

*Minnesota Chapter
Concerns of Police Survivors*

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2017 UPCOMING MEETINGS

June 24th at Cowboy Bob's Woodbury 2:00pm

October 14th at Best Western Capital Ridge 4:00pm

2017 UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ National Police Week—May
- ❖ National COPS Retreats
- ❖ Minnesota Police Week--May
 - Wreath Laying-Candlelight Vigil
 - Department and Area Ceremonies
- ❖ Cowboy Jack's Woodbury June
- ❖ Fallen Officer Memorial Ride, July
- ❖ Wild Bills Fundraiser-Law Enforcement Appreciation August
- ❖ Officer Shawn Silvera Run August
- ❖ Blue Light Ceremony
- ❖ Holiday Event December

Information about upcoming events and meetings will be posted on Facebook and website. If you need assistance contact board member.

President's Message

I would like to thank the newly elected board members for volunteering their time and talents to Minnesota COPS.

As we start getting ready for summer, the board is starting to plan for the Blue Light service in October. This year we are going to remember the EOW anniversary of our fallen officers. I have enclosed the list of those we will honor. We will be attempting to contact families and department of these officers. If

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you can be of any assistance with locating survivors, please contact board member.

Remember the fallen: This is the list of fallen officers to be honored at the Blue Light Ceremony.

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| 5 year | 2012 | Thomas Edward Decker | November 29, 2012 | Cold Spring Police Department |
| 10 year | 2007 | Mark Bedard | November 9, 2007 | Minneapolis Park Police Department |
| 20 year | 1997 | Timothy Joseph Bowe | June 7, 1997 | Minnesota State Patrol |
| 25 year | 1992 | Jerome Victor "Jerry" Haaf | September 25, 1992 | Minneapolis Police Department |
| | | Lester Kohler | December 4 1992 | Mahnomen County Sheriff's Department |
| 30 years | 1987 | Alfred Biagi | November 26 1987 | St. Paul Police Department |
| | | Edwin H. Arendt | November 3, 1987 | Stearns County Sheriff's Department |
| 35 years | 1982 | Richard Warren Walton | October 25, 1982 | Oakdale Police Department |
| | | James William Anderson | August 31, 1982 | Wayzata Police Department |
| | | Bruce M. Russell | May 16, 1982 | Roseville Police Department |
| 40 years | 1977 | Trenwirth Basford | August 25 1977 | FBI |
| | | Mark Kirkland | August 25 1977 | FBI |
| | | Jack Dean Werner | May 17, 1977 | Olmsted County Sheriff's Department |
| | | Donald Anthony Mayerle | November 15, 1977 | Keewatin Police Department |
| | | Curtis John Ramsdell | July 30, 1977 | Columbia Heights Police Department |
| | | George Edward Raymond Ryti | September 16, 1977 | Wright County Sheriff's Office. |
| | | Junita Badavinac | March 28, 1977 | Itasca County Sheriff's Department |
| | | Trenwirth Basford | August 25 1977 | FBI |
| 45 years | 1972 | Howard Louis Johnson | August 16, 1972 | Roseville Police Department |
| | | Joseph G. Pudlick | February 4, 1972 | Minneapolis Police Department |
| | | Lawrence Paul Felcyn | June 25, 1972 | Redwood County Sheriff's Department |
| 50 years | 1967 | Inno H. Suck | September 30, 1972 | Minneapolis Police Department |
| | | Edgar Allen Culbertson | April 30 1967 | U.S. Coast Guard Office of Law Enforcement |
| | | Floyd Joseph Haley | August 6, 1967 | Rochester Police Department |
| 75 years | 1942 | George Washington Bridwell | January 9, 1942 | Dilworth Police Department |
| 80 years | 1937 | Richard G. Hinshaw | October 1, 1937 | St. Paul Police Department |
| | | Georgianna Sharrot | June 14, 1937 | Minneapolis Police Department |
| 85 years | 1932 | Harold Hagen | August 3, 1932 | Minneapolis Police Department |
| | | Ira Leon Evans | December 16, 1932 | Minneapolis Police Department |
| | | Nels Berglin | April 12, 1932 | Forest Lake Police Department |
| | | James G Harney | September 23 1932 | ATF |
| | | Leo R. Gorski | December 18, 1932 | Minneapolis Police Department |
| | | Rudolph A. Fischer | August 5, 1932 | Dakota County Sheriff's Office |
| 95 years | 1922 | Hughes Van Etten | September 29, 1922 | Koochiching County Sheriff's Department |
| | | Joseph E. Kreager | May 26, 1922 | Minnesota Department of Natural Resources - Enforcement Division |
| | | Wilbert McMicken | September 19, 1922 | International Falls Police Department |
| | | August Olson | March 19, 1922 | Minnesota Department of Natural Resources - Enforcement Division |

