



# We Are Our Brother's Keeper

## Erskine Family Shocked at success of "Payroll Deduction" Fund Raiser

If you missed the APA General Membership meeting last month, Dave Erskine and his family were presented with a check for \$43,268.28 from the fund rasier the APA held for him. It was very emotional and very cool at the same time. It was a great moment in APA history and having several shifts participate 100% towards this fund raiser was pretty awesome! Carrying the tone of "We are our brothers Keeper"

As President Mike Sheffield mentioned last night, a big "Thank you" to Chief Knee's Office for helping with this and allowing the Commanders to pass this along to their Area Command and making this fund raiser possible.

I also wanted to say a very special "Thank you" to our Executive Director Val Escobar for coming up with this idea. This successful fund raiser through "Payroll Deductions" was her idea. I must say that I have not seen anyone more dedicated to the well being of our Officers than Val Escobar,

Thank You Val for the things you do everyday for us. Stay Safe, -Tank

Let me start off by saying that I am usually not at a loss for words. Those that know me well know that I can talk but the words are all choked up inside me at the moment. This is because of the response to the fundraiser that APA's Val Escobar came up with to benefit my family and I during this difficult time of recovery since my on-duty motorcycle collision.

The collision changed me physically but because of your support it has changed the feeling we have in our hearts. You will never know how truly grateful I am to be a part of such a great family of Officers.

My family and I would like to give a special

Thank You to Police Chief Stan Knee and City Manager Toby Futrell for allowing the fundraiser to take place and to Val Escobar for coming up with the idea. Also we would like to thank all of the retired officers and the families of former officers for their support.

The response to the fundraiser was over whelming and I would love to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart. This is why I am "PROUD TO BE APD".

The phrase "We Are Our Brothers Keeper" needs a little revision. I have a lot of brothers in blue but I also have a lot of sisters in blue. "We Are The Keepers of our Brothers and Sisters".

Thanks again for your support, Dave, Jenee and Katy Erskine