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POLICE DEPARTMENT EVENT TO HONOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Ann Arbor Police Department Employee Recognition Ceremony Sponsorship Opportunities Available

ANN ARBOR, Mich., April 29, 2008 — To serve and protect are the foundations of the job, but for many in the Ann Arbor Police Department, being a sworn officer or civilian employee is much more than an occupation. This dedication to community has inspired an annual event: The second annual Ann Arbor Police Department Employee Recognition Ceremony Friday, May 9, 2008, will recognize department stand-outs for their exceptional efforts in keeping Ann Arbor safe.

A generous community has helped to ensure city funds are not being spent for the ceremony. The Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce (Ann Arbor Council of Community Excellence) invites other sponsors to participate in this meaningful event. **Opportunities are still available until May 8 to join the Chamber and Cueter Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge:** Platinum sponsorship is \$1,500; Gold sponsorship is \$500; Silver is \$250; and Bronze sponsorship is \$100. Tax-deductible donations should be made payable to the Chamber's "Ann Arbor Council of Community Excellence" and sent to 115 West Huron, 3rd floor, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

For details about the event or becoming an event sponsor, contact Officer Jennifer Sartori at 734.997.1122 / JSartori@a2gov.org, or Chamber President and CEO Jesse Bernstein at 734.214.0102 / Jesse@annarborchamber.org.

The event's guest speaker WXYZ-TV Channel 7 Senior Staff Reporter Bill Proctor, himself a former police officer for the Federal Protective Service in Washington, D.C., will help honor the City of Ann Arbor's sworn officers, civilian employees and community members with the following awards:

- Chief's Citizens Award
- Ann Arbor Police Professional Civilian of the Year
- Ann Arbor Police Command Officer of the Year
- Ann Arbor Police Dispatcher of the Year
- Ann Arbor Police Officer of the Year
- 2008 Gaye Limon Award

Department employees celebrating milestone service anniversaries will also be recognized.

"Citizens often associate an officer's duties with writing tickets without realizing the full span of the efforts to keep our community safe," said Officer Sartori. "This event, and our continued emphasis on community-involvement initiatives, helps to shed light on the people of the department, especially those who go above and beyond the call of duty."

Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and was named one of the top 25 U.S. cities to live in by CNN/Money Magazine in 2006, as well as the fourth smartest city in the U.S. by Forbes Magazine.

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