



## **DALLAS DEFENDERS FOOTBALL CLUB**

*A Member of the National Public Safety Football League*

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### **The Dallas Defenders Honor National Police Week with their Last Home Game**

**Dallas (May 11, 2010)** – The Dallas Defenders Football Club will cap off National Police Week (May 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>) with their last game of the season against the Charlotte Cobras on Saturday, May 15 at 2:00 p.m. at Frisco ISD Memorial Stadium. As a member of the National Public Safety Football League (NPSFL) the Defenders (3-0) will compete for the Southwest Conference Championship for the second consecutive year.

As the only public safety football team in the Dallas / Fort Worth Metroplex, the Dallas Defenders Football club is comprised entirely of North Texas firefighters and police officers who through the spirited competition of full-contact football, provide monetary support to the families of fallen public safety personnel.

In addition to dedicating their time and efforts to protect the local communities in the Dallas / Fort Worth area, the Defenders' recently hosted a youth football camp for the inmates at Gainesville State School. The camp boasted media coverage from CW33. Local officers were able to raise community awareness through sports to deter youths from violence.

“The camp was a way to reach out to individuals within the community. As police officers, we are sometimes seen just as uniforms rather than actual people. We wanted to show them what we are like outside of the uniform, and give these students hope for when they do get out from behind bars,” said Dallas Defenders' President and Frisco Police Officer, Marc Courville.

In honor of National Police Week, Gainesville State students will attend Saturday's game as guests of the Dallas Defenders. In addition, Maylee Thomas, a local McKinney musician will sing, “God Bless America,” the Dallas Police Choir will sing the National Anthem, and formal Mayoral candidate George Fuller will execute the coin toss.

With over 200 police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty each year in the Dallas / Fort Worth area, the need to support local public safety personnel during National Police Week is crucial to the Defenders' organization. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Guns and Hoses Foundation of North Texas.

All tickets for the game will be sold at the gate: adults - \$10.00, children - \$5.00, and kids two and under are free. Food, bounce houses and entertainment will be provided at halftime. For more information, visit [www.dalladefendersfootball.org](http://www.dalladefendersfootball.org).

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**Dallas Defenders Football Club** – The Dallas Defenders Football Club is a non-profit organization whose roster is comprised entirely of North Texas firefighters, police officers and EMT personnel. Through the spirited competition of full-contact football, the Dallas Defenders raise vital funds for the families of fallen police officers and firefighters. For more information, please call Whitney Brandon at (214) 682-8200 or e-mail [wtbrandon@aol.com](mailto:wtbrandon@aol.com).

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