

# Police Unity Tour

## 2010



**Welcome to the 2010 Police Unity Tour!**

### **Ride Itinerary**

The ride will leave New Jersey on May 9<sup>th</sup> and arrive in Washington, DC on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The Candlelight Vigil will take place May 13<sup>th</sup> at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial (NLEOM). All members are expected to attend the Vigil.

May 9th	Depart Target/Ramada, 130 Route 10 West, East Hanover, NJ to Edison, NJ  Approximately 60 miles
May 10th	Depart Edison, NJ to Wilmington, DE  Approximately 100 miles
May 11th	Depart Wilmington, DE to Annapolis, MD  Approximately 100 miles
May 12th	Depart Annapolis, MD. To Washington, DC  Police Unity Tour Arrival Ceremony at NLEOM  Approximately 60 miles
May 13th	Candlelight Vigil at NLEOM



Members may accept donations through Firstgiving by accessing the link on the Police Unity Tour homepage. Applicable web site service charges are the responsibility of the submitting member.

If a sponsor chooses to submit donations through the Police Unity Tour website, be sure they notify us of the member's name and agency in the comment box.

Sponsors who donate \$1,000.00 or more will receive a commemorative gift as well as have their name displayed on the support trailers accompanying the riders. Clearly print or type the sponsor's name on the form as they would like it on the plaque and trailer.

Sponsor forms are available on the website. Donations are tax deductible. The tax identification number is 22-3530541.

### **Transportation / Lodging**

All out of state members must arrive in New Jersey by May 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Police Unity Tour provides hotel rooms on May 9<sup>th</sup> in Edison, NJ, May 10<sup>th</sup> in Wilmington, DE, May 11<sup>th</sup> in Annapolis, MD and May 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> in VA /DC.

Prior to our departure, members are responsible for hotel rooms in New Jersey. Rooms are available at the Ramada Inn in East Hanover, NJ on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Please call the Ramada directly at 973-386-5622 to make your reservation. Specify that you are reserving one of the Police Unity Tour rooms.



If you need to ship your bike, send it to:

Ramada Inn  
130 Route 10 West  
East Hanover, NJ 07936  
c/o Abe Rothenberg

Please include your name on the box. Bicycle mechanics will be available to assist you with assembly at the hotel. Bike boxes will be transported to DC in trailers and will be unavailable until arrival in DC.

Members flying into NJ must arrive at Newark Liberty Airport in order to be transported to the hotel. Email [info@policeunitytour.com](mailto:info@policeunitytour.com) with flight

information including number of people and bicycles.

Meals provided by the Tour are as follows:

- Day 1: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Day 2: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Day 3: Breakfast, Lunch
- Day 4: Breakfast

For restaurant information in Annapolis, visit [www.annapolis.com](http://www.annapolis.com).

No meals will be provided by the Tour upon arrival in DC.

If you have any specific dietary requirements, please notify us prior to the Tour.

Each member is responsible for their own transportation home from DC. Your bike will be returned to NJ. Include your name and agency on your bicycle. The bikes will be tagged and loaded into trailers at the Memorial. Indicate whether your bicycle is staying in the trailer, being shipped or taken home by you.

Members may request a roommate by completing the hotel information page of the application. You will be assigned a roommate if this form is not submitted.

Luggage must be labeled with each member's name. Bags will be delivered to your hotel and brought to your room. If luggage is misdirected to your room, please bring it to a hotel team member in the lobby *immediately*.

Easels will be in each hotel lobby with meal, luggage and departure information.

Members are required to place their luggage on the appropriate truck at the designated time each morning.

## **Training**

Members are responsible to be in condition to complete the Tour. New riders must complete an evaluation ride prior to acceptance. Returning riders may be required to participate in an evaluation ride. Check the calendar on the website for training ride information.



If you are unable to participate in the scheduled training rides, email [info@policeunitytour.com](mailto:info@policeunitytour.com) to arrange for an evaluation training ride with a ride marshal.

It is recommended that you train with an experienced Tour rider and become familiar with riding in a group.

The average pace will be 13-15 mph.

A professional bicycle fitting and recent maintenance is recommended. Complementary fittings for Tour members are provided at Bikeland II in Chatham, NJ. Call Oscar at 973-635-8066 to schedule your fitting.

Nutrition and hydration are important during training as well as on the Tour, Be aware of maintaining your electrolyte consumption.



## Safety

Helmets less than 5 years old and eye protection are required at all times.

Calling out road hazards and notifying fellow riders of slowing or stopping are important to everyone's safety.