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| | | George Albert Stegner | October 12, 1922 | St. Paul Police Department |
| | | John C. Nugent, Jr. | July 22, 1922 | Wright County Sheriff's Office |
| | | Rudolph Maurer | November 23, 1922 | Wright County Sheriff's Office |
| | | William W. McClintock | April 4, 1922 | St. Paul Police Department |
| | | Christian Johnson | October 5, 1922 | Lyle Police Department |
| | | George Williams | July 29, 1922 | Village Marshall-Hewitt Todd County |
| 100 years | 1917 | George Connery | April 24, 1917 | Minneapolis Police Department |
| 105 years | 1912 | Norman Helmer | August 8, 1912 | Beltrami County Sheriff's Department |
| | | William J Lyden | November 21 1912 | Minneapolis Police Department |
| 110 years | 1907 | James C. Daily | January 16, 1907 | Red Wing Police Department |
| | | John Peterson | January 16, 1907 | Red Wing Police Department |
| 115 years | 1902 | James William Finn | June 3, 1902 | St. Paul Police Department |
| | | Charles Mayer | February 1, 1902 | St. Paul Police Department |
| 120 years | 1897 | Charles Wetsel | October 1, 1897 | Minnesota Department of Natural Resources - Enforcement Division |

LEMA is working on Minnesota Memorial License Plates



This spring Minnesota Law Enforcement Association worked with Representative Quam and Senator Cornist to enact a bill establishing law enforcement memorial special license plates. Bill HF 678 in House and SH 513 in Senate. Plate related donations would be distributed to the Minnesota Law Enforcement Association for ongoing support of their programs. During the Senate and House hearings on the bill, LEMA asked to have survivors present in the audience and to

speak at the hearing. Several LEMA members, Michelle Patrick, and Donna Wilken testified.

Remembering:

Article & Photo credited to MPR news



Shirley Foss, age 89, of Cannon Falls, died Sunday, March 12, 2017 at the Kenyon Sunset Home in Kenyon. **Shirley Foss** was Minnesota State Patrol Corporal Ted Foss's mother. Shirley among many things truly was a mother who was very passionate about remembering Ted and his sacrifice and was instrumental in the Ted Foss Move Over Law being created. Foss was killed Aug. 31, 2000, by a passing vehicle as he responded to a crash on the shoulder of Interstate 90 in Winona, Minnesota. Under the "Ted Foss Move Over Law," motorists traveling on a road with two or more lanes must move

one full lane away from stopped emergency vehicles that have flashing lights activated. Drivers must reduce speed if they are unable to safely move over a lane. Fines can top \$100.

His mother, 88-year-old Shirley Foss, says the heartache she felt that day has not diminished. "My worst fears became a reality," said Foss, "I wake up every day thinking Ted will still walk through the door at any moment. And he would be alive today if the driver would have just moved over and let Ted do his job in a safe way."

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Shirley Renee Foss was born on December 20, 1927 in Cannon Falls, the daughter of Benjamin C. and Dorothy (Benson) Holmes. She grew up in the Cannon Falls area and went to country school. Shirley graduated from Cannon Falls High School in 1945 and then attended Normal School. She taught school for a year before her marriage to LeRoy Foss. She then stayed home and raised her family. After her children were grown, Shirley returned to school at Mankato State College. She worked as a substitute teacher in the Kenyon and West Concord School Districts. She and LeRoy moved to Bagley, Minnesota where they lived for several years. Shirley was very proud of her Swedish heritage, and was the owner and manager of Hembygd, a Scandinavian gift store there. When LeRoy became ill, they returned to Cannon Falls. Shirley was a Past President of the Kenyon VFW Auxiliary, and a Past Chairwoman of the Goodhue County Democratic Party. Her faith was very important to her. She was a member of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenyon and Faith Lutheran in Bagley. She was active in the Ladies' Aid and taught Sunday School.

A memorial visitation for Shirley was held on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at the Lundberg Funeral Home in Cannon Falls with Interment at later date at the Kenyon Community Cemetery.

Survivors include her children Christine Foss, William (Ami) Foss, Mariana (Mike) McDonald, Julia (Bob) Miller, Theron Homeier-Foss, and Ramona (Ken) Djernes, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, sisters-in-law Marilyn Schaper, Ceal Foss, JoAnne Holmes, and Helen Holmes, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband LeRoy, her sons Eric, Paul, and Theodore (Ted) Foss, her parents Chester and Dorothy Holmes, and siblings Dolores Wrolstad, Yvonne Seidel, Carmen Lilleboe, John Holmes, and Roger Holmes.

