

Calling all wheels for Ofc. John Pawlowski



Officer John Pawlowski was shot and killed after responding to a dispute between a cab driver and a man.

Officer Pawlowski and his partner responded to the Logan section of Philadelphia after a cab driver called 911 to report a dispute.

During the dispute, the cab driver had told the suspect that he was

going to call the police, to which the suspect responded "If you call police, I shoot you plus the police"

When the officers arrived, the cab driver pointed out the man his was having a dispute with. Officer Pawlowski and his partner approached the man, who was dressed in a black, three-quarter length coat. The suspect had his hands in his pockets, and Officer Pawlowski ordered the suspect to show his hands. The suspect did not comply, and immediately opened fire with a .357 handgun, shooting through the pocket of his coat. One round struck Officer Pawlowski in his bullet resistant vest, and a second round struck him in the chest, just above his vest.

Officer Pawlowski was able to return fire, striking the suspect once, before falling to the ground, mortally wounded. Officer Pawlowski's partner and a third officer engaged the suspect in a gun-battle, in which one officer was grazed by the suspect, and the suspect was shot and wounded numerous times.

Officer Pawlowski was taken to Albert Einstein Medal Center, where he died from his wounds.

The suspect was arrest and charged with murder, attempted murder and narcotics possession.

Officer Pawlowski had served with the Philadelphia Police Department for 5 1/2 years. He is survived by his expectant wife. His brother also serves with the Philadelphia Police Department, and his father retired from the agency.

On Friday, February 20, Officer John Pawlowski will be buried in Bensalem, PA.

Once again, the Philadelphia police have asked for bikers to line both sides of Hulmeville Road for the entire 2 mile stretch leading to the cemetery—riders standing next to their bikes, holding an American flag.

CONTACT EVERYONE YOU KNOW WITH A BIKE.

Use every mailing list. Call in sick. Be at the Wawa parking lot at Bensalem & Hulmeville Road at NOON on Friday, February 20. WE NEED YOU, so drive/cage it if necessary—but bring your flag! Please, spread the word and show your support to our first responders.

Warriors' Watch Riders (warriorwatch.org) will be assisting the Bensalem Police in logistics, staging and traffic control.

Warriors' Watch Riders does not care what club you ride with. All are welcome. If you do not have a motorcycle, cage it. The important thing is to bring a 3' x 5' flag to stand a flagline as the funeral procession rolls by.

For details on secondary rally points, staging locations and times, go to the Warriors' Watch website, <http://www.warriorwatch.org/> and click the link to the right for "CONFIRMED WWR RIDES" and follow the "SEPA:OFC JOHN PAWLOWSKI FUNERAL 2/20/09" thread.

Please plan to arrive at the rally points at least 15-20 minutes prior to kickstands-up (KSU). Please seek out the Ride Captain (RC) for instruction once you reach your rally point. You do not need to personally introduce yourself...but be ready to be called to a ride briefing approximately 10 minutes before the KSU time.

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