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Fort Worth Police Officers' Award Foundation Renews Commitment to Excellence

FORT WORTH, TX-- For the first time since its creation nearly 30 years ago, the Fort Worth Police Officers' Award Foundation is asking the citizens of Fort Worth to join with them in supporting excellence in all aspects of policing. The Foundation's Board of Trustees announced this community wide appreciation initiative at the Fort Worth City Council meeting today (April 20, 2010).

Mayor Mike Moncrief, joined by his council colleagues, presented the trustees with a proclamation commending the Foundation for its tremendous efforts.

"Fort Worth is one of the safest cities in the United States because of the dedicated men and women who serve as our police officers. We hope this initiative enhances the relationship between police officers and the community. It is an outward show of support for the men and women who serve us," said John Joyce, chair of the Foundation.

The Foundation was formed to support those individuals who go beyond the call of duty. With a sole purpose of recognizing excellence in law enforcement, the Foundation is believed to be the only one of its kind in the country.

The Foundation recognizes many officers that are not necessarily in the spotlight. With the generous donations of years past, it has been able to fund special events such as an annual awards dinner where outstanding officers are recognized for their service and achievements. Fort Worth Chief of Police Jeff Halstead said, "The Foundation's support strengthens our officers individually and the organization as a whole. This is accomplished with encouragement through recognition, and also by investing in advanced training and law enforcement education."

As individuals and businesses within the community become involved with the Foundation, their active support for police officers certainly will build a bond of cooperation that will take our police department to the next level. In fact, The Fort Worth Police Officers Association has partnered with the Foundation for this initiative.

Officer Rick Van Houten, Association president, said, "We look forward to a strong, long-lasting friendship and partnership with the Award Foundation which will continue to benefit Fort Worth Police Officers, the Fort Worth Police Department, and the citizens of Fort Worth."

For more information about the Foundation and its efforts, please visit www.fwpoliceawards.org.

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