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2023 BROTHERHOOD RIDE - CYCLING FOR FALLEN HEROES

October 27, 2023 – November 4, 2023

Our 2023 Ride will be dedicated to 28 Florida Fallen First Responders who died in the line of duty in 2022 while protecting their communities. Our team will honor them as we cycle through the State of Florida for 9-days.

Our team of 50 riders and 25 support personnel will pedal from Naples, FL to Arcadia, Bradenton, Lakeland, Orlando, Cocoa Beach, Stuart-Jensen, Pompano Beach, Hollywood and finish in Miami. We will cover over 600 miles and average 70-90 miles a day.

The Brotherhood Ride is a non-profit charity organization, which consists of Firefighters, Law Enforcement Officers and EMS personnel who ride bicycles to honor emergency first responders who have died in the line of duty. Our mission is to provide emotional and financial support to the families who are left behind.

The Brotherhood Ride continues the tradition of Honor, Dedication and Pride. Over the past fifteen years, we have honored the memory and sacrifice of 707 Emergency First Responders which includes; firefighters, law enforcement officers and emergency medical personnel. Our team has traveled on bicycles over 12,000 miles, through 18 states, have been hosted by over 50 Elks Lodges nationwide and assisted by countless emergency first responders who have shown the true meaning of Brotherhood. Through year-round fundraising efforts, the Brotherhood Ride has been able to honor the memory of fallen heroes and provide emotional and financial support to their families. Past Brotherhood Rides, we have honored our fallen brothers and sisters from SC, TX, NY, FL, TN, GA, VA, PA, NJ, CT and MA and we are very proud to have donated over \$840,000.00 to the families left behind.

The Brotherhood Ride is a non-profit 501(c)(3) public charity organization. Other than the cost of conducting the rides, all donated proceeds go directly to the beneficiaries designated. No one is compensated for their time in order to maximize the impact of donations.

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Our 2023 Ride will be dedicated to 28 Florida Fallen First Responders

Engineer Christopher Allen
Hollywood Fire and Rescue

Engineer Douglas Clemons
Polk County Fire Rescue

Officer Cesar "Echy" Echaverry
Miami-Dade Police Department

Officer Christopher Nicholas Fariello
Tallahassee Police Department

Correctional Officer Brian Golden
FL Department of Corrections

Deputy Michael Hartwick
Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

Engineer Hilary Kanwischer
North Lauderdale Fire Rescue

Firefighter James Nathan Leonard
Coral Springs-Parkland Fire Department

Corporal James McWhorter
FL Department of Agriculture

Senior Investigator Kyle Lee Patterson
FL Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Firefighter Michael Riley
St. Augustine Fire Department

Firefighter Bret Williams
Sarasota County Fire Department

Lieutenant Kraig A. Zauner
Oakland Park Fire Rescue

K9 Drago
Columbia County Sheriff's Office

Officer Jorge Arias
US Customs and Border Protection

Firefighter Austin Duran
Apopka Fire Department

Firefighter Ronald Erbel
Key Biscayne Fire Rescue

Lieutenant Anthony Felix
Orlando Fire Department

Corporal Ray Charles Hamilton
Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office

Lieutenant James Stuart Hunt
Melbourne Fire Department

Deputy Blane Lane
Polk County Sheriff's Office

Captain Darrold McArthur
Jacksonville Fire Department

Battalion Chief George Bradford Newsome
Walton County Fire Rescue

Special Agent Jose Antonio Perez
FL Department of Law Enforcement

Deputy Christopher Taylor
Charlotte County Sheriff's Office

Captain Richard Brian Wolnewitz
Palm Beach Gardens Fire Rescue

K9 Blue
Niceville Police Department

K9 Max
Lake Wales Police Department

During the ride, our team will average 70–90 miles a day, will meet with local fire departments and law enforcement agencies to show the spirit of Brotherhood. This year, the ride will make overnight stops throughout Florida.

Send-off Ceremony will be held:

Friday, October 27, 2023

7:30 am - 9:00 am

North Collier Fire Rescue

1885 Veterans Park Drive, Naples, FL

* The team will depart immediately following the ceremony

Overnight Accommodations (arrive approximately between 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm)

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| Day 1 - Friday, 10/27/23 | Arcadia Elks Lodge #1524 1028 W Oak St, Arcadia, FL 34266 |
| Day 2 - Saturday, 10/28/23 | Bradenton Elks Lodge #1511 2511 75th St W, Bradenton, FL 34209 |
| Day 3 - Sunday, 10/29/23 | Lakeland Elks Lodge #1291 4529 Harden Blvd, Lakeland, FL 33813 |
| Day 4 - Monday, 10/30/23 | Orlando Florida Elks Lodge #1079 12 Primrose Dr., Orlando, FL 32803 |
| Day 5 - Tuesday, 10/31/23 | Cocoa Beach Elks Lodge #2387 175 N Brevard Ave, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 |
| Day 6 - Wednesday, 11/01/23 | Stuart-Jensen Elks Lodge #1870 1001 S Kanner Hwy, Stuart, FL 34994 |
| Day 7 - Thursday, 11/02/23 | Pompano Beach Elks Lodge #1898 4000 NE 10th Way, Pompano Beach, FL 33064 |
| Day 8 - Friday, 11/03/23 | Hollywood West Elks Lodge #2365 7190 Davie Road Extension, Hollywood, FL 33024 |
| Day 9 - Saturday, 11/04/23 | Miami Elks Lodge #948 10301 SW 72nd St, Miami, FL 33173 |
| Day 10 - Sunday, 11/05/23 | Dolphin Transportation of Naples will shuttle our team back to Naples. |

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50 Riders & 25 Support Personnel Participation Information: Representing the following

- Florida Fire Departments (40)
- Florida Law Enforcement (14)
- Connecticut Fire Department (1)
- Connecticut Law Enforcement (3)
- South Carolina Fire Department (1)
- Ohio Law Enforcement (1)
- Texas Fire Department (1)
- Civilians with support (14)

To help support the loved ones who are left behind; the team relies on donations, support, and sponsorship as the sole means of obtaining their goal. This year's proceeds will benefit the families of the fallen first responders who we are honoring.

To help the Brotherhood Ride reach their goal, you can visit their website to make a donation, purchase t-shirts or contact them if you would like more information on becoming a sponsor.

www.brotherhoodride.com

Follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/brotherhoodride

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Media Note: Images will be posted and can be used with attribution to the Brotherhood Ride.

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