

Pembroke Pines Police Department

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MEDIA RELEASE

ASSIGNED PIO:	Captain Al Xiques		
PPPD CASE NUMBER:	DATE: 10/21/15	TIME:	9:00 PM
CHARGE/INCIDENT:	Picketing at Hooters "Bike Night"		
PLACE OF OCCURREN	CE: Hooters Restaurant 7990 Pines Blvd.		
SUBJECT(S) – NAME, A	GE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:		
1) Mr. Peter J. Meyer 2)			
SUSPECT(S) – NAME, A	GE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:		
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INCIDENT SUMMARY:

The PPPD received a "Picketing Letter Information Request" form, that was submitted by Mr. Peter J. Meyer. The letter is advising our agency that he will be picketing this evening outside of the Hooters restaurant located at 7990 Pines Blvd, between 8:00 and 11:00 p.m. during their "Bike Night" event. Mr. Meyer's reason for picketing as written in his request is for "Good Will" with a sign that reads "Bikers Lives Matter".

Unrelated to Mr. Meyers request, during the listed times Pembroke Pines Police will be conducting a fifth motorcycle safety operation, along with the assistance of other law enforcement agencies. These operations have focused on education on safe riding practices, as well as enforcement of traffic and equipment violations. Our efforts during four previous operations beginning on September 15th, to date have resulted in eight (8) felony arrests, five (5) misdemeanor arrests, 31 criminal citations, 137 moving violations, and 131 non moving violations. There were also eight (8) motorcycles towed and 96 warnings issued. Our enforcement efforts included motor vehicles, but the overwhelming majority of violators were motorcyclists.

We recognize that the majority of individuals that operate motorcycles are law abiding citizens and they do not pose a safety concern to themselves or the community. However, there are other individuals who ride their motorcycles in an unsafe and illegal manner, violating many traffic laws and placing themselves and the general public in danger. Most notably these events are hosted at venues that serve alcohol, further increasing the concern for public safety. Unfortunately poor choices made



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by drivers/riders following events such as this one have resulted in crashes causing serious injuries and tragic deaths.

We are asking for the media's assistance in bringing attention to this very important public safety concern. Our goal is to promote safe driving for everyone traveling on our roadways. A PPPD P.I.O. will be available at the listed location to meet with the media at 9:00 p.m.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact the Pembroke Pines Police Department at 954-431-2200, email to <u>Tips@ppines.com</u>, or call Crimestoppers at 954-493-TIPS