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**\*\*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\*\*WALLA WALLA POLICE DEPT\*\*\*\*  
2<sup>nd</sup> annual “Battle of the Badge” charity baseball game is almost sold out**

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Pre-game ticket sales for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual “Battle of the Badge” charity baseball game have outpaced last year’s sales with over 1,900 tickets sold to date. Seating capacity at Borleske Stadium is 2,374. Last year’s game raised \$24,000 for local charities in front of a sold-out crowd. This year’s game is on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at 7:05 p.m.

The Law Enforcement team roster will be comprised of players from Walla Walla Police and Sheriff’s Departments, College Place Police Department, WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, and, new to this year’s lineup—staff from the WA State Penitentiary.

The Fire roster will have players from Walla Walla County Fire District 4, and City of Walla Walla and College Place Fire Departments.

Tickets are available at the Walla Walla Sweets office. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the gate.

***Charities have been selected for this year’s game.***

**Fire** will be playing for ***Girl’s Council***, a non-profit organization that has been in the Walla Walla Valley since 2006. Their mission is a commitment to “empower girls to become strong women” through researched based, gender-specific programming and a residential placement project.

**Law Enforcement** will be playing for ***Impact! Life Transitions Program***, a one-of-a-kind program providing life-changing skills for positive growth in a safe, supportive environment. The program is designed to offer hope to people who need to start their lives over because of a loss or a debilitating circumstance. In addition to advocacy, they offer referrals and connections to community resources. They give individuals the confidence and communication tools necessary for returning to school, or finding employment.

Both charities will have tables set up at the game with information about their programs. They will be accepting donations of items from their “wish lists” and cash. The wish list from each charity includes miscellaneous office supplies and will be posted on the Sweets website and the “Walla Walla Battle of the Badge” Facebook page.

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