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******PRESS RELEASE****WALLA WALLA POLICE DEPT****
2nd annual “Battle of the Badge” charity baseball game**

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Local law enforcement and firefighters will be competing for bragging rights during the 2nd annual “Battle of the Badge” charity baseball game on Saturday, May 31st, 7:05 p.m. at Borleske Stadium. Last year’s game raised \$24,000 for local charities in front of a near sell-out crowd, with Law Enforcement stomping out Fire 9-5!

The law enforcement team will be comprised of 26 players from Walla Walla Police and Sheriff’s Departments, College Place Police Department, WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, and, new to this year’s lineup, staff from the WA State Penitentiary.

After last year’s loss, Fire will be allowed 30 players to make up this year’s roster! The players are from Walla Walla County Fire District 4, and City of Walla Walla and College Place Fire Departments.

Tickets are available from Amy Harris at the Walla Walla Police Department, as well as players from both teams and the Walla Walla Sweets office.

Charities have been selected for this year’s game.

Fire will be playing for ***Girl’s Council***, a non-profit organization that has been in the Walla Walla Valley since 2006. Their mission is a commitment to “empower girls to become strong women” through researched based, gender-specific programming and a residential placement project.

Law Enforcement will be playing for ***Impact! Life Transitions Program***, a one-of-a-kind program providing life-changing skills for positive growth in a safe, supportive environment. The program is designed to offer hope to people who need to start their lives over because of a loss or a debilitating circumstance. In addition to advocacy, they offer referrals and connections to community resources. They give individuals the confidence and communication tools necessary for returning to school, or finding employment.

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