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(St. George, UT -- March 14, 2008) Policemen and firefighters in St. George, Utah, will receive free wills and other estate planning documents on Friday, March 14, 2008, through *Wills for Heroes*, a Young Lawyers Division of the Utah State Bar program that provides free estate planning services for emergency first responders and their spouses or partners. The Young Lawyers Division has teamed up with the law firm Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLC for the Utah roll-out of *Wills for Heroes*, who is providing computers, printers, volunteers, technical support and other materials for this event. LexisNexis has also provided financial and technical support, allowing the program to expand and serve first responders both in Utah and around the United States.

According to Rachel Terry, one of the program coordinators, Utah attorneys will volunteer on Friday, March 14th, at the St. George police station, 265 N. 200 E. from 2 to 5 PM. Through *Wills for Heroes*, volunteer lawyers meet with the police officers and firefighters to create free estate planning documents.

“It’s very gratifying to use our skills as lawyers to protect the men and women who protect us.” said Rachel Terry.

The Young Lawyers Division is pleased to introduce the Wills for Heroes first in St. George in conjunction with the Utah State Bar’s Spring Convention. According to Stephanie Wilkins Pugsley, Utah Young Lawyers Division President, the Wills for Heroes program will soon be offered to first responders statewide. Pugsley explained that the program will be coming to Salt Lake City in May.

Utah State Bar President V. Lowry Snow applauded the Young Lawyers Division for coordinating this program for Utah’s first responders, where first responders sit down with a volunteer attorney who ask questions and inputs the information into a computer. “Together, they will produce the appropriate legal documents at the site and have it

notarized. The goal is to complete the entire process in one meeting, which lasts about an hour,” he said.

All of Utah’s first responders, (police officers, firefighters, paramedics, corrections, and probation officers) and their spouse or domestic partner are eligible for the Wills for Heroes program, which is coordinated through their employer.

The Young Lawyers Division’s implementation of this program is overseen by the *Wills for Heroes Foundation*, which has helped thousands of first responders nationwide.

About the Young Lawyers Division of the Utah State Bar

Utah attorneys practicing 3 years or fewer or under the age of 36 are members of the Young Lawyers Division, making it the largest section of the Utah State Bar with approximately 2,100 active members. The “YLD” has a well-earned reputation for its record of public service. In addition to Wills for Heroes, the Young Lawyers Division organizes and primarily staffs the Tuesday Night Bar, where lawyers volunteer to meet briefly one-on-one with individuals at no cost. For more information about the Young Lawyers Division visit www.utahyounglawyers.org.

About Wills for Heroes Foundation

The *Wills for Heroes* Foundation works nationwide with affiliate organizations to provide free wills and other estate planning documents to America's first responders, including police officers, firefighters and paramedics. Since November 2001, the Wills for Heroes program has provided more than 7,000 estate planning documents nationwide. Attorneys Anthony Hayes and Jeffrey Jacobson oversee the Wills for Heroes Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Donate to join us in "protecting those who protect us"® at www.willsforheroes.org.

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