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Fallen officers remembered, honored

KEY WEST — This month, the Key West Police Department and Monroe County Sheriff's Office joined together to remember those officers who made the supreme sacrifice in serving our communities.

The agencies hosted their annual Law Enforcement Memorial Day ceremony in Bayview Park on Friday, May 23.

The well-attended ceremony included the traditional wreath laying, a gun salute, prayer, and the reading of the roll of Florida officers killed on-duty over the past year.

Special remembrance was reserved for Monroe County Sheriff's Deputy Frank Adams, killed in 1901, Key West Police



Photos by Christie Phillips

The joint Key West Police Department - Monroe County Sheriff's Office firing party led by Sgt. Robert Currul.

Officer Clarence Till, 1904, Sheriff's Game Warden Guy Bradley, 1905, Key West Police Officer Norman Drew, 1975, Sheriff's deputies David Cormier and

Michael Alexander, 1980 and 1998 respectively, Detective John Piskator, 2006, and Deputy Robin Tanner, who died in an on-duty car crash in 2007. □



Chief Donie Lee welcomes the audience to the 2008 Law Enforcement Memorial ceremony in Bayview Park.



From left, Sheriff Rick Roth, Chief Donie Lee and State Attorney Mark Kohl.

Chili Peppers heat up at the last minute

KEY WEST — The Key West Police Department's "Chili Peppers II" Relay for Life team won top honors at the Cancer Society of America event this month.

The Chili Peppers, coordinated by team leaders Crystal Bravo, Mary Canalejo and Brittany McGaughan-Shirley, earned the title of Top Small Group Team at the event after they raised an astounding \$9,400 in just two weeks.

"We had planned on participating in Relay for Life this year, but in late February, we cancelled," explained Bravo, an Administrative Coordinator in the police department.

"There was just too much going on, Susie wasn't doing well, and really we hadn't raised much money."

Susie Solares was a dear friend to many in the department, and served as Assistant to the Chief for 12 years. She passed away last month after a brief but courageous fight with brain cancer.

"After that, and with the encouragement of Chief Donie Lee and the local Relay for Life event coordinators, we said let's do this for Susie and for Tommy," Bravo said. Ofc. Tommy Anglin is a K-9 officer with the department who has battled and beaten cancer twice in the past five years.

"After Susie's passing, she gave us the motivation to do this," Bravo said. "So many little things just came together to help us raise that much money."

"I personally believe she's an angel and that she brought certain peo-



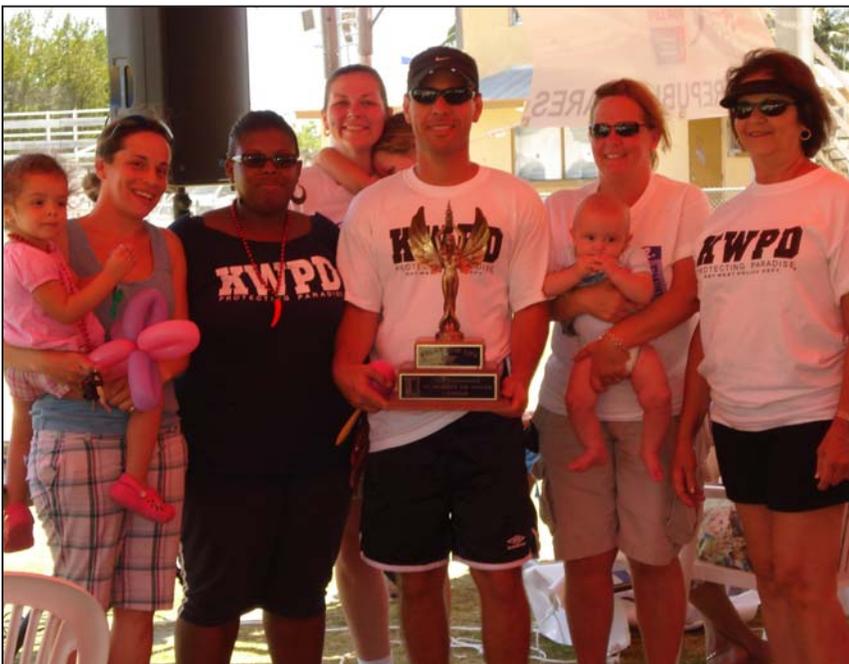
Chili Peppers II organizers Brittany McGaughan-Shirley, left, and Mary Canalejo, right, with Interim Chief Donie Lee, who was instrumental in reinvigorating the team's efforts this year after Susie Solares died of cancer in April.

ple into our lives to make this happen. The community support was just amazing."

