



NEWS RELEASE

HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

For Release: Sept. 8, 2006

Contact: Sherry Llewellyn
PFC Jennifer Reidy
(410) 313-2236

Howard County “Police Pace” to Raise Money for Children of Fallen Heroes and Other Charitable Efforts *Interested Participants Can Register at www.policpace.com*

What: Howard County “Police Pace” 5K Race and One Mile Walk/Run
When: Sunday, Sept. 17 at 9 a.m.
Where: Centennial Park
Route 108, Columbia, Md.

The Howard County Police Department will host the 15th annual Howard County “Police Pace” Sept. 17 and will donate the proceeds to a number of charitable initiatives. The department currently is accepting registrations from interested participants at www.policpace.com for the 5K Race and One Mile Walk/Run at Centennial Park.

Proceeds from the event, which is sponsored by the Howard County Police Foundation, will benefit children of officers killed or injured in the line of duty. A portion of the proceeds also will go to injured auxiliary officer Pieter Lucas, a police volunteer who lost his leg in November after being struck by a car while directing traffic.

The Foundation also sponsors educational scholarships and awards, including one to a Howard County high school senior. In addition, the Foundation offers support services to police department members and their families whenever tragedy strikes.

The race will conclude with a ceremony at which more than 50 runners will receive performance awards. Food at the event for all registered participants will be provided courtesy of Outback Steakhouse, the event’s Official Hospitality Host.

The Police Pace planners say that this year’s event will be more family-friendly than ever. The day will include clowns, McGruff the Crime Dog, free face painting, balloons, and displays of Howard County’s police equipment, helicopter, patrol cars, motorcycles, K-9 and S.W.A.T. team.

Individual registration is \$20 and includes an event t-shirt and lunch. Family registration is \$35 and includes entry for all immediate family members in same household, as well as two event t-shirts and two meals. Participants will have the opportunity to win raffle prizes, including two roundtrip airline tickets from AirTran, a mountain bike courtesy of Princeton Sports, free dinners, golf outings and more.

###