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FUNDRAISER TO ASSIST SDPD OFFICER

(San Diego) On Wednesday, January 9, 2008 SDPD will hold a fundraiser for Officer Kevin Jankowski who was diagnosed with cancer while he was attending the San Diego Regional Public Safety Academy.

Officer Jankowski was a recruit in the 71st Regional Police academy. Prior to his graduation, he was diagnosed with cancer. After his surgery, he completed his academy training and graduated with his class in July 2007. Just prior to field training another mass was discovered in his abdomen; he underwent chemotherapy and doctors reported no cancer cells remained.

On December 6, 2007 Officer Jankowski was forced to undergo another surgery to remove the mass because it had fused to his vena cava (the main vein that returns blood to the heart) and was constricting blood flow to his heart. The mass was removed and extensive reconstruction was completed. Officer Jankowski will be unable to work for an extended period of time.

Officer Jankowski's law enforcement family will gather on January 9, 2008 at 11 a.m. to raise funds for him. The event will include a barbecue and auction and will take place at the SDPD headquarters building located at 1401 Broadway, San Diego.

Officer Jankowski is available for interviews on Monday, January 7, 2007.

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