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Southwest Police Motorcycle Training Competition

On April 19 & 20, 2013, the Tucson Police Department will be hosting the 17th Annual Southwest Police Motorcycle Training Competition (SPMTC) at Park Place Mall. The event will be held in the parking lot at the east end of Park Place Mall. The event is free and open to the public. Friday April 19th, Motor Officers will be practicing for the event from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, April 20th, the competition will be held from 7:00 a.m. until its completion, which is expected to be about 4:00 p.m.

In 1997, Tucson Police Department Motorcycle Officers started this event with the intent of providing an opportunity for police motorcycle officers from around the country to get together to share training ideas and promote quality Motorcycle Officer Training while raising money to support the Arizona Special Olympics.

This year, one hundred twenty five motorcycle officers, representing twenty-four different agencies from four different states, riding Harley-Davidson, Honda, BMW and Kawasaki motorcycles will get together at Park Place Mall to train, compete and raise money. Officers will compete in four different events including, the Individual, Team, Pair Ride and Slow Ride competitions.

The event raises money for Special Olympics Arizona through sponsorships from local businesses, fundraisers and sales at the competition sight. Motor Officers themselves will pitch in as the motor boot is passed around at the awards banquet on Saturday night.

For further information, please contact Sergeant Mary Kay Slyter at the Tucson Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Division at 520-837-7250.

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