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## **7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL POLICE CHARITY SOFTBALL GAME TO BENEFIT CPD OFFICER RECENTLY DIAGNOSED WITH BRUGADA SYNDROME**

**Clearwater, Fla.** - It started out to be a normal vacation for Officer Nick Giordano when the unexpected happened. His heart stopped. Giordano was on a cruise, lounging in a chair on the deck and soaking in the sun when his mother noticed he stopped breathing. The medical staff used a defibrillator and after more than six attempts was able to get a pulse. Doctors say it is a miracle that he survived after spending more than 10 minutes without a pulse. Giordano was removed from the ship by a Miami-Dade Fire Department boat and transported to a Miami hospital for treatment. Giordano was diagnosed with a rare genetic disease called Brugada Syndrome also known as Sudden Unexpected Death Syndrome.

This year's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Softball Challenge between the Clearwater Police Department and Largo Police Department will help with the mounting medical bills that Ofc. Giordano is facing from that near-death incident.

The charity softball game begins at 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$16 dollars and include all you can eat and drink from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. and admission to the Clearwater Threshers vs. Lakeland Tigers immediately following the charity game. There are also games for children and a silent auction.

Tickets can be purchased at the gate or in advance by calling the Clearwater Police Department at 727-562-4304. For information about making a donation visit: [www.clearwaterpolice.org](http://www.clearwaterpolice.org) or [www.copsforthecause.org](http://www.copsforthecause.org).

- Event:** 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Softball Game to benefit Ofc. Nick Giordano
- Date:** Saturday, April 17, 2009
- Time:** Clearwater Police vs. Largo Police – 4:00 p.m.  
Clearwater Threshers vs. Lakeland Tigers – 6:30 p.m.
- Location:** Bright House Networks Field  
601 Old Coachman Road  
Clearwater, Fla.

Officer Giordano was named a 2008 Officer of the Year along with three other officers, after they rushing into a burning home and saved a family during a fire.