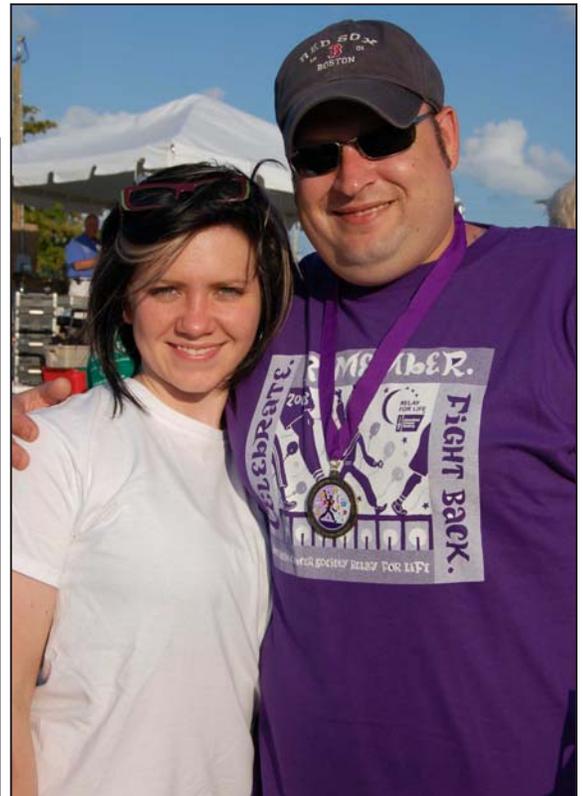
Administrative Coordinators Ellie Barker and Charnette Valdez were also instrumental in organizing the last minute

effort, which earned the Chili Peppers recognition as a "small group" consisting of less than 15 people.

"We're already looking forward to next year," Bravo said. □



Representatives of the Chili Peppers II team accepted the award for Top Small Group Team at the track on Saturday.



Cancer survivor and KWPD K-9 Officer Tommy Anglin with his supportive girlfriend Ashlie Dean.



Four KWPD officers ride in 2008 Police Unity Tour

At top, Ofc. Nick Revoredo, Ofc. Kelly Thomas, Det. Janeth Del Cid and Ofc. Christine Coker are joined by FDLE Investigator Dennis Haley and Miami firefighter Pam Lillard in the nation's capital. This month, the group participated in the Police Unity Tour, a national event to raise money for the National Law Enforcement Memorial. The Unity Tour consists of a 250-mile bicycle ride from Chesapeake, Virginia, to Washington, D.C.

The memorial has the names of all law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty engraved on it. This year, the officers rode for the officers who lost their lives in the line of duty from the Key West Police Department and other police departments in South Florida.



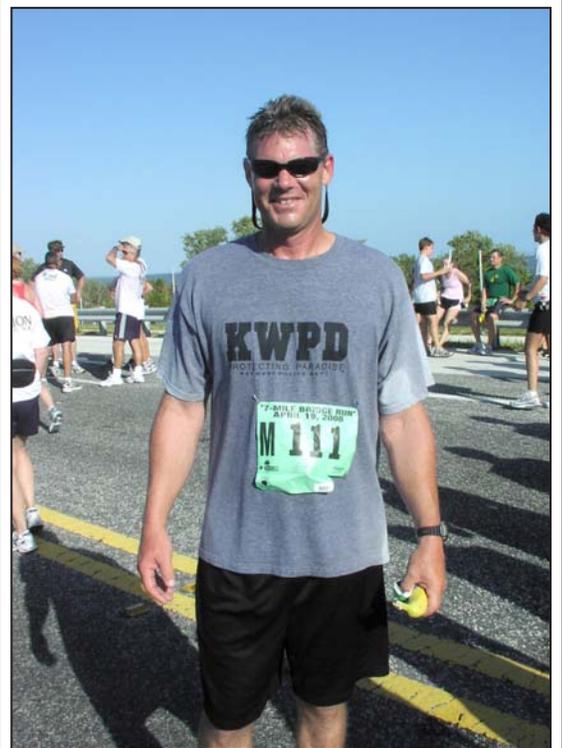
Till family at law enforcement memorial

Some of fallen KWPD Officer Clarence Till's descendants traveled to Key West this year for the Key West Police Department and Monroe County Sheriff's Office annual Law Enforcement Memorial service.

The service was held on May 23, 2008, in Bayview Park.

Ofc. Till was shot and killed on March 10, 1904. Ofc. Till was attempting to arrest a drunk man when the man was able to disarm Ofc. Till and take his duty weapon. Ofc. Till quickly fled the scene and went to the Mayor's house nearby and obtained two more pistols. He then returned to the scene to arrest the man but was shot by the suspect who had set up an ambush from a hiding spot. The suspect was later arrested.

Pictured from left are Bob Brown, Linda Brown, Robbie Brown and Florence Till. The Browns are from Raleigh, North Carolina, and Florence Till resides in Chesapeake, Virginia.



Capt. Scott Smith showed his Key West Police Department pride when he ran the 7 Mile Bridge race this year in a KWPD t-shirt. Capt. Smith said this was the first time he has run the famous race, and that his finishing time "is the best kept secret in the department.

"But seriously, it was a great run," he added. "I am already looking forward to next year."