



# POAT Newsletter

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## The Police K-9 Memorial was completed on May 1, 2009.



There will be a dedication ceremony held in July representatives from all of the K-9 Units in Miami-Dade County will be contacted when the

date has been determined. The Memorial is erected at the Law Enforcement Memorial in Tropical Park. The police dogs honored have all honorably served the various police departments through the years in apprehending some of the most violent criminals that may have otherwise never been brought to justice.

**The Law Enforcement Officers Memorial was held on May 7, 2009.** Each year, we celebrate the lives of the officers whose names are etched on the wall. The importance of this is that we support the families and assure them that we will never forget, and we will never stop honoring their sacrifice. You can watch highlights from this year's ceremony on Watch It! On-Demand at: <http://miamidade.gov/wps/portal/ondemand>.



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.poaat.org> for more information



**For those of you getting ready to retire or are already retired, remember to purchase your Service Legacy Brick** that will be 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.

## Upcoming Events

**On Friday, September 11, 2009, the 9-11 Ceremony will be held at the Law Enforcement Memorial site in Tropical Park at 9:30 a.m.** 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. It is important that we never forget all of the heroes that perished that day. Please make every effort to attend.

**The third Crop for Cops Scrapbooking event will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2009,** at the Miami-Dade Police Headquarters. This event filled up fast in February, with the attendees, known as scrapers, giving the event high ratings. For more information/tickets contact Annette McCully @ 305-471-3272, Candy Loftus @ 786-337-4454, or the POAT office @ 305-594-6662.

**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

## 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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