



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **BROTHERHOOD RIDE 2015 - CYCLING FOR FALLEN HEROES**

**Our 2015 Ride will be dedicated to 27 Fallen Heroes from Pennsylvania to Massachusetts, who died in the line of duty in 2014. Our team of (35) riders and (18) support members will honor them by cycling through six states in six days, covering over 500 miles and pedal an average of 70 to 90 miles a day. The ride will begin in Emmitsburg, MD on September 11<sup>th</sup>, traveling to Coatesville, PA; Princeton, NJ; Mamaroneck, NY; Westbrook, CT; Smithfield, RI and end on September 16<sup>th</sup> in Boston, MA.**

The Brotherhood Ride organization 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. Their mission is to provide emotional and financial support to the families on or near the anniversary of their death.

Over the past seven years we have honored the memory and sacrifice of a total of 468 Emergency First Responders which includes; firefighters, law enforcement officers and emergency medical personnel. Our team has traveled on bicycles over 5,700 miles, through sixteen states and have been hosted and assisted by over forty Elks Lodges nationwide.

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 include cycling to Charleston, SC in 2008; Florida in 2009; Houston, TX in 2010; New York City (Ground Zero) in 2011; Florida in 2012; Tennessee in 2013 and Florida & Texas in 2014. In the past seven years we are very proud to have donated over \$248,000.00 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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## **The 2015 Ride will be dedicated to 27 Fallen Heroes**

### **Pennsylvania (5)**

**Officer Richard Anthony Champion**  
Perryopolis Borough Police Department

**FF Joyce M. Craig-Lewis**  
Philadelphia Fire Department

**Corporal Bryon Keith Dickson, II**  
Pennsylvania State Police

**Trooper David Kedra**  
Pennsylvania State Police

**FF Edwin "Lance" J. Wentzel**  
Youngwood Volunteer Fire Department

### **New York (10)**

**Lt. Gordon "Matt" M. Ambelas**  
Fire Department City of New York

**Bridge and Tunnel Officer Thomas Choi**  
Triborough Bridge & Tunnel Authority Police

**Detective Dennis Guerra**  
New York City Police Department

**Detective Wenjian Liu**  
New York City Police Department

**Officer Daryl R. Pierson**  
Rochester Police Department

**Detective Rafael Ramos**  
New York City Police Department

**FF Joseph "Junior" Sanford Jr.**  
Inwood Fire Department

**Trooper Christopher Skinner**  
New York State Police

**Officer David W. Smith**  
Johnson City Police Department

**Officer Michael Williams**  
New York City Police Department

### **New Jersey (6)**

**Captain Gregory D. Barnas**  
Wallington Fire Department

**Officer Christopher M. Goodell**  
Waldwick Police Department

**FF Cosmo Paris**  
Cliffside Park Fire Department

**Officer Stephen Petruzzello**  
Cliffside Park Police Department

**Detective Melvin Santiago**  
Jersey City Police Department

**FF James J. Woods**  
Jersey City Fire Department

### **Connecticut (1)**

**FF Kevin L. Bell**  
Hartford Fire Department

### **Massachusetts (5)**

**Officer Sean Collier**  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**FF Michael R. Kennedy**  
Boston Fire Department

**Officer Gregory T. Maloney**  
Plymouth Police Department

**Officer Dennis Oliver Simmonds**  
Boston Police Department

**Lt. Edward J. Walsh**  
Boston Fire Department

En route, 35 riders and their support team of 18: will average 70 – 90 miles a days, will meet with local fire departments and law enforcement agencies to show the spirit of Brotherhood. This year, the ride will make overnight stops in Coatesville, PA; Princeton, NJ; Mamaroneck, NY; Westbrook, CT; Smithfield, RI and Boston, MA.

They will be using “SPOT”, a Global Positioning Satellite (GPS). A link is established on the website ([www.brotherhoodride.com](http://www.brotherhoodride.com)) that is following the procession of cyclist in real time as they make their trek heading north.

**Send-off location and ceremony will be:**

**Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am**

**The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park**

**(located on the campus of the National Emergency Training Center)**

16825 South Seton Avenue

Emmitsburg, MD 21727

Riders depart at 9:00 am

**Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am – Riders depart The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park

4:00 pm – approximate arrival time at overnight location

**Coatesville - West End Co. 3**

134 Strode Avenue

Coatesville, PA 19320

**Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am – Riders depart West End Co. 3

4:00 pm – approximate arrival time at overnight location

**Princeton Elks Lodge #2129**

354 Co Rd 518

Skillman, NJ 08558

**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am – Riders depart Princeton Elks Lodge #2129

4:00 pm – approximate arrival time at overnight location

**Mamaroneck Elks Lodge #1457**

417 E. Boston Post Rd.

Mamaroneck, NY 10543

**Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am – Riders depart Mamaroneck Elks Lodge #1457

4:00 pm – approximate arrival time at overnight location

**Westbrook Elks Lodge #1784**

142 Seaside Avenue

Westbrook, CT 06498

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**Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am – Riders depart Westbrook Elks Lodge #1784

4:00 pm – approximate arrival time at overnight location

**Smithfield Elks Lodge #2359**

326 Farnum Pike

Smithfield, RI 02917

**Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am – Riders depart Smithfield Elks Lodge #2359

4:00 pm – approximate arrival time at overnight location

**Boston Elks Lodge #10**

1 Morrell Street

West Roxbury, MA 02132

**Rider & Support Participation Information:**

- Florida Fire Departments (17)
- Florida Police Departments (4)
- Texas Fire Departments (11)
- Louisiana Police Departments (1)
- Massachusetts Fire Departments (1)
- Massachusetts State Police (1)
- Connecticut Police Departments (3)
- Colorado Fire Departments (1)
- South Carolina Fire Departments (1)
- North Carolina Fire Departments (1)
- Germany Fire Department (1)
- Civilians with support (11)

To help support the loved ones who are left behind; they rely on donations, support, and sponsorship as the sole means of obtaining their goal. This year's proceeds will benefit the families of the fallen heroes.

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](http://www.brotherhoodride.com)

Follow them on facebook at [www.facebook.com/brotherhoodride](https://www.facebook.com/brotherhoodride)

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

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