

September 17, 2009



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Law Enforcement,

September 11th will be a date we will all remember for the rest of our lives. For Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Detective Tom Makurat and his family, September 11th will be an even more significant date to remember.

On September 11, 2009, one of Detective Makurat's 13 year old twin sons, Kyle, collapsed during gym class, stopped breathing and became pulse-less. School staff performed CPR until paramedics arrived. Kyle was later flown by helicopter to the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, in Milwaukee, where he remains. On September 12th, Kyle's heart stopped a second time and hospital staff performed CPR. He had open heart surgery on September 13th to repair his damaged, young heart. Kyle is still in the hospital showing signs of improvement, but a long recovery is expected.

Detective Makurat, a 15 year veteran of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, needs our help! As with other similar tragedies we have all experienced in one way or another, Kyle's family will incur many expenses not covered by health insurance. Some of the costs include lodging, meals, and travel expenses, as Kyle remains in the Milwaukee hospital while his family lives in Oshkosh. **You can easily help our law enforcement brother and his family by donating money to help lessen their unexpected financial burden.**

Four of Detective Makurat's co-workers are currently attending the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) course in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. The four Winnebago County Sheriff's Office employees are members of SPSC Class #289, which will graduate in November.

SPSC Class #289 has initiated efforts to raise money for the family of Kyle Makurat by collecting donations from Wisconsin law enforcement. There are two ways you can donate money to benefit Kyle's family. You can give cash or checks to any of the 25 members of SPSC Class #289. The members and their respective agencies are listed on the last page of this letter. You can also mail checks to SPSC Class #289 Treasurer Mick Selck, at the address listed below. **Please donate before November 6, 2009, as our account will be closed the following week.**

Sgt. Mick Selck
Lake Mills Police Department
200A Water Street
Lake Mills, WI 53551

Please write checks to: **SPSC Class 289** (Please write "Kyle Makurat Fund" on the Memo line)

Sincerely,

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