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PRESS ADVISORY

Mayor Gary McCarthy
Along with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #35
Announce the 9th Annual "F.O.P. 8" Charity Softball Tournament
Saturday August 13, 2016 in Central Park

SCHENECTADY - Mayor Gary McCarthy and NYS Court Officer Sgt. Chris Foti, of the Fraternal Order of Police Court Officer Memorial Lodge #35, invite you to the 9th Annual Charity Softball Tournament known as "THE F.O.P. 8" taking place this Saturday, August 13th from 10:00am to 6:00pm at Central Park's Snowden Avenue fields. Teams representing the following organizations will be playing to benefit various local charities: Schenectady Police Dept., Schenectady Fire Dept., Schenectady County Public Defender's Office, Schenectady Office of General Services – "The Trashers", Colonie Police Dept., Rotterdam Police Dept., The NYS Courts, and The NYS Corrections. This event will support the Stratton VA Voluntary Services Fund, which aids local vets through donations; the Schenectady Auxiliary Police, a volunteer organization which assists the local police departments without pay; ReTree Schenectady, an organization looking to rebuild Central Park's fallen trees, and the F.O.P..

"The F.O.P. Lodge #35 and I are proud and honored to hold this event for a 9th year, and we'd like to thank Schenectady and Mayor McCarthy for being our host once again. It is important that we as professionals and as local people give back to our communities, and this tournament is just one vehicle for the agencies to do just that who come to play," said Sgt. Foti as event organizer.

"I thank the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #35 for organizing this event, and thank the men and women who do so much to protect our community for spending the day with us for these great causes," said Mayor McCarthy. "It is something wonderful to see. These individuals from their agencies, out there on the fields, playing together and representing themselves for charity, for fun, and a sense of community. Usually, we see them working our streets in their different professions. Either way, they are helping to make our community better," he continued.

"I'd like to give special thanks to Martin, Harding, & Mazzotti, Dick's Sporting Goods, Subway on State St., Nico's Rooftop Tavern, I Love NY Pizza and Homestyle on Union St., Luca's on Nott St., JCB Specialties, Price Chopper, Tri-City Valley Cats, DeCrescente Distributing, and Park Building Supply for their generous support making ours a truly great local event," said Sgt. Foti.

We ask you to come on down and support our event for some worthy causes and cheer on your local municipal agencies as they slug it out to see who takes home the trophy!!!

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