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PRESS RELEASE

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**Fort Lauderdale Police**  
**Mounted Unit's Horse Retires**  
**(Ebony's moving on to greener pastures)**

Fort Lauderdale Police Mounted Unit's horse, Ebony, has decided to turn in his police uniform and retire. On Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 1:00pm, the Mounted Unit will throw a retirement party for Ebony, a 19 year old Tennessee Walking Horse, honoring his 15 years of exemplary service with the City.

Ebony was donated in April of 1993. Since then, Ebony has been an extremely dependable horse with a calm demeanor and a good disposition. Ebony is the longest serving Police horse in the 25 year history of the Fort Lauderdale Police Mounted Unit.

Ebony will be retiring and returning to his previous owner, Mrs. Gail Hmielewski, who had donated him. The Fort Lauderdale Mounted Unit has received all of their horses from donations from the public.

The retirement party will be located at the Fort Lauderdale Police Mounted Police Barn at 700 Northeast 9 Street, behind The Office Depot shopping center near Holiday Park.

Please contact Detective Kathy Collins at 954-444-6821 with any questions.

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