We honor you! We will remember Ted's sacrifice!



Minnesota Fallen Officers: March



Jailer Thomas Carroll
Goodhue County Sheriff's Department,
EOW: Tuesday, March 10, 2009



Special Agent Thomas John Wyatt
Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
EOW: Wednesday, March 3, 2004



Patrolman Ward Lee Canfield
Minneapolis Police Department, MN
EOW: Thursday, March 2, 2000



Deputy Sheriff Terry Francis Hanson
Rice County Sheriff's Department, MN
EOW: Friday, March 11, 1994



Deputy Sheriff Terry Francis Hanson
Rice County Sheriff's Department, MN
EOW: Friday, March 11, 1994



Lieutenant Earl James Kennicutt
Ramsey County Sheriff's Department,
MN EOW: Wednesday, March 2, 1988



Deputy Sheriff Junita Badavinac
Itasca County Sheriff's Department, MN
EOW: Monday, March 28, 1977



Reserve Officer William H. Freytag
Rochester Police Department, MN
EOW: Monday, March 13, 1961



Patrolman Donald T. McHale
Minneapolis Police Department, MN
EOW: Sunday, March 25, 1951



Game Warden Charles V. Masoner
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources -
Enforcement Division, MN
EOW: Saturday, March 22, 1941



Police Officer Axel J. Soderberg
St. Paul Police Department, MN
EOW: Tuesday, March 20, 1928



Conservation Officer August Olson
Minnesota Department of Natural
Resources - Enforcement Division, MN
EOW: Sunday, March 19, 1922

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April



Sergeant Gary Dale Wilson
Duluth Police Department, MN
EOW: Tuesday, April 10, 1990



Police Officer John J. O'Brien
St. Paul Police Department, MN
EOW: Thursday, April 16, 1981



Patrolman Richard L. Bergquist
Minneapolis Police Department, MN
EOW: Monday, April 7, 1969



Conservation Officer Gilmer Fred Keeler
Minnesota Department of Natural
Resources - Enforcement Division
EOW: Sunday, April 21, 1968



Detective Fred W. Nolan
St. Cloud Police Department, MN
EOW: Sunday, April 29, 1934



Trooper William S. Kozlak
Minnesota State Patrol, MN
EOW: Wednesday, April 25, 1934



Marshal Nels Berglin
Forest Lake Police Department, MN
EOW: Tuesday, April 12, 1932



Conservation Officer Joseph Twaddle
Minnesota Department of Natural
Resources - Enforcement Division, MN
EOW: Friday, April 25, 1930



Police Officer William W. McClintock
St. Paul Police Department, MN
EOW: Tuesday, April 4, 1922



Officer George Connery
Minneapolis Police Department, MN
EOW: Tuesday, April 24, 1917



Lieutenant Arthur Briggs
Duluth Police Department, MN
EOW: Tuesday, April 28, 1908



May



Sergeant Joseph Anthony Bergeron
Maplewood Police Department, MN
EOW: Saturday, May 1, 2010



Police Officer David Richard Loeffler
Minneapolis Police Department, MN
EOW: Friday, May 29, 2009



Officer Peter Jay Resch
Wadena Police Department, MN
EOW: Thursday, May 19, 2005



Sergeant Gerald Dennis Vick
St. Paul Police Department, MN
EOW: Friday, May 6, 2005



Deputy Sheriff John Warren Liebenstein
Rice County Sheriff's Department, MN
EOW: Friday, May 3, 1996



Police Officer Paul K. Moen
Minneapolis Police Department, MN
EOW: Saturday, July 1, 1995



Police Officer Bruce M. Russell
Roseville Police Department, MN
EOW: Sunday, May 16, 1982



Reserve Officer Eugene L. Cousins
North Mankato Police Department, MN
EOW: Sunday, May 6, 1979



Deputy Sheriff Jack Dean Werner
Olmsted County Sheriff's Department
EOW: Tuesday, May 17, 1977



Patrolman Leo M. Bessner
Minneapolis Police Department, MN
EOW: Monday, May 12, 1958

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Patrolman Adolpf G. Karpinsky
Minneapolis Police Department, MN
EOW: Thursday, May 22, 1941



Patrolman Ben J. Lehman
Minneapolis Police Department, MN
EOW: Sunday, May 3, 1936



Deputy Sheriff Walter James Bowman
Mille Lacs County Sheriff's Department
EOW: Sunday, May 27, 1934



Special Patrolman Peter Erath
Minneapolis Police Department, MN
EOW: Saturday, May 26, 1934



