

# POLICE UNITY TOUR 2019

As many of you know, on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Cypress PD Officer Matt Ward was killed in an off duty multi-vehicle traffic collision on the 405 Freeway. Matt was an officer beloved by his partners and the community he served. Matt left behind his wife Allison and their sons Liam and Anderson; his brother Rob Ward, a Tustin PD Officer; and his parents, David and Gloria Opstad.

In May 2019, Gloria will honor her son Matt with her participation in the 23rd annual Police Unity Tour memorial bike ride. The primary purpose of the Police Unity Tour is to raise awareness about the police officers who have died in the line of duty. Our motto is, "We Ride For Those Who Died." The secondary purpose is to raise funds for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. Since its inception in 1997, the Police Unity Tour has raised over \$21 million to support the Memorial.

Gloria joins a team of riders from Seal Beach PD, Garden Grove PD, and Cypress PD who all knew and loved Matt. On May 10<sup>th</sup>, Gloria, along with Brian Clasby (GGPD), Commander Steve Bowles (SBPD), Julia Clasby (SBPD), and Loree Erpelding (CYPD) will join nearly 1,500 law enforcement officers from throughout the country who will bicycle along varying routes, each nearly 300 miles, to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington DC. On May 13<sup>th</sup>, they will join over 50,000 people at the annual National Law Enforcement Memorial Candlelight Vigil.

To participate in the Tour each rider must raise \$1,900. This money includes a \$1,000 donation to the Memorial Fund and \$900 to cover support services, ground transportation, overnight lodging, and food while we ride. Additional costs for each rider will include air fare, meals and incidentals.

It is because of your incredible level of support and financial contribution that our team will be able to participate in the 2019 Police Unity Tour, ensuring the heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice are not forgotten.



*Honoring  
Matt Ward*

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