

SPD Detective Scott Much

Stage 4 Cancer Patient

Approximately two years ago, Scottsdale Police Detective, Scott Much, received devastating news; he was diagnosed with Stage Four Colon, Liver, and Lung Cancer. Scott's cancer initiated in his colon and had spread to the other aforementioned organs. Scott did not bat an eye but immediately began aggressive chemotherapy treatments in order to shrink the tumors and cease their growth, so that surgeons could remove as much of the cancerous tissue as possible.

Throughout Scott's treatments he has maintained a positive mental attitude and continued to work as a fully functioning detective. After the chemotherapy produced the desired results, Scott underwent a lengthy surgery which successfully eradicated his cancerous tumors from all organs except one. Scott's liver cancer was another matter, as it had spread across both lobes.

Scott sought a more aggressive treatment for his liver cancer and underwent six general anesthesia sessions that bombarded his liver with microscopic radioactive beads. He endured this treatment for five months and only took time off for the procedures, immediately returning to work. Scott knew going into this treatment that there was only a 50% chance the procedure would work. Unfortunately, not only did it not work, Scott's liver tumors increased both in size and number, and the cancer had metastasized into his hip, thus producing a secondary bone cancer.

Refusing to throw in the towel, Scott remained hopeful and positive in his attitude, and he immediately began researching alternative treatments to deal with his new diagnosis. He heard about an aggressive, cutting-edge procedure not yet offered in the U.S., but presently in Canada. This treatment, Loco-Regional Hyperthermia, used in conjunction with chemotherapy and radiation therapy, has produced amazing results in patients with cancer types similar to Scott's. He made arrangements to be treated in Canada at a facility near Vancouver for six weeks. Unfortunately, none of these very expensive treatment costs are covered by Scott's insurance.

Prior to leaving for Canada, Scott received information from his insurance company that he has approximately \$118,000 in disputed medical treatments which must be negotiated. He has already incurred over \$60,000 in out-of-pocket medical expenses, including his current treatment in Canada.

For those of you who have not had the privilege of meeting or working with Scott, he has been with the Scottsdale Police Department for over 14 years. During his career with Scottsdale, he has worked as a Patrol Officer, School Resource Officer, Auto Crimes Detective, and has spent the last nine years as a ROP Detective. Throughout his cancer treatments, Scott has continued to demonstrate exemplary conduct and excellence in performance of his job duties. His work attitude has continued to demonstrate enthusiasm, dedication, and an amazing sense of humor. His commitment to his profession under the most difficult of circumstances exudes a model of perseverance and dedication matched by few.

The net proceeds from the *Guns vs Hoses* football game will specifically be going to Scott and his family. We are asking our SPD family and the citizens we protect to provide support for such a critical and worthwhile cause. Hopefully you can find it in your heart to donate to one of our own. Please see the attached flyer for information and instructions on how to donate.