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### Officer's Final Flight for Kids before Retirement

**Riverside, California** - On Tuesday, October 22, 2013, State and local law enforcement agencies will participate in the annual "Cops for Kids" fly-in. Riverside Police Pilot Don Miskulin started the annual event 15 years ago. The event has grown from fulfilling the wish of one child to bringing joy to thousands of the area's most ill children and their families. Officer Miskulin's love for this event is apparent in his efforts over the last 15 years. He stated it well a few years ago when saying "These cops come back every year because they feel like this program really matters. For a few hours, once a year, these kids, many who are fighting and enduring as kids shouldn't have to; get to hang out with their heroes."

Officers in helicopters, police cars, tactical vehicles, and motorcycles converge on Loma Linda Children's Hospital property and are greeted on the North lawn by the young patients that are ambulatory. The children get to talk to the officers and sit inside their vehicles and helicopters—a dream come true for any child! After the initial spectacle, the officers have the pleasure of visiting the patients in their rooms and delivering toys.

The end of an era will occur this year because Officer Miskulin is retiring after nearly 25 years of service. His successor, a trusted colleague and fellow officer, is set up for success to continue this long-standing tradition due to Officer Miskulin's efforts over the past 15 years. The Riverside Police Department is proud of Don's vision and his ability to bring this event to life. It will remain as part of Don's legacy long after he leaves the Air Support Unit. We wish him a long and enjoyable retirement.

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