

The Michael John Buczek Foundation

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On October 18, 1988, New York City Police Officer Michael John Buczek, shield 28, of the 34th Police Precinct was mortally wounded in a gun battle in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan. In just less than three years with the New York City Police Department, Police Officer Buczek, a New Jersey native, was awarded more than forty citations for exceptional and meritorious police service in an area known as one of the most violent and drug ridden in this nation.

To carry on Michael's name and the beliefs for which he lived and died, his parents established **The Michael John Buczek Foundation** on July 19, 1989. This Foundation was incorporated in the state of New Jersey and has been recognized by the U. S. Department of the Treasury as a non-profit organization.

The Buczek family through this Foundation is devoting their lives to support and assist the law enforcement community. They have established perpetual financial scholarships at DePaul High School in Wayne, and Ramapo College in Mahwah, New Jersey, Michael's alma maters. Additional perpetual scholarships are awarded to The New Jersey Honor Legion, The New York City Shields, The Rockland County Shields, The Pulaski Association and The New York City Police Department Honor Legion. Scholarship money has also been donated in memory of police officers killed in the line of duty in the Wayne and Paramus Police Departments. All of these programs are available to police officers and their children.

In an attempt to improve the social environment where their son was shot and killed, the Foundation initiated fund raising and started the Michael John Buczek Little League which consists of over 400 children from the Washington Heights neighborhood. In addition, the Buczek's have made a personal commitment to helping the community by making annual contributions of food and household items to the precinct's local parish and other civic and religious groups for those in need. The Buczek Foundation continually contributes to various police fraternal organizations which assist survivors of officers killed in the line of duty as well as providing financial assistance to officers in personal or career crisis situations.

In order to continue and expand the Foundation's endeavors, the Foundation sponsors, organizes and relies greatly on several annual fund raisers. These social functions not only help raise funds for the Foundation, but they also fortify the comradeship and brotherhood between police agencies throughout this great nation.

Your tax deductible contributions or requests for information concerning the Foundation can be directed to Mr. Ted Buczek in care of The Michael John Buczek Foundation.