



Police Unity Tour

"WE RIDE FOR THOSE WHO DIED"

Chapter VII Southern California



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2020 Ride Edition

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Our Mission

The primary purpose of the Police Unity Tour is to raise awareness of Law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty.



Our History

In May 1997, the Police Unity Tour was organized with the hope of bringing public awareness of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty and to honoring their sacrifices. What started with 18 riders on a four day fund-raising bicycle ride from Florham Park, NJ to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. has grown into nine chapters consisting of nearly 2500 members nationwide.

In late 2005, the Police Unity Tour pledged \$5 million in support of the National Law Enforcement Museum. Inspired by our commitment and our motto, "WE RIDE FOR THOSE WHO DIED" the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) has selected our organization to be the sponsor of the Museum's Hall of Remembrance.

Having completed the \$5 million commitment to the museum in 2009, the Police Unity Tour dedicated the 2010 ride to the restoration of the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. The \$1.1 million restoration project include the re-engraving, coating and sealing of the names on the memorial as well as the cleaning of the walls and other memorial improvements.

In 2011, the Police Unity Tour became the official sponsor of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial's *Officer of the Month Program*. Officers of the month are honored at a special awards luncheon each May in Washington D.C. during National Police Week and are featured in the Memorial Fund's annual calendar. The Police Unity Tour is also a proud sponsor of the NLEOMF's "Recently Fallen Alerts."

This past May we were proud to announce that the Police Unity Tour pledged 2.8 million dollars to the NLEOMF, bringing our total donations to almost 28 million dollars!



2020 Ride Itinerary

The 2020 Ride will leave Somerset, New Jersey on May 10th and will arrive in Washington, DC on May 12th

All members are expected to attend the Vigil on May 13th.

The route is subject to change due to various conditions out of our control such as road permit requirements, road construction and lodging constraints. Therefore the Tour route map will not be published or distributed.

All Challenge Ride participants are expected to read all Safety Briefs provided by the tour coordinator.

May 8th-May 9th, 2020- Tour registration, bike assembly, tour member arrival.

Day 1: May 9, 2020 - Optional ride in and around New Jersey honoring their fallen officers. Mandatory meeting for Ride Marshalls and Support members, times TBD.

Day 2: May 10, 2020 - The ride starts in Somerset/Franklin NJ traveling through the rural countryside of central New Jersey and crosses the Delaware River at New Hope entering southeastern Pennsylvania. Day one will take us to downtown Philadelphia. Approximately 80 miles.

On day two you will be provided with breakfast, lunch and snacks during the ride. You will be on your own for dinner in Philadelphia.

Day 3: May 11, 2020- The ride begins through historic Philadelphia and then south into Delaware and Maryland arriving in Baltimore blocks from Inner Harbor. This is the longest day of riding at over 108 miles.

On day three you will be provided with breakfast, lunch and snacks during the ride. You will be on your own for dinner in Baltimore.

*Hydrate and prepare for this day-Rain or Shine!

Day 4: May 12, 2020 - This is the shortest day of the Tour. The ride continues south into Washington DC where you will meet up with all the other chapters at RFK Stadium for the final few miles to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Approximate mileage is 50 miles.

On day four you will be provided with breakfast, lunch and snacks during the ride. Upon arrival in Washington, DC you are responsible for your meals. Your stay is for two nights in Washington DC.

Day 5: May 13, 2020 - Bicycle disassembly. All Southern California members utilizing shipment must load their own bike boxes on the shipment trailer. ALL bicycles and bike boxes must be cleared from storage room no later than 10:00 a.m. The Tour is not responsible for any lost or discarded items.

The Candlelight Vigil will take place on the evening of May 13th at the National Mall. **ALL members are expected to attend the Vigil.**

Tour hotel check out is May 14, 2020, no exceptions. All members must make their own separate hotel arrangements if extending their stay or for any family rooms.

Fundraising

Each member is required to raise a minimum of \$1900.00 (the non refundable \$150.00 registration fee is a separate administrative fee) in order to participate in the tour. **All minimum funds/donations are due APRIL 1st, 2020.**

***Our Chapter pledges and donates \$1000.00 on your behalf to the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund. The remaining \$900.00 covers your lodging, tour lunches, vehicle rentals, fuel costs, complete SAG tour stops, insurance, porta johns, and bike supplies. There is no "overage" or "additional funds" for this fundraising event. Please note that **ALL additional donations** help offset costs of hotel breakfasts/excess hotel amenities/bike mechanics/ and luggage team costs that are not included in the \$1900 fundraising amount.

