



# KANSAS CITY GUNS 'N HOSES FACT SHEET

- Guns 'N Hoses is an exciting charity boxing event featuring Police, Fire and EMT personnel within the greater metropolitan area. Participants are from the Missouri counties of Cass, Clay, Jackson and Platte; and the Kansas counties of Douglas, Johnson, Miami, Shawnee and Wyandotte. Safety is paramount during the event, and all bouts are supervised by USA Boxing, which is the national governing body of amateur boxing in the United States.

- John Brown is a legend in the sport of boxing and the mastermind behind Ringside, Inc., the World's largest distributor of boxing and mixed martial arts (MMA) gear and apparel. He started boxing competitively as an amateur at the age of 13 and became an amateur boxing coach while in college. He continues coaching to this day.

In 1978, John was wearing 3 hats. He worked as an offices for the Jackson County Juvenile Department, ran Tomahawk Boxing Club and got Ringside, Inc off to a running start. Ringside has subsequently been a 24 hour a day, 365 days a year passion of his and he considers himself the luckiest man on the planet to be able to make a living enjoying what he does.

In 2005, John combined his love of boxing with his deep respect and admiration for our Police, Fire and EMT public servants at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Kansas City Guns 'N Hoses event. As he reflects on the upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> Annual celebration, he is proud of the way our corporate community is embracing this tribute to the families of the men and women who put themselves in the line for us each and every day.

- Proceeds from Kansas City Guns 'N Hoses benefit the Kansas City Crime Commission's Surviving Spouse and Family Endowment Fund (SAFE) and juvenile boxing programs throughout the Kansas City Metropolitan area. SAFE provides financial support to spouses and children of Police Officers, Firefighters and Emergency Personnel in the Metropolitan Area that are killed in the line of duty.

- Through 2009, this event has raised \$296,272 for S.A.F.E. and \$142,037 for area amateur boxing programs in the Metropolitan Area.

- SAFE has been called upon 4 times to provide financial assistance to the families of our fallen heroes since its 2003 inception.

- A 20 bout boxing card featuring a team of Police Officers against a team of Firefighter. Both teams represent departments from throughout the Kansas City Metropolitan Area.

- Competitors are first matched by age, then boxing experience, then overall abilities.

- Each year, some 150 competitors apply, a maximum of 50 are selected and matched.

Join us at this great and worthwhile event to support the families of the men and women who have lost their lives in the line of duty while protecting that of ours and our families.