



## Blue Knights honor fallen friend in ride

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About 20 current and former police officers who are part of an international motorcycle order rode Sunday in memory of one of their fallen compatriots.

The Blue Knights honored Washington County Sheriff's Detective Randy Nunnenkamp by taking donated toys from Tigard to CARES Northwest in Portland.

CARES Northwest is a medically based child abuse assessment and intervention program whose mission is to promote a child's well-being through quality child abuse assessments. The toys were donated by Mattel.

Nunnenkamp was a member of the Blue Knights before he was killed in a crash while riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle June 6, 2006, in rural Yamhill County.

He also was a decorated child abuse detective who often worked with the staff at CARES Northwest on these cases.

The ride will eventually become an annual September event known as "The Randy CARES Memorial Ride" to honor his memory and his dedication to prevent child abuse, said his widow, Mary Nunnenkamp.

Randy Nunnenkamp worked for the Washington County Sheriff's Office for 17 years and in 2002 became a member of the Child Abuse Investigation Unit. While assigned to the unit, he investigated physical abuse, sexual abuse and death cases involving children. Before joining the Child Abuse Investigation Unit, Nunnenkamp worked with students as an instructor in drug abuse resistance education and gang resistance education and training.

He and Mary pioneered a program to educate citizens about recognizing patterns of sex offenders. He educated thousands of teachers, clergy and parents about the signs of sexual predator practices and child abuse recognition.

"Randy took great pride in his work and knew of no greater calling than to protect children," said his friend and fellow Blue Knight Det. Gary Wright.

The Blue Knights is a nonprofit fraternal organization consisting of active and retired law enforcement men and women who enjoy riding motorcycles. They have no affiliation with the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

They have 586 chapters and almost 20,000 members in 28 countries.

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