Special Deputy C. Arthur Lyman
Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, MN
EOW: Tuesday, May 22, 1934



Conservation Officer Norman D. Fairbanks
Minnesota Department of Natural
Resources - Enforcement Division, MN
EOW: Saturday, May 3, 1930



Patrolman Clayton J. Seawell
Minneapolis Police Department, MN
EOW: Saturday, May 4, 1929



Conservation Officer Frank J. Appel
Minnesota Department of Natural
Resources - Enforcement Division, MN
EOW: Friday, May 8, 1925



Police Officer John Francis McDermott
Rosemount Police Department, MN
EOW: Tuesday, May 22, 1923



Conservation Officer Joseph E. Kreager
Minnesota Department of Natural
Resources - Enforcement Division, MN
EOW: Friday, May 26, 1922



Officer Nels C. Anderson
Minneapolis Police Department, MN
EOW: Wednesday, May 31, 1916



Officer Otto G. Ostby
Minneapolis Police Department, MN
EOW: Wednesday, May 19, 1915



Police Officer Louis Joachim
Faribault Police Department, MN
EOW: Monday, May 6, 1895



Police Officer James T. Sackett, Sr.
St. Paul Police Department, MN
EOW: Friday, May 22, 1970

June



Conservation Officer Grant Scott Coyour
Minnesota Department of Natural
Resources - Enforcement Division, MN
EOW: Friday, June 11, 1999



Corporal Timothy Joseph Bowe
Minnesota State Patrol, MN
EOW: Saturday, June 7, 1997



Deputy Sheriff Curtis Alan Felt
Douglas County Sheriff's Department
EOW: Thursday, June 29, 1978



Deputy Sheriff Lawrence Paul Felcyn
Redwood County Sheriff's Department
EOW: Sunday, June 25, 1972



Chief of Police Gerald Boos
St. Francis Police Department, MN
EOW: Saturday, June 10, 1967



Patrolman Paul D. Renner
New Ulm Police Department, MN
EOW: Thursday, June 23, 1966



Police Officer Alfred V. Sandquist
St. Paul Police Department, MN
EOW: Thursday, June 18, 1959



Deputy Sheriff James Russell Johnson
Mille Lacs County Sheriff's Department
EOW: Friday, June 12, 1959

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Patrolman Fred A. Babcock, Jr.
Richfield Department of Public Safety
EOW: Saturday, June 4, 1949



Sergeant John W. O'Neil
Minneapolis Police Department, MN
EOW: Wednesday, June 7, 1944



Officer Roy Robert Fitch
Worthington Police Department, MN
EOW: Sunday, June 19, 1938



Patrolman Georgianna Sharrot
Minneapolis Police Department, MN
EOW: Monday, June 14, 1937



Chief of Police Allen H. Johnson
Fergus Falls Police Department, MN
EOW: Wednesday, June 20, 1934



Police Officer Mathew Weiss
St. Paul Police Department, MN
EOW: Saturday, June 17, 1933



Police Officer Calbert H. Leedom
St. Paul Police Department, MN
EOW: Sunday, June 20, 1926



Officer George Woessner
Minneapolis Police Department, MN
EOW: Tuesday, June 24, 1919



Police Officer Michael J. Sullivan
St. Paul Police Department, MN
EOW: Friday, June 26, 1914



Police Officer James William Finn
St. Paul Police Department, MN
EOW: Tuesday, June 3, 1902



Sheriff Joseph Rogers
McLeod County Sheriff's Department
EOW: Friday, June 26, 1896



Police Officer Thomas C. McCarrick
St. Paul Police Department, MN
EOW: Friday, June 19, 1891



Police Officer Daniel O'Connell
St. Paul Police Department, MN
EOW: Saturday, June 17, 1882

Fallen Officers outside of Minnesota with family in Minnesota



Deputy Sheriff Kory Elwyn Dahlvig
Vilas County Sheriff's Department, WI
EOW: Sunday, April 25, 2010

Special Agent Gary Paul Friedli
US Dept of Treasury – Customs Service
EOW: Wednesday, March 4, 1998

2017 Police Week

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. The Memorial Service began in 1982. Decades later, the event, more commonly known as National Police Week, has grown to a series of events which attracts thousands of survivors and law enforcement officers to our Nation's Capital each year.

