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ALL ACTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIREFIGHTERS, MILITARY PERSONNEL AND ONE GUEST RECEIVE FREE ADMISSION TO 2012 WASTE MANAGEMENT PHOENIX OPEN

PHOENIX, Ariz. – In honor of the men and women who actively serve this country in law enforcement, emergency services and the armed forces, they along with one accompanied guest are invited to be guests of The Thunderbirds (free of charge) at the upcoming Waste Management Phoenix Open, January 30th – February 5th at the TPC Scottsdale. This is the 11th year that the Thunderbirds have extended this free invitation.

All law enforcement, firefighters and military personnel **and one accompanied** guest will be admitted free of charge every day at the 2012 Waste Management Phoenix Open. Eligible personnel (sworn officers) must present their **official department ID or badge** at any ticket booth at the main tournament entrance. Business cards and pay stubs will not be accepted as forms of ID. Tickets are limited to two per day, per each official department ID. Standard tournament spectator policies will be in enforced, including no firearms allowed.

“It’s a small gesture, but we cannot thank the men and women who serve this great country enough for all they do.” said 2012 Waste Management Phoenix Open Tournament Chairman Alex Clark. “On behalf of the Thunderbirds and Waste Management, we thank you for your service to our country.”

At the 2011 Waste Management Phoenix Open, more than 1,100 service personnel and family members took advantage of this offer, and since the program’s inception in 2002, an average of 2,250 people per year have benefited from this opportunity.

The Waste Management Phoenix Open will be played January 30 – February 5, 2012, at the TPC Scottsdale. The tournament host Thunderbirds have raised more than \$75 million for charities, with more than \$45 million generated since 2004. The 2012 edition will mark the 77th playing of the event, making it one of the five oldest events on the PGA TOUR (not including the major championships). Title sponsor Waste Management, Inc., based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. Through its

subsidiaries, the company provides collection, transfer, recycling and resource recovery, and disposal services. It is also a leading developer, operator and owner of waste-to-energy and landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. The company's customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America. For more information on Waste Management visit wm.com or thinkgreen.com. For more information on the Waste Management Phoenix Open, visit wmphoenixopen.com.

