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SINCLAIR FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT FAMILIES OF SLAIN POLICE OFFICERS A "SUCCESS"

Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. (NASDAQ: SBGI) announced today that its fundraiser to benefit the families of slain police officers as well as focused on crime prevention was a huge success, raising over \$340,000. The special community service program was televised on WBFF-TV (FOX 45) in Baltimore, Maryland on Saturday, February 19th and was webcast on several Sinclair television and radio station websites around the country.

Sinclair produced the broadcast after a Baltimore County police officer, Sgt. Bruce A. Prothero, was slain on February 7th. Sgt. Prothero was working off-duty at J. Brown Jewelers and was killed while trying to prevent the jewelry store from being robbed. Prothero leaves behind a wife and five children, including triplets, all under the age of six years.

"We were overwhelmed by the tremendous response to our program," commented David Smith, President of Sinclair. "The telephones began ringing at the start of the program and did not stop until two and a half hours later, shortly before 1:00 a.m. We extended the program by nearly one hour in order to meet the demand of contributors who were calling in." Smith noted that the benefit raised over \$340,000, not including contributions sent by mail and the Internet, which have not yet been counted.

"The community service aspect of the program was very successful," reported Joe DeFeo, News Director of WBFF-TV. DeFeo continued, "We had a tremendous mix of local, state and federal officials who participated in roundtable discussions on ways to better protect the public, our families and our communities." Appearing on the broadcast were Baltimore City Mayor Martin O'Malley and Baltimore County Executive Dutch Ruppersburger who highlighted the positive benefits of their unique cooperative agreement in serving outstanding arrest warrants in the city and the county. Other roundtable participants included Maryland State Police Superintendent David Mitchell, Baltimore City Police Commissioner Ron Daniels, and Johnny Hughes of the Federal High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program. In pre-recorded appearances, Congressmen Benjamin L. Cardin (D-MD-3) and Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. (R-MD-2), addressed federal efforts to reduce crime in the Baltimore metropolitan area.

Telephone contributions were received from callers in Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington, D.C. and Maryland. Final tallies for Internet viewers are not yet available