National Police Week Schedule for 2017

- **Tuesday, May 2, 2017 Annual Blue Mass** will be held at 12:10 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church
- **Friday, May 12, 2017 Police Unity Tour Arrival Ceremony** will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.
- **Saturday, May 13, 2017 29th Annual Candlelight Vigil** will be held at 8:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

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- **Sunday, May 14, 2017 Annual Emerald Society/Pipe Band Memorial March & Service FOP DC Lodge Events:**
- **Annual Steve Young National Honor Guard Competition and Pipe Band Competition**
Hosted by the Fraternal Order of Police and takes place at the Grant Statue. Time: 8:00 a.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m.
- **Monday, May 15, 2017 36th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service** will be held on the West Front of the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C. The Service begins at 11:00 a.m. and is expected to run approximately 2 hours. The Wreath Laying Ceremony will be held immediately following the Memorial Service

The FOP DC Lodge will be hosting the local daily events at 1880 2nd Street SW Washington DC. The event open 11:00 a.m. till 2:00 am on 13th, 14th, 15th and goes until 2 a.m.

National Police Survivors Conference and C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens two-day conference, (May 14, 16,) sponsored by Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) where family and co-worker survivors have opportunities to receive support to understanding grief, prepare for trial, learn new coping skills, and build connections with others. School aged children of fallen officers spend the day at Quantico taking part in activities specially tailored for their age.

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- The Law Enforcement Memorial Association (LEMA) sponsors the **Standing of the Memorial Guard at the Law Enforcement Memorial** on the State Capital Grounds which will commence on **May 14, 2016 at 7:00pm**. This vigil will continue throughout the night till 7:00pm the 15th.
- During the vigil, family and coworkers have the opportunity to lay a wreath in honor of fallen officers. See Minnesota Law Enforcement website for ordering wreath and registration for time you want to lay the wreath for your fallen officer.
- Following the vigil is a **Candlelight Service** also held at the Peace Officers Memorial. The ceremony will begin on Sunday May 15th at 7:25pm. A reception hosted by MPPOA will follow the event and will take place at the St. Paul National Guard Armory across the street at 600 Cedar Street.
- **54th Annual Saint Paul Police Department Memorial Day** at noon, **Wednesday, May 18**, in Mears Park 221 5th St. E., Saint Paul.
- **Hastings Police Department Police Week Open House. May 16, 2017 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM** at 150 3rd Street East Hastings, Minnesota 55033. Police Week is a national event that honors the men and women who have served or sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. Join us for our third annual Police Week celebration. Sibley Street will be closed between 3rd and 4th Street and filled with law enforcement vehicles for kids to explore. Meet some of your local police officers, sheriffs, and other law enforcement. Tour the station and enjoy a barbeque and treats with us.
- Ramsey County Sheriff and Police Departments, Minneapolis Police Department and other memorials are planned—check with your local department for details

Upcoming events:

Officer Scott Patrick Ride July 22, 2017

- ❑ **Renegade Pigs fundraiser for MN C.O.P.S. at Cowboy Jacks** in Woodbury on **June 24th** from 4:00pm to 8:00pm
- ❑ **Fallen Officer Memorial Ride in memory of Officer Scott Patrick.** South St. Paul VFW. July 22, 2017. Ride registration at 9:00am till 11:00am with ride starting at 11:15am. Come join the fun—Upon return to the VFW there will be

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food, live music raffles and party rocking on 5:00pm – midnight. Website: www.minnesotacharityriders.org for more details.

- ☐ **Officer Shawn Silvera Run.** Saturday, August 19. Join us to help honor Shawn’s memory, celebrate his legacy, and pay tribute to our community! Pre-registration opens on Monday, May 1. Race day registration is available at 7 am. Run begins at Lino Lakes YMCA at 8:00 am. www.shawnsilvera.org for more information.

Retreats: Contact board member for any additional information or attending retreats.

Adult Children's Retreat June 16 – 19, 2017

C.O.P.S. Kids Camp July 23 – 29, 2017

Fiancés/Significant Others Retreat August 18–21, 2017

Spouses Retreat Friday, September 22, 2017

Extended Family Retreat October 13–16, 2017

Young Adults Camp June 26 – 30, 2017

Siblings Retreat September 8 – 11, 2017

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Co-Workers Retreat October 6 – 9, 2017

Parents Retreat October 27 – 30, 2017

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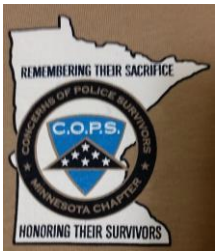
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Concerns of Police Survivors began in 1984; with the mission: Rebuilding shattered lives of survivors and co-workers affected by line of duty deaths, through partnerships with law enforcement and the community.

In February 2005 the MN Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors became a reality. Our chapter is about extending a helping hand for the emotional well-being of those who have suffered the loss of a loved one, friend or co-worker in the line of duty.

We are survivors helping survivors.

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