

PORT HUENEME POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

In January of 2010 Officer Ron Davis began taking some "sick days" off of work. Nobody really thought much about it as the cold had recently made its way through the department. After a couple days Ron returned to work for a few days here and there but would often take more days off. This was very unlike him and noticed by his coworkers. One day Ron came into work and appeared distraught and seemed to be distracted. His supervisor asked him if he was having any issues at home that he should know about. At that time Ron informed us that his 2-½ year old son, Mark, was just diagnosed with Leukemia (A.L.L.) and he'd been living out of the Kaiser Permanente Hospital. His Sergeant told him to go be with his family and we would take care of the shift.

After some research we found Ron was almost out of leave time and would be soon forced to come back to work or leave without pay. The POA was notified of this and that night we immediately organized a "Catastrophic Leave Donation" for Ron. Officers and civilian staff thoughtfully donated their time to assist the Davis family. It was our concern that Ron would have to worry about how to pay the bills during this difficult time. Ron will soon be forced to come back to work or remain home unpaid within the next couple weeks.

Ron has always been a quiet and mostly private person who rarely shares his personal life with coworkers. It should be noted that in November of 2003, Ron and his wife, Andrea, were pregnant with their first child. In March 2004 they gave premature birth to their daughter Kathryn. She lived for 4 hours and died in her parent's arms.

Now the Davis family is struggling with the long-term fight against Cancer of their only child. The first year is obviously the most demanding and little Mark is undergoing Chemotherapy regimen, several Spinal Taps, and receiving antibiotics, anti-fungal meds, "stomach coaters" and steroids. Mark has no immune system and is kept closely watched by around the clock medical staff.

The Port Hueneme Police Officer's Association goal to allow Ron to remain home with his family where he is needed during this time and not have to worry about how to keep the bills paid. Any individual, organization, or association wishing to assist the Davis family with a donation please contact me at the below contact information. Donations of any kind are gladly welcome.

Sincerely,

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