conjunction with Miami-Dade Fire Rescue to remember and honor all of the heroes that were killed September 11, 2001. The ceremony will be held in the morning, so mark your calendar and make every effort to attend.

in all of the preparation involved in making the ceremony such a meaningful and moving event.

**The first "Crop for Cops" Scrapbooking** event was held

on June 7, 2008, at the MiamiDade Police Department Headquarters from morning to

the late evening hours. The attendees, known as scrapers, are hard-core; they arrived early ready to scrap and left late wondering where the time went. The ladies present received some scrapbooking materials, instruction, breakfast, lunch, and dinner for \$60. The event received high reviews from all who participated. We would like to thank Sergeant Candy Loftus for coming up with the idea and seeing it through and as always, Annette McCully was involved in coordinating another successful event. Thanks Candy and Annette.





**Askew, William**

**EOW:** July 24, 1979  
MDPD

**Benitez, Eddie**

**EOW:** July 12, 1983  
Bureau of Alcohol,  
Tobacco, Firearms  
and Explosives

**Lorenzo, Orestes**

**EOW:** July 9, 2004  
North Miami Beach  
Police

**Morris, Jesse**

**EOW:** July 8, 1927  
Miami

**Seiden, Cheryl**

**EOW:** July 28, 1982  
MDPD

**Smith, Robert**

**EOW:** July 26, 1997  
Florida Highway  
Patrol

**Williams, William**

**EOW:** July 3, 2000  
Miami

**On Saturday June 28, 2008, the first Support our Wounded Warriors Shooting Competition was held at the Miami-Dade Police Training Bureau.**

There were about 50 competitors; about half were military veterans and half law enforcement. Lieutenant Ben Bahr (retired U.S. Army), who was injured in Iraq and presently works at the V.A. Hospital in Miami to help returning wounded veterans get re-acclimated to civilian life, was presented a refurbished M-1 Carbine. After the competition was over, some of the serious firearms collectors broke out some of their historic firepower and had fun sharing and shooting their firearms. Special thanks go out to Officer Mike Preston and Sergeant Ray Melcon for coordinating the event. The next fun competition shoot will be held on November 8, 2008, at the Miami-Dade Police Training facility. If you would like to volunteer for the event contact Mike Preston at [mpreston@mdpd.com](mailto:mpreston@mdpd.com) or 305-992-5213

**Lieutenant Thamy Gonzalez (305-471-2313) and Detective Chris Hodges (305-970-0769) are coordinating a POAT Fantasy Football event.**

For a \$50 donation you can enter the POAT fantasy Football league. This is strictly for bragging rights/fun and no cash prizes will be awarded. All participants will receive a t-shirt. The deadline for registration is a \$50 donation you can enter the POAT fantasy Football league. This is strictly for bragging rights/fun and no cash prizes will be awarded. All participants will receive a t-shirt. The deadline for registration is August 22, 2008. Contact Thamy, Chris or Annette McCully (305-471-3272) to register. See you on the gridiron.

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## 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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## Thanks for your support and stay safe!

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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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