Should a member be unable to participate, donations are automatically used towards tour additional costs. Donations are not transferable to other members or future tours.

***All NEW** Challenge Ride members are required to fulfill \$500.00 in donations within 60 days of their registration acceptance.

***All RETURNING** Challenge Ride members are required to have \$500.00 by February 1, 2020.

The April 1, 2020, due date is firm as hotel names/lists are solidified. The tour is responsible for your full hotel room payment at all hotels after names have been submitted by the tour. Members may be dropped if they have not fulfilled their commitment by this date. **Please do not hold on to checks for this due date. Holding onto checks causes an unnecessary delay for all members during this time. ** Checks dated before on or before May 16, 2020, will be credited appropriately for the 2020 tour.

The Police Unity tour is a not-for-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and while fundraising for participation in the tour, members must comply with all Federal, State and Local laws governing such fundraising. All donations are tax deductible. The tax identification number is 22-3530541.

Each member will have his or her name listed on the donation page. Your fundraising progress will be displayed on your donation page. Each member also has an opportunity to customize their own donation page profile and view their own fundraising progress. Members have the ability to view and thank donors.

A completed sponsor form must be submitted with each check donation to accurately credit you and your sponsors. Please include your name in the memo line when mailing a check. Without this information it may not be possible to provide you with an accurate record of contributions. Check donations will be added to your fundraising progress page once they are received.

Pamphlets are available at team meetings.

To inquire about your fundraising, fundraising system, or due dates, please contact our donation coordinator, Terie, at socalputdonations@icloud.com.

Training

Members are required to be in above-average physical condition in order to complete the Tour. New riders must complete an evaluation ride prior to acceptance and returning riders may be required to participate in an evaluation ride. Training ride information will be provided in emails and on the Chapter VII Facebook page. Out of State members are encouraged to post their training rides, and train with other tour members.

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

Safety

Ride two by two. Stay to the right. Never pass a motor on the left!

All bikes are required to have a bike number on their bicycle, the ride coordinator will direct where said number shall be placed on their bike. All bicycles as well as support vehicles will have a numbering system.

- x Only traditional two wheel bicycles (no bicycle assist bicycles) are to be used while participating in the Police Unity Tour and Police Unity Tour sanctioned events. All participant bicycles are subject to inspection.
- x Helmets and eye protection are required at all times.
- x Calling out road hazards and notifying fellow riders of slowing or stopping are important to everyone's safety.
- x **iPod(s) or entertainment devices that use earplugs, ear buds or headphones are prohibited.**
- x **Ride two by two and -Do Not pass motorcycles on the left!**
- x No rider may hold on to any moving vehicle or person. **Do not pass the lead rider** 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 SAFETY & UNITY.
- x Riders must ride two by two. Any rider who fails to stay ahead of the last ride marshal will be asked to ride in the sag van until the next rest stop. This direction **MUST** be honored.

Ride Marshals:

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

Ride marshals will be assigned to assist and monitor the riders.

Motor Team

Motorcycle escorts ensure the safe and efficient movement of the bicycle procession by blocking intersections, ramps, driveways, traffic lights and riding alongside the bicycles. Motorcycles require room to safely pass riders, be aware of their presence.

Ride two by two. Stay to the right. Never pass a motor on the left!

Rest Stops

There will be breaks approximately every 25 miles. Water, gatorade, snacks and fruit will be available. Lunch is provided, usually at the second rest stop of the day.

All riders are asked to assist our support team with policing the rest areas prior to departure. This will not only be a sign of good faith to those who graciously allow us to use their facilities, it will also allow for a timely and smooth departure.

When departing a rest stop, line up in an orderly manner and be prepared to exit the rest area two by two. **Ride two by two. Stay to the right. Never pass a motor on the left!**

Use the comfort stations provided at the breaks. While wearing the uniform, you are a representative of the Police Unity Tour. **It is unacceptable to urinate in the woods or on the side of the road.**



Support Team

The support teams consist of break teams, motors, luggage and hotel logistics. Prior to the start of the Tour you will be notified of your assignment by the Ride Coordinator. Each support member is invaluable to the overall safety and success of the Tour.

Agency / Team Support Trailers

The Police Unity Tour has decided to allow for vehicles from individual agencies, or groups of riders to accompany them on the tour. However, these vehicles must be pre-approved. Please notify Gil Curtis at ChallengeRide7@gmail.com.

