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TASER Foundation Gives Memorial Grants to the Families of Two Columbus Officers Lost in the Line of Duty

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SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., February 3, 2005 – TASER Foundation, a non-profit foundation to honor fallen law enforcement officers and provide one time financial grants to their families announced today that it has given financial support to the families of two Columbus Division of Police officers recently killed in the line of duty. TASER International President Tom Smith will present the memorial gifts to Chief James Jackson today at Columbus police headquarters, 120 Marconi Blvd. at 2:00 pm on February 3, 2005.

Columbus Division of Police Officer Melissa Foster was killed in a motor vehicle crash while responding to a call on December 4, 2004. She leaves behind two small children. Officer Bryan Hurst was fatally shot during a bank robbery on January 6, 2005. He is survived by his wife and 6-month-old daughter.

“Both of these officers leave behind young families and we hope that our TASER Foundation support can help them rebuild their lives and secure future for their children,” said Tom Smith, President of TASER International.

“The loss of an officer in the line of duty is always devastating, losing two in such a short time makes it especially difficult,” stated Chief James Jackson Columbus Division of Police. “The TASER Foundation’s assistance to the families of Officer’s Foster and Hurst is very much appreciated.”

In 2004, 154 law enforcement officers in the United States and 7 law enforcement officers in Canada were killed in the line of duty. “TASER International works in partnership with American and Canadian law enforcement agencies to enhance the safety of our officers and the general public,” said Mr. Smith. “We are pleased to expand this partnership to honor the sacrifice of these brave men and women who were killed in the line of duty. To date, we have provided over \$280,000 in financial support to the families of fallen officers. In addition, we have developed the TASER Foundation web page at www.TASERFoundation.org,” concluded Mr. Smith.

About the TASER Foundation

The TASER Foundation distributes financial memorial grants to the families of fallen officers in the United States and Canada through donations and an initial endowment of \$1,000,000. Over half of the initial endowment came in direct contribution from TASER International employees with the balance contributed by the company. One time grants are available only upon request by chiefs of police and sheriffs as well as federal law enforcement executives in the name of sworn officers killed in the line of duty since August 1, 2004. The TASER Foundation's mission is to honor the service and sacrifice of local and federal law enforcement officers in the United States and Canada lost in the line of duty by providing financial support to their families. TASER International bears all of the administrative costs of the TASER Foundation in order to ensure 100 percent of all donations are distributed to the families of fallen officers. For further information contact Gerry Anderson, Executive Director of the TASER Foundation at Gerry@TASER.com or call 800-978-2737. Visit the TASER Foundation website at www.TASERFoundation.org for facts and video.

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