



# Chicago Ride of Silence

**Date: Wednesday, May 18, 2011**

**Time: Gather at 6 p.m., Depart at 7 p.m.**

**Place: Eternal Flame (Daley Plaza) Chicago**

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Join the Chicago Ride of Silence, a silent procession of bicyclists to honor those who have been killed or injured while bicycling on public roadways. The Ride also aims to raise awareness that cyclists have a right to share the roads.

The Ride of Silence is a 10 mile route set to pass by the sites of local crash victims. The sites are marked by Ghost Bikes – bicycles painted white – which serve as powerful memorials to fallen cyclists.

- All cyclists welcome to participate in the Ride of Silence
- All cyclists encouraged to wear helmets
- All cyclists also encouraged to use bikes equipped with headlights in the likely event the ride continues past dusk. (By law, headlights are required at night.)
- All cyclists asked to ride no faster than 12 mph and remain silent during the procession
- All cyclists asked to wear black arm bands in solidarity with victims, or red arm bands to signify a personal injury from a bike/motor vehicle accident
- Free event (recommended donations \$1 per rider for a Ride of Silence pin)

The Ride of Silence is a global event held annually since 2003. Last year, over 300 locations participated worldwide. This year's Chicagoland locations include Chicago, Arlington Heights, Bartlett, Downers Grove, Evanston, Joliet, Oak Park, Peoria and Urbana.

**One day. One Time. World wide.**

*For more information on the Chicago Ride of Silence go to*

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