All drivers must be registered members of the Police Unity Tour and must adhere to the conditions set forth below:

“I am requesting permission to utilize the aforementioned vehicle during the Police Unity Tour. The sole purpose of this vehicle is for the convenience of my agency/group. I understand and agree that this vehicle will go directly from hotel to hotel/scheduled break stops, and at no time will it participate or interfere with the operation of the Police Unity Tour bicycle procession or break teams, or Hotel Logistics Team. Room keys are collected Hotel Logistics Team in Philadelphia, Baltimore and in DC (Westin excluded). I agree I will not check in with hotel staff or at the front desk. **For all participants any request for keys, change of room or any problem dealing with your room assignment must be done through a member of the Hotel Logistics Team.**”

Operators and occupants of these agency/group trailers may be called upon to assist in other functions relating to the safe operation of the tour, obtaining supplemental tour supplies and assisting with the efficiency of the tour.

The Police Unity Tour represents federal, state and local law enforcement nationwide. As members of the Police Unity Tour, we realize our greater responsibility to the brotherhood, our profession and what we represent as ambassadors to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. For that reason, as Members of the Police Unity Tour, there will be no consumption of alcohol during the Tour operating hours, or while representing the Tour (i.e. wearing tour jersey/next to team trailers with Police Unity Tour logo) in public areas. There shall not be any possession or consumption of alcohol on the grounds of the National Law Enforcement Officer’s Memorial. Any violation of this policy will result in my immediate ejection from the tour.

Uniforms

Riders must wear the approved blue Police Unity Tour jersey, black bike-riding shorts, helmets and helmet covers. Tour vests are to be worn over tour jerseys only. There are no modifications of the uniform.



Helmets and eye protection must be worn. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Members not wearing the approved uniform will not be allowed to ride into Memorial.

Department patches *may* be sewn ONLY on the center back pocket of the jersey or riding jacket. Under NO circumstances shall any advertisements be affixed to Police Unity Tour uniforms, jackets or support shirts.

Under NO circumstances shall any sponsor logos or advertisements be affixed to jerseys.

Do not cut or alter the jerseys. This applies to riders, motors and support personnel.

Jerseys and riding 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, therefore your rank should not appear on your jersey or jacket.

If there are any questions about the uniform, please contact the tour coordinator.

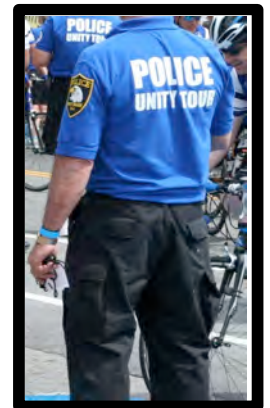


The blue & white jacket must be ordered through Bikeland. Contact Oscar at 973 635-8066 or email bikelandoffice@gmail.com. Department patches may be sewn on the left sleeve of the blue & white jacket. Under NO circumstances shall any advertisements be affixed to any Police Unity Tour uniforms, jackets or support shirts.

Uniforms may be purchased by going to the uniform website listed on your member login page.



Support members must wear a blue Police Unity Tour polo shirt (support shirt) and black pants or shorts. Black boots, sneakers or shoes are acceptable. Open toed shoes are not permitted. **The support shirts must be ordered through your member log in page under the Uniform tab.** Department patches may be sewn on the left sleeve of the support shirt. Under NO circumstances shall any advertisements be affixed to any Police Unity Tour uniforms, jackets or support shirts.



Registration

Applications are accepted on a first come basis. There are two stages to registration. Stage 1 is the initial registration approval screening request. Once approved, you will receive an email with a link to complete your registration (Stage 2). All Returning members must use a new user-name and password. You are not signed up for the Tour until you receive your completed, and received registration approval. Any delay not completing Stage 2, will result in your name being placed on a waiting list. Please contact us if you do not receive your Stage 2 link within one week.

The registration link ("Become a Rider") is located at www.socalput.com. A **Non-Refundable and Non-Transferable** \$150.00 application Fee is required in addition to raising \$1900 in sponsorship.

Note: Any additional donations help offset costs of hotel breakfasts/excess hotel amenities/bike mechanics/ and luggage team costs that are not included in the \$1900 fundraising amount.

