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First DPS Memorial Ride today

Approximately 15 bicycle riders participated in the inaugural DPS Memorial Ride Saturday.

The 40-mile ride started at 8 a.m. at DPS headquarters and ended about four hours later. After the ride ended, a ceremony was held to honor the 83 DPS officers who have died in the line of duty. A wreath was placed in front of the DPS Training Academy to honor those officers who have died.

Proceeds from the ride will go toward a disability fund to assist DPS officers and their families in times of need and toward building a new memorial on DPS grounds to the DPS officers who have been killed in the line of duty.

Texas Highway Patrol Trooper James Colunga of Waxahachie organized the ride.

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