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Helping to Ensure the Safety of Juno Beach

April 23, 2024

Dear Council Members,

We are reaching out in response to the concerns raised by Council during the April 1st Town Council meeting regarding the Juno Beach Police Foundation. It has come to our attention that there are questions regarding the Foundation's impact on Juno Beach and whether the Town should continue accepting financial support from our organization.

Allow me to address these concerns by emphasizing the invaluable contributions the Police Foundation has made to our community since its establishment in 2018. Through our not-for-profit efforts, we have provided over \$300,000 in support of the Juno Beach Police Department and enhanced the safety and well-being of our residents. In addition to equipment, training and technology grants, our funding has facilitated numerous community outreach initiatives, including the 9/11 Remembrance, the Juno Beach Night Out Against Crime, and the funding of CPR/AED/First Aid training courses. Additionally, at last week's Board meeting, we approved Grant requests from the Police Department totaling \$17,077 for Tactical Rifle Ballistic Shields for Officers and AEDs for the incoming new police cruisers.

Furthermore, the Foundation has spearheaded whole-town initiatives such as the "AEDs in Public Places" program, which has resulted in the placement of six AEDs in publicly accessible areas throughout the town, potentially saving lives in emergency situations. This initiative has caused several HOA/COA's to reach out supporting us and asking for more information on purchasing similar devices for their communities.

Of significant note is the overwhelming support we have received from the residents of Juno Beach. Nearly 800 individuals, mostly town residents have generously donated to the Police Foundation, demonstrating their commitment to the safety and well-being of our community. Their contributions, alongside those of major corporations such as Florida Power & Light, The Waterford, and the Seminole Golf Club, underscore the widespread belief in the Foundation's mission and effectiveness.

Regarding the concerns raised at the April 1st Council meeting, I want to reaffirm that the Police Foundation has no political agenda whatsoever. We are bound by federal law which prohibits it, and we are fully compliant.

I wish to address the mention of Mr. Jack Luther and Mr. Larry Sorsby at the last Council meeting. Mr. Luther is a member of the Police Foundation Board. Mr. Sorsby has no affiliation with the Foundation whatsoever. Their letter, referenced at last month's Council meeting, was sent to Town residents by two individuals and was not in any way affiliated with or reviewed by the Police Foundation. It would therefore be unfair to Town residents if the Council were to stop accepting support from the Foundation as a means of retaliating against an individual member.

In conclusion, I assure you of the Police Foundation's unwavering commitment to enhancing the safety and well-being of our community while helping to reduce the tax burden on our residents. We value our partnership with the Town, and we are dedicated to fostering open communication and collaboration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Our President, Mr. Murphy and I are here to answer any questions Council may have on this matter.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors
Juno Beach Police Foundation

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Cash Donations for earmarked items

2018	\$9,000	Replacement AEDs for Police patrol cars
2019	\$6,988	Police Helmets for Officers
2019	\$1,000	SaferWatch App
2020	\$35,000	Aerial Drone
2020	\$1,224	CPR Manequins
2121	\$18,795	Two Speed assessment trailers
TOTAL	\$72,007	

Completed Grants

2018	\$2,995	Night Vision Moniclers for Officers
	\$900	Marine Style Binoculars for Officers
	\$8,000	Mobile Fingerprint Scanner
	\$4,000	Police Training Equipment
2020	\$13,450	All Terrain Vehicle
	\$13,000	Neighborhood Patrol Vehicle
	\$10,400	Firearms Training Simulator
2021	\$48,000	Beach Patrol Truck
2022	\$6,550	Ceramic ballistic vest plates for Officers
	\$4,400	First Aid kits for patrol vehicles
2023	\$10,500	Red Dot sights for Officers handguns
	\$1,000	T3 Patrol Vehicle refurbishment and batteries
	\$1,000	Tourniquets for patrol Officers
	\$4,000	Volunteer Patrol vehicle transition
	\$11,419	AEDs for Patrol vehicles
	\$10,000	Police range lighting
	\$4,029	Red Dot sights for Officers rifles
2024	\$1,990	Additional AEDs for patrol cars
	\$9,800	Tactical Rifle Ballistic Shields
	\$7,277	AEDs for new patrol vehicles
TOTAL	\$172,710	

Community Outreach Programs

	\$37,500	LPR lease (5 cameras for 3 year lease)
	\$8,000	Night Out Against Crime (4 years)
	\$11,100	AEDs in Public Places program
	\$9,000	Self defense training courses for Officers (3 years)
	\$5,000	September 11 Memorial sponsorship (5 years)
	\$3,500	Tour de Force Event
TOTAL	\$74,100	

GRAND TOTAL \$318,817