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FIRST RESPONDERS PRESENTING RECORD NUMBER OF T-SHIRTS TO HERO-TO-HERO CAMPAIGN FOR OVERSEAS TROOP MORALE

Virginia, Maryland and Washington DC first responders will be presenting over 200 signed T-shirts to the HeroToHero campaign at a press event during Memorial Day Weekend.

When: 10:00 am on Saturday, May 24, 2008

Where: North Parking Lot of the Pentagon

The HeroToHero campaign is the brainchild of Liz Jackson of Lakewood, Washington whose son served in Afghanistan and whose cousin was killed in Iraq. She asked local first responders who their heroes were and they replied, "The troops overseas." When the troops overseas were asked the same question, they replied, "The first responders protecting our loved ones back home." Since 2004, Liz has made an annual circuit around the United States (55 cities) visiting first responders and collecting t-shirts with messages of support to send to deployed troops. Upon receipt overseas, the T-shirts are then traded amongst units and personnel in an effort for them to 'find a piece of home'. This year, due to medical problems, Liz is unable to make the nationwide trip and the campaign will be greatly affected. Fairfax County Professional Fire Fighters & Paramedics coordinated this drive in an attempt to keep the campaign alive and show our deployed brothers and sisters that they are still in our thoughts and prayers. Fire and police apparatus from around the area will be on display as well as the personnel who staff them every day. Liz Jackson will also be attending.

"HeroToHero is not about pro-war, anti-war or war at all! HeroToHero is about troop morale," organizer Liz Jackson says. "The photographs that come back from the troops that receive the shirts speak volumes."

More on the HeroToHero campaign can be found at: www.herotohero.us.

Fairfax County Professional Fire Fighters and Paramedics represents over 1,700 of the active and retired career fire fighters, paramedics, fire investigators, fire marshals, mechanics and communications professionals that protect the citizens and visitors of Fairfax County 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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