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**Granite Partners with Quincy Police Lieutenant
to Raise Funds to Help Fund a Cure for ALS**

Company's Weekly Fundraiser Benefits Hanover-based ALS ONE

(June 9, 2016)-Quincy, MA— Granite Telecommunications, LLC, a provider of communications solutions to businesses, raised **\$5,726** for ALS ONE (www.alsone.org), a Hanover-based nonprofit organization committed to finding a treatment for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) within the next four years and improving the care for people diagnosed with the disease. Granite became involved with ALS ONE after Lieutenant Kevin Tobin of the Quincy Police Department reached out to the company with news that his father had recently been diagnosed with ALS.

Not long after learning of his father's diagnosis, Lieut. Tobin and the Tobin family were connected with ALS ONE, an unprecedented partnership of many of the best ALS scientists and clinicians from top Massachusetts institutions, including Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), UMass Medical School, ALS Therapy Development Institute and Compassionate Care ALS. Lieut. Tobin, a longtime member of the Quincy Police Department, knew of Granite's weekly fundraisers and charitable work in the community, and so he approached the company for help in supporting his family's efforts to combat ALS with ALS ONE. Less than a week later Lieut. Tobin was invited to Granite's headquarters to tour the building with Granite teammates and raise money and awareness for his cause.



Lieutenant Tobin, his sister Teresa Byrne who is also raising funds to benefit ALS ONE, and their father who is living with ALS

"My family is incredibly grateful to Granite Telecommunications for their support of ALS ONE," said Lieut. Kevin Tobin of the Quincy Police Department. "We have seen first-hand how devastating the disease of ALS is and we are working with ALS ONE to help raise funds for critical research and care."

ALS ONE was founded by Hanover resident Kevin Gosnell, a husband, father of three and small business owner, after he was diagnosed with ALS in May 2015. He immediately put to use the skills he cultivated as a CEO to create a new business that gathers the best minds in the ALS community to work together towards achieving their common goal of finding a cure for the disease.

“I have always believed in the power of a team and that is the foundation for ALS ONE, uniting the best minds to work together to help expedite progress to eliminating the disease and providing needed care for those suffering,” said Kevin Gosnell, founder of ALS ONE and person living with ALS. “We are extremely grateful to Granite and the Tobin family for their contributions to ALS ONE that will help us towards our goal of funding critical research and care.”

For more information about ALS ONE or to make a donation, visit www.alsone.org.

About Jeans Day

Through weekly Jeans Days, held every Friday, Granite employees have the option to wear business casual attire or jeans with a donation of \$3 to the selected charity. Each week, the Granite Cares Committee, comprised of Granite employees, chooses a qualifying nonprofit organization nominated by other employees. Granite then matches the amount raised by employees.

About Granite

Granite provides voice, data and other related communications products and services to multi-location businesses and governmental agencies throughout the United States and Canada. Granite furnishes services to more than two-thirds of the Fortune 100 companies in the United States, and 1.5 million voice and data lines under management. Granite employs over 1,600 people at the company’s headquarters in Quincy, MA, and offices in Atlanta, GA, Chicago, IL and Dallas, TX, Miami, FL, New York, NY, Orlando, FL and Providence, RI. For more information, visit www.granitenet.com.