



PRESS RELEASE

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## **2021 BROTHERHOOD RIDE - CYCLING FOR FALLEN HEROES**

**August 21st - September 11th**

**Our 2021 Ride, will be dedicated to 26 Florida Fallen Heroes who died in the line of duty in 2020 while protecting their communities. Our team will honor them as we cycle through the state of Florida. We will then continue north to New York City for the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 and honor the first responders who have died from 9/11 related illnesses.**

**Our team will pedal for 22 days from Naples, FL to New York City, covering over 1,700 miles and average 70-100 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 on or near the anniversary of their death.

The Brotherhood Ride continues the tradition of Honor, Dedication and Pride. Over the past thirteen years, we have honored the memory and sacrifice of 597 Emergency First Responders which includes; firefighters, law enforcement officers and emergency medical personnel. Our team has traveled on bicycles over 9,800 miles, through sixteen states, have been hosted by over 40 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, PA, NJ, CT and MA and we are very proud to have donated over \$500,000.00 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 2021 Ride will be dedicated to 26 Florida Fallen Heroes**

**Master Detention Deputy Richard M. Barry** - Lake County Sheriff's Office

**Engineer Jerald Bellamy** - Indian River County Fire Rescue

**Deputy Sheriff Shannon S. Bennett** - Broward County Sheriff's Office

**Correctional Officer Jairo Antonio Bravo** - Miami-Dade County Department of Corrections

**Trooper Joseph Jon Bullock** - Florida Highway Patrol

**Deputy Sheriff Angela D. Chavers** - Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

**Firefighter Anthony Christensen** - City of Naples Fire-Rescue

**Lieutenant Christopher M. Cunningham, Sr.** - Jacksonville Sheriff's Office

**Sergeant Jose A. Diaz-Ayala** - Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

**Chief Donald DiPetrillo** - Seminole Tribe of Florida Fire Rescue

**Deputy Sheriff Maurice C. Ford** - Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

**Lieutenant Brian Hardiman** - Orlando Fire Department

**Lieutenant James Horn** - Orlando Fire Department

**Officer Aubrey Travis Johnson, Jr.** - Miami Police Department

**Master Detention Deputy Lynn D. Jones** - Lake County Sheriff's Office

**Wildlife Officer Julian L. Keen, Jr.** - Florida Fish and Wildlife

**Sergeant James Scott LaRue** - Seminole County Sheriff's Office

**Officer Richard G. McCoy** - Department of Homeland Security

**Sergeant Corey Pendergrass** - Lauderhill Police Department

**Detention Deputy Charles O. Pugh, II** - Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office

**Lieutenant Aldemar Rengifo, Jr.** - Broward County Sheriff's Office

**Sergeant Robert Wayne Rogers** - Florida Department of Corrections

**Firefighter Brian Smith** - St. George Island Volunteer Fire Department

**Sergeant Eric John Twisdale** - Clay County Sheriff's Office

**Lieutenant Marc Weiss** - Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue

**K9 Chance** - Homestead Police Department

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During the ride, 40 riders and their support team of 20: will average 70–100 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 from Naples, FL to New York City.

**Send-off Ceremony will be held:**

**Sunday, October 20th beginning at 7:30 am - 9:00 am**

**American Police Hall of Fame Museum**

6350 Horizon Dr., Titusville, FL 32780

The team will depart immediately following the ceremony

**Overnight Accommodations**

- 1      Saturday, 8/21/21      Arcadia Elks Lodge No 1524**  
1028 W Oak St.  
Arcadia, FL 34266-3903
  
- 2      Sunday, 8/22/21      Lakeland Elks Lodge No 1291**  
4529 Harden Blvd.  
Lakeland, FL 33813
  
- 3      Monday, 8/23/21      Eustis Elks Lodge No 1578**  
2540 Dora Ave.  
Tavares, FL 32778
  
- 4      Tuesday, 8/24/2021      Ormond Beach Elks Lodge No 2193**  
285 Wilmette Ave.  
Ormond Beach, FL 32174
  
- 5      Wednesday, 8/25/21      Jacksonville Elks Lodge No 221**  
1855 West Rd.  
Jacksonville, FL 32216
  
- 6      Thursday, 8/26/21      Brunswick Elks Lodge No 691**  
1509 Union St.  
Brunswick, GA 31520
  
- 7      Friday, 8/27/21      Savannah Elks Lodge No 183**  
183 Wilshire Blvd.  
Savannah, GA 31419
  
- 8      Saturday, 8/28/21      Walterboro Elks Lodge No 1988**  
236 Milestone Lane  
Walterboro, SC 29488
  
- 9      Sunday, 8/29/21      Charleston Elks Lodge No 242**  
1113 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.  
Charleston, SC 29407

- 10    **Monday, 8/30/21**    **Murrells Inlet Elks Lodge No 2797**  
3816 Highway 17 Business  
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576
  
- 11    **Tuesday, 8/31/21**    **Little River Elks Lodge No 2840**  
250 State Hwy 57 S  
Little River, SC 29566
  
- 12    **Wednesday, 9/1/21**    **Fayetteville Elks Lodge No 1081**  
3269 Gables Dr.  
Fayetteville, NC 28301
  
- 13    **Thursday, 9/2/21**    **Raleigh Elks Lodge No 735**  
5538 Lead Mine Rd  
Raleigh, NC 27612
  
- 14    **Friday, 9/3/21**    **South Boston FD Support Center**  
801 Wilborn Ave.  
South Boston, VA 24592
  
- 15    **Saturday, 9/4/21**    **Farmville TBD**  
  
Farmville, VA
  
- 16    **Sunday, 9/5/21**    **Charlottesville Elks Lodge No 389**  
389 Elk Dr.  
Charlottesville, VA 22911
  
- 17    **Monday, 9/6/21**    **Police Association Hall**  
14288 Independent Hill Dr.  
Manassas, VA 20112
  
- 18    **Tuesday, 9/7/21**    **Glen Burnie Elks Lodge No 2266**  
878 Stevenson Rd.  
Severn, MD 21144
  
- 19    **Wednesday, 9/8/21**    **Newark Elks Lodge No 2281**  
42 Elks Trail  
New Castle, DE 19720
  
- 20    **Thursday, 9/9/21**    **Princeton Elks Lodge No 2129**  
354 Georgetown Franklin Turnpike  
Blawenburg, NJ 08504
  
- 21    **Friday, 9/10/21**    **Staten Island Elks Lodge No 841**  
3250 Richmond Ave.  
Staten Island, NY 10312
  
- 22    **Saturday, 9/11/21**    **Ride to Ground Zero to attend ceremonies**

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Rider & Support Participation Information: Representing the following

- Florida Fire Departments (26)
- Florida Law Enforcement Agencies (12)
- Florida Emergency Medical Service (2)
- Massachusetts Fire Departments (1)
- Massachusetts Law Enforcement Agencies (1)
- New York Fire Departments (1)
- New York Law Enforcement Agencies (2)
- Rhode Island Fire Departments (1)
- Connecticut Fire Departments (1)
- Colorado Fire Departments (1)
- Texas 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](http://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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