

Subject: Re: Ride of Silence
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Just got your email. Here is the info and thank you. Bobbi



ANNUAL RIDE OF SILENCE PRESS RELEASE

The Sussex Cyclists fifth annual Ride of Silence will be held on May 20th 2009 at 7PM. Participants will gather at the Tile Market parking lot behind the WAWA on Dartmouth Rd. and Rt. 1.

The first Ride of Silence was organized in May, 2003, in Dallas, TX after endurance cyclist Larry Schwartz was hit by the mirror of a passing bus and killed. The ride was a solemn event, to remember Larry and all cyclists killed while bicycling. The ride has since spread to all 50 states and 18 countries.

Over 700 cyclists are killed annually while riding. Although cyclists have a legal right to share most of our country's roads with motorists, the motoring public often isn't aware of these rights, and sometimes not aware of the cyclists themselves.

The goals of the ride are three fold:

To **HONOR** those who have been injured or killed
To **RAISE AWARENESS** that we are there
To ask that we all **SHARE THE ROAD**

Our local Ride of Silence, which is held during Bike Safety Month, was started in 2005 honoring those who have been killed or injured while cycling. Last year over 50 cyclists came out on a chilly rainy evening to participate in the Sussex County ROS

The Ride of Silence is similar to a funeral procession. The ride will be slow, maximum 12 mph for a total of eight miles. There is no talking during the ride, just silence, to remember our fallen brothers and sisters. Helmets are required and bright clothing is recommended.

For additional information please contact Jack Boettger at pedalpower1@verizon.net or Bobbi Dunham at btdunham@comcast.net.

----- Original Message -----

From: Frank Warnock
To: JoAnn Holmes
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2009 3:45 PM
Subject: Re: Ride of Silence

Send it to me today - I will note it in a news update. See if you can have it to me before evening.