



Oceanside Police Team Competes in Cycling Race Across America

An ambitious cycling group from the Oceanside Police Department left the Pier on June 15 with their sights set on Annapolis Maryland, some 3,000 miles away.



Team Oceanside joined cyclists from around the world to compete in Race Across America (RAAM), a platform for raising money for charitable causes. Police Officer Steve Peppard recruited fellow department members to compete in this grueling cross-country adventure. Team Oceanside hopes to raise approximately \$5,000 for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society; MS is a disease which has touched Peppard's family.



The Oceanside team includes Kelan Poorman, who retired from the department as a Sergeant in 2010. He and Peppard are joined by Police Officers Nick Nunez, Jose Lopez, Matt Walters and Captain Fred Armijo, as well as Crime Evidence Technician Jennifer Luecht and Firefighter Mike Smith.



Unlike other long-distance races, the clock starts when the cyclists start the race and runs nonstop until they cross the finish line.

Team Oceanside made the City proud as it pedaled through 12 states, 88 counties, 350 communities along the route.



To view pictures of their journey, visit "Team Oceanside RAAM" on Facebook. To read more about RAMM, go to raamrace.org.