

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Robert M. Weygandt, Supervisor, District 2

DATE: February 24, 2009

SUBJECT: REVENUE SHARING – Approve appropriation of \$100 in Revenue Sharing monies to the *2009 Police Unity Tour* as requested by Supervisor Weygandt (\$100).

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve appropriation of \$100 in Revenue Sharing monies to the *2009 Police Unity Tour* as requested by Supervisor Weygandt (\$100).

BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS: In approving the following contributions, the Placer County Board of Supervisors finds that each and every approved contribution serves a public purpose by promoting the general welfare of the County and its inhabitants therefore a benefit results to the County.

The Board of Supervisors is being asked once again to approve appropriations to help support the *2009 Police Unity Tour*. This May the Northern California chapter of the Police Unity Tour will be participating in the 12th Annual Police Unity Tour bicycle ride during National Police Week. Hundreds of Law Enforcement Officer's from all over the country will be riding bicycles over three hundred miles from Northern New Jersey to Washington DC to raise funds and awareness for the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial. The Memorial Fund was established in 1984 to generate increased public support for the law enforcement profession and to provide information that will help to increase law enforcement safety. The Memorial is similar to the Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Wall, but the names that are engraved on this wall are the names of law enforcement officers that have died in the line of duty. A portion of the funds designated towards this popular event will be used to cover the rider's food and lodging while on the ride. In 2008, more than one thousand law enforcement officers participated in the Unity Tour raising a total of 1.25 million dollars for the Memorial Fund.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are available in the Revenue Sharing budget.

Police Unity Tour

"We Ride for Those Who Died"

County of Placer Board of Supervisors
F.C. Rocky Rockholm
Supervisor District 1

Supervisor Rockholm

Officer Patrick Montuore of the Florham Park, New Jersey, Police Department founded the Police Unity Tour in 1997. In the *beginning*, the concept was simple. Pat wanted to honor his fallen colleagues by riding his police issued bicycle 300 miles to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial (NLEOM) in Washington D.C. Several other New Jersey Officers committed to the cause and began collecting contributions. 18 officers left New Jersey that year on the 300+ mile bicycle mission of honor, carrying an \$18,000 check for the NLEOM.

Since 1997, the Memorial bicycle ride has grown into an annual event and the Police Unity Tour has developed into a national organization. Proudly, in 2008 the now 1100 plus Police Unity Tour members delivered *over 1.25 million dollars* to the NLEOM, making it the largest private and/or corporate sponsor of the Memorial!

In May, 2009 I will be riding in my fourth Police Unity Tour. Each rider on the tour has to raise \$1800.00 to participate, a portion of that is used to cover my lodging and food while on the tour and the majority goes directly to the NLEOM. Each rider has to cover their own costs before and after the ride including travel, meals, lodging and equipment.

I am asking for contributions/donations so I may participate in the 2009 Police Unity Tour. If you are interested in supporting me please make a check out to "Police Unity Tour/Pat O'Brien." Put the Federal Tax ID #13-4346176 in the memo box and keep a copy for your records. Please mail all checks to me at the Rocklin Police Department. 4080 Rocklin Rd, Rocklin CA. 95677.

The Police Unity Tour is a non-profit organization under section 501© (3) of the Internal Revenue code, therefore, donations made to the Police Unity Tour are fully tax deductible.

Thank you for your support.

Officer Pat O'Brien
Rocklin Police Department
C-916-303-6150

Related Websites:

www.policeunitytour.com

www.nleomf.com

www.odmp.org

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