*** When completing your registration please be sure to include an email address **other than your agency issued address**. Due to sensitive firewalls and enhanced security we are experiencing difficulties with departmental and government email addresses! We cannot guarantee efficient communication through such email addresses.***

Memorial 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. It is your responsibility to contact the fallen officer's department. You can special order bracelets for an officer that died in previous calendar years. It is recommended that you order a duplicate bracelet if you would like to keep one for yourself.

Survivor Escorts



The Police Unity Tour has the honor of escorting survivors to the Candlelight Vigil.

Members participating in the survivor escorts must wear their Class A uniform or professional business attire with official credentials.

Anyone interested in participating must email shobbs@policeunitytour.com. Spots are limited and filled on a first come first served basis.

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TRANSPORTATION & ACCOMODATIONS

The Police Unity Tour provides hotel rooms as follows: May 8th and 9th in Somerset, NJ; May 10th in Philadelphia, PA; May 11th in Baltimore, MD; and May 12th and May 13th in Washington, DC. Checkout is the morning of the 14th.

The tour is not responsible for incidentals. Members are required to swipe their personal credit card for incidentals at each hotel.

Prior to May 8th, members are responsible for hotel rooms in Somerset, NJ. Additionally, members remaining in Washington DC, after the first two nights are responsible for their own hotel arrangements and expenses. **All members must make their own separate hotel arrangements if extending their stay or for any family rooms. There is no guarantee you will receive our hotel rate, so please make reservations early. The Tour will not make extended reservations for you.**

Members flying into NJ should arrive at the Newark Liberty Airport in order to be transported to their assigned hotel. From the airport, take the train to New Brunswick station where a support van will shuttle you to your hotel. A contact phone number for the shuttle will be provided on the last chapter meeting, Facebook, and Twitter prior to the tour.

All members will be asked to complete the hotel roommate request. If no request is submitted you will be randomly assigned a roommate, selections will be first by agency, city, then state. Should your roommate drop, you will be assigned a random roommate.

Under no circumstances shall any member of the tour attempt to obtain hotel room keys or make any change in their room assignment through the hotel staff. Only members of the hotel logistics team will communicate with hotel staff. All keys, change of room or any problem dealing with your room assignment must be done through a member of the Hotel Logistics Team.

Luggage must be labeled with each member's name and assigned bike number (Bike numbers will be inputted on your donation page). Bike number tags will be provided during tour check-in for the 3-day bags and for your DC bag. Bags will follow you to each assigned hotel. Each member is permitted to have a 3-day bag that is **small** containing only the items you need for the three days during the ride. The second suitcase (DC luggage) will be secured and will not be available until arrival in DC. A very small day bag is permitted for rain gear used during each day of the ride. Day bags are available at each break stop. When packing keep the weight of your luggage to a minimum! Remember that support team members will be moving that luggage every day to for approximately 400 members to ensure it gets to your hotel each night.

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

Weapons are not to be transported in your luggage! We are not responsible for weapons lost or left in luggage!

Each member is responsible for their own transportation home from DC.

BIKE SHIPMENT

Bike shipment will be the responsibility of the individual rider. Please keep in mind, a group shipment from Southern California may occur. Watch for notification through your email.

If you need to ship your bike, please include your name on the box and make sure it arrives by **May 7th or May 8th, no earlier**. Bicycle mechanics will be available to assist you with assembly. Bicycles shipment should be arranged from the DC hotel and is the responsibility of the individual rider.

Bike boxes will be transported directly from the Somerset NJ to DC in trailers and will be unavailable until check in at the DC hotels! Be sure to remove anything needed during the ride from your bike boxes immediately after unpacking your bike.

Meeting Dates for the 2020 Ride

October 24, 2019

January 30, 2020

April 2, 2020

All meetings are on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM, the location will be announced prior to the meeting.

Out of State Members

We understand that out of state members will not be able to attend the scheduled meetings in Los Angeles. We stream our meetings live. Please watch and if you have any questions, they can be asked via Facebook. If you have any questions, please send questions to info.socalput@gmail.com



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Contact Information

Our website is a valuable resource where you can check Meeting Dates, Important Events, Sponsors, Active Rosters and Download Forms: www.socalput.com

If you are unable to find answers to any questions you may have on the website or in this information please contact the below personnel to request specific information:

- x General questions, additional information or requests to post events on the calendar:
ChallengeRide7@gmail.com or info.socalput@gmail.com
- x Fundraising/Hotel and Support questions:
socalputdonations@icloud.com
- x Media information
Storm@socalput.com
- x Uniform questions:
uniforms.socalput@gmail.com