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OCEAN CITY POLICE INVITED TO ASSIST DURING PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

The Ocean City Police Department recently attended the historic 56th Presidential Inauguration on January 20, 2009 in Washington, DC. Ten members of the Ocean City Police Department, and two members of the Fire Marshal's office, joined nearly 4,000 law enforcement agencies from across the country to help with an estimated Inauguration Day crowd of more than 1 million people.

Ocean City Police participants were deputized by the U.S. Marshals on January 19, 2009, to support specifically designated National Security Special Events on January 20th, including the inauguration, the parade and the official inaugural balls. The Ocean City Police Department was assigned to a specific area Pennsylvania Avenue for the Presidential Inaugural Parade.

In addition, Chief Bernadette DiPino was asked as the President of the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association to represent the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics by walking in the parade. The Maryland Torch Run has contributed nearly \$6 million to Special Olympics athletes in Maryland since its inception in 1986. Chief DiPino was joined by her daughter Tabitha, a police officer for the Baltimore County Police Department, and appeared second during the parade sequence.

"It was a huge professional honor for our department to be chosen to participate in the Presidential Inaugural Parade," commented Chief DiPino. "Not to mention the enormous personal honor it was for me to represent the Maryland Chiefs of Police and the Special Olympics."

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Pictured from left to right: FM Chris Christello, PFC Lee Arlington, SGT Mark Paddack, PFC Andrew Yeager, PFC Josh Kelley, CPL Doug Smith, OFC Jennifer Smithheart, CPL Sydney Findley, CPL Regina Custer, DFC Shawn Jones, FM Josh Bunting and Captain Michael Colbert.

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