

Concerns of Police Survivors

2012 MN C.O.P.S. Blue Light Ceremony Law Enforcement Memorial – St. Paul

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October 20, 2012 is the date for this year's Blue Light Ceremony. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending this special event. As most of you know, the past two years this ceremony had to be cancelled due to the weather. As a result we have moved it to October 20th in hopes Mother Nature will be a bit more accommodating.

This year's event will begin at 4:30 PM at the Best Western Kelly Inn located at 161 St. Anthony Ave., in St. Paul. The Kelly Inn is just a few blocks west of the Law Enforcement Memorial. For a map to the Kelly Inn, click on the web site below. There will be a lunch buffet at Kelly Inn prior to the service.

The Blue Light Service will begin at the Law Enforcement Memorial at 6:30 PM. Please respond to one of the following before October 15th if you plan on attending. We need a count so we can plan the number of lunches needed. This year the ceremony will **NOT** be cancelled!

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Hotel Map Web-Site: <http://www.bestwesternstpaul.com/location.php>

Special points of interest:

- Blue Light Service
- Officer Dave Longbehn
- LOD Anniversaries
- Kids Camp
- Family Fun Fest

Officer David Longbehn – St. Paul Police Dept.

On September 16, 2012 MN C.O.P.S. held its meeting at the New Brighton Police Department. Our guest speaker that day was Officer Dave Longbehn of the St. Paul Police Department. Officer Longbehn spoke of his encounter with the “individual” who had shot and killed Sgt. Joe Bergeron of the Maplewood Police Department on May 1, 2010.

Officer Longbehn spoke of the fight for his life with the suspect. It was truly an incredible story and a moving experience as he spoke with us. At the end of his talk, Officer Longbehn was gracious enough to take questions from the audience.

Officer Longbehn began his talk by telling the group that he is not a hero, that Sgt. Joe Bergeron is the hero in his story. And we all agree Sgt. Bergeron is a hero. So this drove me to look up the word Hero in the Webster Dictionary and here is what I found:

HERO:

- a: a mythological or legendary figure often of divine descent with great strength or ability
- b: a warrior
- c: a man admired for his achievements and qualities
- d: one who shows great courage

Shawn Silvera 5K Run

The Shawn Silvera 5K Run was held August 25, 2012 at the Long Lake Regional Park in New Brighton. Once again the event was a huge success and enjoyed by many adults and children. Events included the 5K Run, the 2K Family Walk, the Daisy Dash Kids Fun Run, and games for the kids. You can visit the website for this event by clicking on the link below.

<http://www.shawnsilvera.org/run>



C.O.P.S. Kids Camp

By Jennifer Silvera Lindemer, Widow to Officer Shawn Silvera, Lino Lakes Police Department (EOW 9-6-05).

This summer my children and I attended C.O.P.S. Kids Camp sponsored by Concerns of Police Survivors in East Troy, Wisconsin along with 300 children and parents or grandparents from across the nation. The week long program is filled with fun camp activities and supplemented with age-appropriate counseling sessions. Everything from arts and crafts to camp fire skits, zip-lining, fishing and canoeing encourage a team building approach to help families cope with grief.

My children were fascinated with the fact that we each had our own bunk house. Madelynn stayed in the "Princess Palace" with ten other seven-year olds. Jordan was in the eight-year old "Star Wars" bungalow. Two of my bunk-mates were from Minnesota. In true camp fashion, we stayed in a cabin with ten other moms where we lucked out with luxurious top bunks (not by choice, simply the last option)! Nothing feels more like camping than a sleeping bag, lumpy pillow and crawling up a ladder to go to bed at night.

In true gratitude my week was supported and strengthened by meeting two new wonderful friends, