



15th Annual Washington, DC Area Police “Stop the Violence” Futsal (Indoor Soccer) Tournament

For the past fourteen years, police officers in the Washington, DC area have combined our efforts to assist local children by organizing an annual charity indoor soccer (Futsal) tournament. Police men and women’s soccer teams from the local Washington, DC departments and from police departments across North America and around the world have been invited and many will participate in the 2010 tournament.

The **15th Annual Washington, DC Area Police “Stop the Violence” Futsal (Indoor Soccer) Tournament** will be held on March 27 and March 28, 2010 at the Gaithersburg Activity Center at Bohrer Park, Gaithersburg, Maryland. The City of Gaithersburg Police and the Montgomery County Police Maryland will be the host departments for this event. We anticipate that approximately 500 athletes will compete and 1000 spectators will view this exciting event.

Participating teams will include city or regional police departments from NYPD, LAPD, Philadelphia, MPDC, Montgomery County Maryland, Howard County Maryland, Maryland State Police, U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Customs, Bermuda, Toronto, Quebec and Belgium to name a few.

This event is designed to show the commitment that law enforcement officers have for their community. Law enforcement officers realize that they must reach out to the community in which they patrol. This is another crime prevention tactic to help “Stop the Violence”.

This event has raised over \$100,000 for local charity organizations over the past 14 years. Proceeds from the 2010 “Stop the Violence” Tournament will benefit the City of Gaithersburg Police and the Montgomery County Police Maryland **“Kids with Cops”** program.

The City of Gaithersburg Police and the Montgomery County Police Maryland pride themselves on community involvement. The **“Kids with Cops”** program is part of their Youth Community Outreach Program.

Police officers assist underprivileged children by providing a soccer enrichment program that teaches them the game of soccer. The program focuses on developing a youth soccer

players fundamentals, teamwork, camaraderie and the spirit of the game. However, it is more than a soccer program. Their positive interaction within the community in which they patrol has proven to be essential to the community's growth. Their involvement in after-school programs has proven to be a positive crime prevention tactic by providing guidance and educating our counties children. The program helps keep children off the streets and the needless risk of becoming involved in gangs, drugs, alcohol and criminal activity. With proper funding, this program will reduce crime and violence, and help children learn the skills and values they need to become good neighbors and responsible adults.

This event is more than just an indoor soccer tournament. This event focuses on camaraderie, sportsmanship and the commitment that police officers have to further help our communities.

I can not express how important it is for police officer's to become more involved in the community in which they patrol. Through community policing they can make a difference in hundreds of young lives.

For updated tournament information please visit www.soccersensationsllc.com.

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