

# Police Unity Tour 2009

*We Ride for Those Who Have Died* by Tom Hawrylko

18,662. As of today, that is the number of names inscribed on the National Law Enforcement Officers Monument and Memorial in Washington D.C. Each name represents a sad story of an officer from across the United States killed in the line of duty.

For the second year, I was honored to ride a bicycle from Clifton to the monument with Clifton Police Officers Randy Colondres, John Kavakich and Robert Bais to raise awareness of the officers killed in the line of duty and to raise funds for that memorial.

We began our 300 mile trek on May 9, supported on motorcycles and in vans by Clifton Officers Derek Fogg, Brian Fopma, William Bais, Stephen Berge, Gary Giardina and Michael McLaughlin.

Soon, our team of 10 joined over 1,000 other riders and support people and when we arrived on May 12, we were told that together, we raised over \$1.3 million to help complete that monument and museum in the nation's capitol.

Over \$17,000 of those funds were raised here in our hometown and on behalf of the Clifton members of the Police Unity Tour, we offer our thanks to all contributors. For more info on the tour, visit [policeunitytour.com](http://policeunitytour.com).



	<b>FREE SUNDAE</b> Buy One Ice Cream or Yogurt Sundae, Get Another <b>FREE</b> With This Coupon <small>Coupons May Not Be Combined.</small>		<b>\$2<sup>00</sup> OFF</b> Any Size Ice Cream Cakes <small>Coupons May Not Be Combined.</small>	<b>Gelotti</b> <b>HOME MADE ICE CREAM</b> ITALIAN ICES • SOFT ICE CREAM SHERBERT • YOGURT • CAKE • GELATO	
<b>194 Bloomfield Ave., Caldwell • 973-403-9968 — 2 Union Ave., Paterson • 973-595-1647</b>					

1380



Among the names inscribed on the monument is that of Clifton Police Officer John Samra, who died on Nov. 21, 2003. Our team carried a flag to where his name is etched in stone and said a prayer and a tribute to Clifton's Fallen Officer. We also remembered Port Authority Officer John Skala who died on Sept. 11, 2001; Fair Lawn Officer Mary Ann Collura who died on April 17, 2003 and Paterson Officer Tyron Franklin, whose End of Watch was Jan. 7, 2007.

# NOC Automotive Solutions

574 Van Houten Ave • Athenia • 973-594-1005  
 WWW.NOCAUTO.COM

Insurance Company Approved  
 NJ Licensed Full Service  
 Autobody Repair Facility #00217A

## Autobody & Collision Specialist

We have the solution for all your collision and autobody repair needs.

We'll handle your insurance claim, start to finish.

We offer car rental assistance and provide a lifetime warranty



**We're proud to support the Police Unity Tour**