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### **Chicago Area Fire, Police Department Hockey Teams Compete to Support American Brain Tumor Association**

*8<sup>th</sup> Annual "Guns-N-Hoses" Event to be Held Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at Allstate Arena*

(March 11, 2009) Des Plaines, Ill. – Suburban fire and police hockey teams – from Lisle to Lake Bluff – will compete on Saturday, March 21, 2009 to benefit the research and patient/family programs of the American Brain Tumor Association (ABTA). The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Guns N’ Hoses event will be held at the Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Rd., in Rosemont, beginning at noon.

“We are extremely grateful to the suburban firefighters and police officers who are donating their time and talents to support ABTA,” said Elizabeth M. Wilson, ABTA executive director. “Each year, nearly 200,000 Americans are diagnosed with a primary or secondary (metastatic) brain tumor. Events like Guns ‘N Hoses ensure that critical research efforts continue, and that the patients and family members facing this devastating diagnosis receive the resources and support they so desperately need.”

Each year, the Guns-N-Hoses event benefits a different charity. The ABTA was chosen for 2009 as many of the players have been touched by a brain tumor diagnosis, including three players on the Skatin’ Bacon team. Ken Simpson, a detective with the Bolingbrook Police Department, said he is participating in this year’s event to honor his mother who died of a brain tumor.

“My mother is missed every day, but before she left us she taught us passion, faith, love and hope. It is because of her that my family continues to support the American Brain Tumor Association with hope that one day a cure can be found.”

The 2009 Guns N’ Hoses event will include three, one hour and 20 minute matches, beginning at noon: 12 (noon) to 1:20 p.m. - Northwest Suburban Guns vs. Suburban Firefighters; 1:35 to 2:55 p.m. – Chicago FOP Stars vs. Northwest Suburban Hoses; and 3:10 to 4:30 p.m. – Skatin’ Bacon vs. The Hosers.

The teams include firefighters and/or police officers from the following departments: Aurora Bolingbrook, Brookfield, Burr Ridge, Countryside, Downers Grove, Du Page County Sheriff, Elgin, Fox Lake, Glenview, Grayslake, Gurnee, Hanover Park, Hinsdale, Hoffman Estates, Illinois Conservation Police, Lake Forest, Lake Villa, Libertyville, Lisle, McHenry, Mount Prospect, Naperville, Niles, Oakbrook, Palatine, Rockford, Round Lake, Skokie, Waukegan, Wheaton, Wheeling, and WoodDale.

A ticket to the Saturday, March 21st Wolves Game against the Hamilton Bulldogs (7 p.m.) will provide admission to the Guns N’ Hoses event. A portion of the proceeds will go to ABTA. To purchase tickets, please contact Chip Hurt in the Chicago Wolves Ticket Office at 1-800-THE-WOLVES.

The event also will include a raffle and silent auction (cash or check required) featuring autographed Chicago Blackhawks and other NHL jerseys and memorabilia.

*Founded in Chicago in 1973, the American Brain Tumor Association (ABTA) was the first national nonprofit organization dedicated solely to brain tumors. Since then, ABTA has been a consistent leader in brain tumor research, education and support. In 2008, ABTA provided 1.3 million resources and services to patients, families and health care professionals; and awarded more than \$2.6 million to brain tumor researchers. For more information on ABTA programs, visit [www.abta.org](http://www.abta.org), or call 1-800-886-2282.*