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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Sponsors Sought for  
Police Jammers Youth Basketball League**

The Punta Gorda Police Department is seeking sponsors for its summer youth basketball league, *Jammers*. The *Jammers* youth basketball program has become one of the premier leagues in Charlotte County. The league – which is totally free to children – provides the young players with uniforms, trophies, and other surprises throughout the summer. Punta Gorda Police Officers are coaching 8 teams this year.



A new addition to the league this year is the *Jazzy Jammers*. The *Jazzy Jammers* is a pom-pom dance squad that will perform as a half-time show during the *Jammers*' season.

Sponsors are needed in order to keep this basketball league completely free for the children and their parents. League sponsors, with a minimum \$100 donation, will receive recognition on banners and on the department's website.

Punta Gorda Police Officers started the *Jammers* basketball program in 2001 as a way to reach at-risk youth in public housing. The primary focus of the league is to build character, teach the importance of sportsmanship, enhance the lines of communication between police officers and the youth in our community, as well as to enhance players' interpersonal skills.

For more information on how to become a sponsor or contribute to *Jammers*, please contact Lieutenant Joe King at (941) 575-5525 or at [jking@pgorda.us](mailto:jking@pgorda.us). For more information on *Jammers*, go to <http://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/depts/police/jammers.html>.

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