

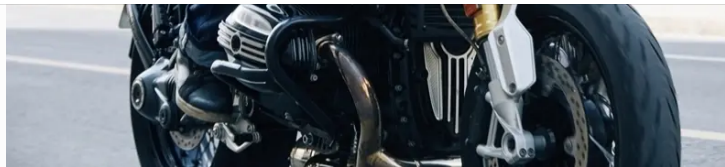
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Meriden-Farmington Motorcycle Event To Honor Fallen Cop

Saturday's 'Back the Blue' ride is in honor of two Bristol police officers who died last month.

Michael Lemanski, Patch Staff

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MERIDEN/FARMINGTON, CT — A special motorcycle ride will take place Saturday, Oct. 21, to honor the memories of fallen police heroes, including two killed a year ago in Bristol and another who died in Hartford last month.

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The event is called "[Back the Blue: A Ride to Remembrance](#)" and it will start in Meriden and conclude in Farmington to honor three fallen

officers the past year.

Hosted by the [Cheshire-based Hometown Foundation](#) and [Y Harley-Davidson of Bristol](#), "Back the Blue" will honor the Bristol police officers Sgt. Alex Hamzy and Lt. Dustin DeMonte as Hartford police Det. Robert "Bobby" Garten.

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Hamzy and DeMonte were killed by a gunman more than a year ago while responding to a call in Bristol, while Garten was killed while responding to a traffic accident early last month in Hartford.

"When tragedy strikes it is important not to forget and to use these moments to continue to raise awareness, create connection, provide a space to grieve, and focus on hopefulness as a community," said the Hometown Foundation in an announcement for "Back the Blue."

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According to the foundation, the day will include a motorcycle poker run, car display, food and beverage trucks, family fun, a touch-a-truck, and a ceremony of remembrance.

Registration for the motorcycle poker run will take place between 10 and 11:30 a.m. at the [Connecticut Law Enforcement Memorial in Meriden, 285 Preston Ave.](#)

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From there, motorcyclists will journey to [Farmington at the Polo Club, 162 Town Farm Road, Farmington.](#)

That, organizers said, is where bikers will draw their last ca
poker run winners are announced.

Meanwhile, the grounds of the Farmington Polo Club will o
public at 11 a.m. The ceremony of remembrance begins at 1:
before the event's conclusion at 2 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will benefit The Hometown Founda
Emergency Response Pillar, which supports the families of
heroes, Tunnel to Towers Foundation, and the Main Street C
Foundation's memorial in Bristol.

[For more information and to purchase tickets to the event/
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