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**THE THIRD ANNUAL BADGES OF HONOR 5K
TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 5TH**

--A Day to Salute Philadelphia's Heroes and Benefit the Survivor's Fund--

PHILADELPHIA, PA – In honor of Philadelphia's heroes who serve and protect the community, the City of Philadelphia will host the **third annual Badges of Honor 5K**. The run will take place on **Saturday, June 4, 2011** at Fairmount Park.

Established to strengthen the relationship between Philadelphia's Public Safety employees and the communities they heroically serve, proceeds from the Badges of Honor 5K will go towards the Survivor's Fund. Often times, when the city loses police officers, firefighters, or other public safety officers, the cost of the loss is not only emotional, but also financially burdening for family members or survivors. The Survivor's Fund was created to provide an emergency fund for family members and survivors to help defray the cost related to Philadelphia police officers, firefighters and correctional officers, who died in the line of duty.

"This is a fantastic day for all of Philadelphia to come together and show support for our men and women in uniform who work to keep our city safe," said Mayor Michael A. Nutter.

Approximately 1,000 people are expected to participate in the third annual Badge of Honor 5K run. Following the 5K awards ceremony, several softball teams from the Philadelphia Police, Philadelphia Firefighters, Correctional Officers, Mayor's Office, Internal Revenue Service, local media, and additional Philadelphia government organizations will take the field for the **inaugural Heroes Softball Tournament**. The Heroes Softball Tournament will add great fun and spirit to the day's festivities. Runners and fans are encouraged to watch the teams battle for the Heroes Softball Tournament title while enjoying food, beverages, and entertainment, as well as the chance to win one-of-a-kind raffle prizes.

The 2011 runner entry fee for the Badges of Honor 5K is \$27.50. Participants may register for the Badges of Honor 5K Run online prior to the event at www.BadgesofHonor5k.com. Day-of registration for the Badges of Honor 5K Run begins at 7:00 a.m. Mayor Michael A. Nutter will kick-off the race at 9:00 am. All entry fees will be considered a donation to the Survivor's Fund. Cancellations for the run are accepted; however, no refunds will be given.

For additional information about or to register for the Badges of Honor 5K Run and Heroes Softball Tournament, please visit www.BadgesofHonor5k.com. To become an event sponsor, please contact Erica Atwood at 267-324-6303 or erica.atwood@phila.gov

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