Press Release

22th Annual

Light the Night Against Crime 5k run/walk

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RELEASE DATE: October 25, 2008

Date: Saturday, October 25, 2008
Time: 5:00 PM registration, 7:00 PM race start
Place: Park Blvd. and Presidents Way
Event: LIGHT THE NIGHT AGAINST CRIME 5K RUN/WALK

San Diego County Crime Stoppers is hosting the 22th annual LIGHT THE NIGHT AGAINST CRIME 5K RUN/WALK on October 25th at Balboa Park. This annual event is unique in that it was the first ever event of its type to be staged at night.

Sheriff Bill Kolender and San Diego Police Chief William Lansdowne will be on hand to send off the participants, who number more than 3,000 runners and walkers this year. Prior to the race, local law enforcement agencies will provide displays of equipment from SWAT teams, bomb/arson, patrol cars, horse patrols, motorcycles and more.

This year's 5K RUN/WALK is presented by Kathy Loper Events, for San Diego County Crime Stoppers and is dedicated to murder victim 20-year-old Darnell Smith a student at Mesa College. On June 15th, 2008 Darnell was shot and killed while walking with relatives on the 700 block of Pyramid Street. Darnell's family will be at the event and available for interviews. There is a $1,000 reward from Crime Stoppers and a $2,500 reward from Cox Communications (Darnell's employer) for information leading to an arrest in this case.

This event raises fund for cash rewards paid to people who call the Crime Stoppers anonymous tip lines with information leading to the arrest of felons in San Diego County. Since its inception in 1984, Crime Stoppers has assisted in solving more than 3,750 cases including 99 homicides, 40 rapes and 647 robberies. Crime Stoppers has also helped apprehend over 2,400 suspects. Police acknowledge that many crimes would go unsolved without the help of Crime Stoppers. Many other crimes would require lengthy investigations at considerable cost to the public, and offenders would remain free to commit other crimes.

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