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COLUMBIA COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF TO RIDE IN POLICE UNITY TOUR

Sheriff David Harrison, Jr announces that Peter Volkmann, a retired Ossining, NY Police Officer and now a part time Deputy Sheriff with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and part time Police Chief for the Stockport NY Police Department, is participating in this year's Police Unity Tour. The Police Unity Tour is a 4 day bicycle ride from the World Trade Center Ground Zero site in NYC to Washington D.C.. The Tour opens the annual National Law Enforcement Police Week in D.C. on May 12, 2013. Each rider must raise \$1,750.00 to participate and ride in honor of a law enforcement officer who died in the line of duty. Deputy Volkmann is riding along with Chapter 37, the New York chapter which begins the ride each year from the World Trade Center site in honor of the officers killed on September 11, 2001.

Participating for the first time, Peter is riding in honor of Sheriff Cornelius Hogeboom of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, NY. Sheriff Hogeboom was ambushed and shot on **October 22, 1791** in Nobletown Columbia County, now named Hillsdale NY. He is one of the first law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in American history. He was also a veteran of the Revolutionary War, serving at the rank of Captain.

Every year hundreds of law enforcement officers die in the line of duty. Nothing can ever replace them to their family and friends. The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. honors their memories forever. The Police Unity Tour Inc. was formed in 1997 by a group of law enforcement officers from New Jersey who rode their bicycles from Florham Park, New Jersey to Washington, D.C.. For the past fourteen years, law enforcement officers nationwide have ridden the 300 plus mile trip, with the purpose of raising awareness and financial support for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. The Police Unity Tour has grown from 18 members to over 1,200 nationwide who will be making the trip this year. As a result of this event, almost 10 million dollars has been donated to the Memorial, making the Police Unity Tour the single largest supporter of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

Peter, along with Chapter 37 New York will ride their bicycles from the World Trade Center site in NYC to Washington D.C. beginning May 9th. Peter has been training for the bicycle journey for several months and has set a goal to raise \$3,700.00. He is a third of the way to his donation goal, if anyone is interested in donating to his cause in honor of Sheriff Hogeboom and other fallen police officers please visit:

www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/PeterVolkmann/2013-police-unity-tour-chapter-37-new-york

Sheriff Harrison said that he has "thanked Pete Volkmann for honoring Sheriff Hogeboom and is proud to have a member of the Sheriff's Office in this year's Police Unity Tour."