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SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECEIVES DONATION IN MEMORY OF DEPUTY BRIAN ETHERIDGE. SHERIFF ROBERT HINSHAW WILL ACCEPT A DONATION OF \$1,000 ON BEHALF OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, ALL IN MEMORY OF DEPUTY BRIAN ETHERIDGE. SPECIAL AGENT JAY FERREIRA, OF THE U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT RODE HIS BICYCLE OVER 1000 MILES FROM THE FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER IN GLYNCO, GEORGIA TO THE PENTAGON IN WASHINGTON, D.C. HE TIMED HIS ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON TO COINCIDE WITH THE ANNUAL FALLEN OFFICER MEMORIAL CEREMONY THERE IN MAY.

JAY RODE WITH A GROUP OF LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL OFFICERS WHO CALL THEMSELVES "LAW ENFORCEMENT UNITED", A NON-PROFIT

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ORGANIZATION, WHOSE MISSION IS TO HONOR THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS THAT HAVE DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, AND SUPPORT THE SURVIVORS LEFT BEHIND. THIS GROUP OF OFFICERS ALSO DELIVERED CHECKS TO THE CONCERNS OF POLICE SURVIVORS (C.O.P.S.) FOR \$110,000 AND THE OFFICER DOWN MEMORIAL PAGE FOR \$20,000.

THE \$1,000 DONATION TO THE LOCAL MEMORIAL BEING BUILT AT THE CORNER OF MAIN AND CENTRAL IS IN MEMORY OF THE LATEST DEPUTY TO BE ADDED TO THAT MEMORIAL. DEPUTY BRIAN ETHERIDGE WAS KILLED IN AN AMBUSH ATTACK ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2009, WHEN HE ANSWERED A CALL FOR SERVICE.

SHERIFF ROBERT HINSHAW SAID, "OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY WAS AFFECTED WHEN BRIAN WAS MURDERED. EVERYONE STEPPED UP TO HELP BRIAN'S FAMILY AND ALL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT COPE WITH THE TRAGIC LOSS. THIS LATEST DONATION TO THE PHYSICAL MEMORIAL WILL SERVE TO ENSURE THAT DEPUTY ETHERIDGE AND THE 28 OTHER OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN."

A CHECK PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 19, 2010 AT NOON IN THE SHERIFF'S CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR OF THE DETENTION FACILITY BUILDING, 141 W. ELM.

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