

**FORT LEE POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE**

Date of Press Release: February 28, 2018

Type of Incident: The 2018 Detective Vincent Buda Basketball Classic

Location: Fort Lee High School

Date and time of event: Thursday, March 15, 2018 (6:30PM – 10:30PM) and Friday, March 16, 2018 (6:30PM – 10:30PM)

Ticket Prices: \$1.00 for Children, \$2.00 for Adults

The Fort Lee Police Department will be holding its annual Detective Vincent Buda Basketball Classic for this year's sixth grade elementary school students. The annual elementary school cheerleading competition will also be held at this event, which will include students from any grade within our four elementary schools. This year's basketball tournament will involve approximately eighty male and female students, comprising four teams that will represent each of the four Fort Lee elementary schools. This year's event coordinator will be Police Officer Kester Osaigbovo. A first year coordinator, Police Officer Osaigbovo intends for a family friendly, safe, and memorable event. His focus is geared towards the Fort Lee family and unity at this event.

The Fort Lee Police Department will provide the basketball team uniforms to the players prior to this event. Players have been, and continue to practice prior to the start of school. Cheerleading equipment will be provided to the participants by each school's Parent Teacher Association. Each cheerleading squad will also be led by a school representative who organizes their practices leading up to this event.

At the completion of the tournament, the following trophies will be awarded to participants: the First Place Basketball Trophy, the Second Place Basketball Trophy, the Team Spirit Plaque, the Sportsmanship Plaque, the Male MVP Trophy, the Female MVP Trophy, the First Place Cheerleading Trophy, and the Second Place Cheerleading Trophy. Lastly, the Fort Lee Police Benevolent Association Local #245 has donated prizes to raffle off during both days of the event.

A special thanks to the following associations for providing a presence at this event: The four elementary school Parent Teacher Associations, the Fort Lee Building and Grounds Department, Fort Lee Fire Prevention, the Fort Lee Volunteer Ambulance Corp, Fort Lee Fire Chief Christopher Richter, Fort Lee Police Chief Keith Bendul, Superintendent of Schools Mr. Kenneth Rota, and Fort Lee Mayor Mr. Mark Sokolich.

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