\_April 5, 2010\_\_ \_To Central Carolina Cycling Club Members \_\_\_

On May 10 I will join other officers from Law Enforcement agencies in Charlotte-Mecklenburg to ride bicycles over 400 miles from Charlotte to Washington, DC to honor our fellow officers who have given their lives in the line of duty.

The ride is not easy there is very little flat land between Charlotte and DC. Each community and city the ride goes through reminds us of the citizens we serve in Charlotte-Mecklenburg. It is through the thoughtfulness and generosity of businesses and individual citizens that we are able to cycle four days to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the community we serve.

This year's ride is only a few weeks away - we will depart from CMPD Headquarters on Monday morning, May 10, 2010. Details about the ride may be found on our website,. <a href="https://www.biketodc.com">www.biketodc.com</a>. We will ride for four days, arriving in Washington DC in time to attend the Candlelight Vigil on Thursday evening at the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial.

If you can help us with a <u>tax deductible</u> gift, please go to the website to make a secure donation with your credit card. Just click on the "**Click here to donate**" link on the home page of <u>www.biketodc.com</u>.

If you prefer to donate by check, please make your check out to

Charlotte-Mecklenburg FOP Foundation (please do <u>not</u> make it out to Bike to DC) Important: In the Memo line put: "2010 LE Bike Ride to DC" and my name

Every dollar makes a difference. Please mail your check to:

Bike to DC c/o Ron Horton Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department 601 E Trade Street Charlotte, NC 28202-2940

If you prefer to hand your contribution to a police officer, so you can thank them in person, then just let us know. To arrange pickup of any contributions or to ask any questions call Ron Horton on 704.336.7252 or email Ron at rhorton@cmpd.org

Thank you again for your support of the Law Enforcement community.

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