**Ipods or entertainment devices that use earplugs, earbuds or headphones are prohibited.**

Do not pass motorcycles on the left. No rider may hold on to any moving vehicle. Do not pass the lead vehicle or request that the pace of the ride be changed. Tour officials set the pace to ensure rider safety and accommodate cyclists of various skill levels while maintaining unity.

Riders must ride two by two. Any rider who falls behind the repair trailer will be asked to ride the bus until the next rest stop. This request **MUST** be honored.

During the Tour we will cross several grated bridges. Riders are required to dismount their bicycles and walk over the bridges. **DO NOT** straddle your bicycle. There will be a motorcycle and ride marshal posted before the bridges to notify the riders.

If there are any unexpected stops, all bicycles should be moved off the road.

## Ride Marshals

Ride marshals will be assigned to assist and monitor the riders. They will be wearing white jerseys and are

available if you have any questions during the Tour.

Ride marshals are official representatives of the Police Unity Tour. They have the authority to enforce the rules set forth by the Executive Board.

## Support

Support will consist of hotel, break, procession and motorcycle teams. Prior to the start of the Tour you will be notified of your assignment. Each support member is invaluable to the safety and success of the Tour.

Motorcycle escorts block intersections, ramps, driveways and lights. They ride along side the bicycles monitoring the safety of the riders. Motorcycles require room to safely pass riders, be aware of their presence.



Radios for motorcycle escorts and support personnel are available. Batteries must be turned in for charging at the end of each days ride. All radios must be turned in to your team leader at the arrival ceremony at the Memorial.

Route books for support and motorcycles must be obtained prior to departure from your team leader. Information including phone numbers, schedules and directions can be found in this book.

Medical conditions potentially requiring attention during the Tour should be reported to the ambulance staff. Medications that may be needed while riding, such as inhalers and epipens, must be labeled and kept in the lead vehicle.

## Rest Stops

There will be breaks approximately every 25 miles. Water, Gatorade and fruit will be available.

When departing a rest stop, line up in an orderly manner.

Use the porta-johns provided at the breaks. It is unacceptable to urinate in the woods or on the side of the road.

## Uniforms

Riders will wear a blue Police Unity Tour jersey, black shorts or pants, helmet and eye protection.

**Department patches may be sewn on the center back pocket of the jersey only.**



Do not cut or alter the jerseys. Do not put any advertisements on the jerseys, jackets or any other part of the uniforms. This applies to riders, motors and support personnel.

Jerseys and jackets are to be worn by Tour members only. They are **NOT** to be sold or given to nonmembers.

There is no rank on the Tour. Your rank should not appear on your nametag.

The blue & white jacket can be ordered through Bikeland II using the order form available on the website.

All other uniforms can be purchased by completing the uniform order form

in the application packet. Orders will not be processed until payment is received.

Questions should be directed to [uniforms@policeunitytour.com](mailto:uniforms@policeunitytour.com).

Support members will wear a blue Police Unity Tour polo shirt and black pants or shorts. Black boots, sneakers or shoes are acceptable. Open toed shoes are not permitted. Department patches may be sewn on the left sleeve.

All members who are not wearing their Class A uniform to the Vigil are requested to wear khaki pants with a Police Unity Tour polo shirt or jacket.

## Bracelets

Each member is encouraged to purchase a memorial bracelet with the name of an officer who died in the calendar year preceding the Tour. To select a fallen officer, contact [bracelets@policeunitytour.com](mailto:bracelets@policeunitytour.com) or you can request to have one assigned to you.

It is your responsibility to contact the officer's department and family and inform them about the Police Unity Tour. Arrangements may be made to meet the officer's family and / or department members at the Memorial and present the bracelet to them. If they are unable to meet you, the

bracelet should be sent to them upon completion of the Tour.

You can special order bracelets for an officer that died in a previous calendar year or in the current year at [bracelets@policeunitytour.com](mailto:bracelets@policeunitytour.com).

Blue bracelets are \$15.00, silver bracelets are \$50.00. Order a duplicate bracelet if you would like to keep one for yourself.

### **Survivor Escort**

The Police Unity Tour has the honor of escorting survivors to the Candlelight Vigil. Anyone interested in participating should email [SHobbs@policeunitytour.com](mailto:SHobbs@policeunitytour.com). Class A uniforms must be worn by Survivor Escorts.

### **Website**

Our website is a valuable resource available to check meeting dates, calendar events and download forms.

### **Meetings**

Attendance at scheduled meetings is beneficial to your preparation for the Tour.

If you have any questions or require additional information, contact [info@policeunitytour.com](mailto:info@policeunitytour.com).



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