

TOUR DE FORCE

The 17th Annual Tour de Force Bicycle Ride **April 7th thru April 11th, 2014**

The 2014 Tour de Force police charity bicycle ride is set to kick off April 7th in North Miami Beach and conclude in Daytona Beach Shores on April 11th. The Tour is a 5-day ride that averages approximately 50-55 miles each day at a moderate pace (15-17 mph) and will pass through 42 law enforcement jurisdictions.

The tour is a fully supported ride with police escorts provided by the Florida Highway Patrol, Sheriff's Departments and various law enforcement agencies throughout the state. This is an awareness ride, not a race! Breaks are scheduled approximately every 12-13 miles and the ride is designed to accommodate both inexperienced riders and seasoned cyclists. Last year over 500 law enforcement personnel from across the state participated with 50 riders completing the entire 270-mile trek to Daytona Beach Shores.

The inaugural 1997 Tour was dedicated to Trooper Robert Smith who was killed in the line of duty by a drunk driver. The Tour has grown in size each year and we are proud to announce that as a non-profit charity organization, we have raised over \$275,000.00 for families of fallen officers and law enforcement related organizations. A total of \$36,000 was paid out to 5 families for the 2013 Tour.

This year's tour will benefit the families of all fallen Florida Law Enforcement Officers that were lost in the line of duty during 2013. Our goal is to raise \$60,000.00. The citizens, media and various law enforcement departments throughout the state have supported the ride over the past eight years' with great enthusiasm.

Please support the 2014 ride by providing riders, escorts or traffic details as the riders make their way through the state. If you are interested in participating **please register at our web site at FloridaTourDeForce.org. Contact Detective Craig Catlin via email at craig.catlin@nmbpd.org for any questions.**

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