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## **TASER Foundation Awards Three Memorial Grants to the Families of Homeland Security Officers Lost in the Line of Duty**

**Since November 14, 2004 the TASER Foundation has awarded 29 grants totaling over \$188,000 to the families of fallen officers in the United States and Canada**

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., December 28, 2004 – TASER Foundation, a new non-profit foundation established to honor fallen law enforcement officers and provide one time financial grants to their families announced today that it has awarded memorial grants to the families of three United States Border Patrol Agents killed in the line of duty.

**Border Patrol Agent George Debates from the Casa Grande, Arizona Station** was killed on December 19, 2004 in a motor vehicle accident while patrolling near Ajo, AZ. A memorial service will be held 11:00 AM December 29 at the Casa Grande High School. Agent Debates is survived by his mother.

**Sr. Patrol Agent Travis Attaway and Sr. Patrol Agent Jeremy Wilson** drowned after their patrol boat capsized in the Rio Grande River on September 19, 2004. Both were from the Harlingen, Texas Station. Agent Attaway is survived by his parents Tom and Dorothy Attaway. Agent Wilson leaves behind his parents Bonnie Jaeger and Mike Wilson.

“These men represent our first line of defense in Homeland Security. We are very honored to remember these officers and provide help to their families,” said Gerry Anderson, Executive Director of the TASER Foundation.

To date, 150 law enforcement officers in the United States and 6 law enforcement officers in Canada were killed in the line of duty this year. “TASER International works in partnership with American and Canadian law enforcement agencies to enhance the safety of our officers and the general public,” said Tom Smith, President of TASER International, Inc. “We are pleased to expand this partnership in a way that honors the sacrifice of these brave men and women. In addition, we have developed the TASER Foundation web page at [www.TASERFoundation.org](http://www.TASERFoundation.org),” concluded Smith.

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.

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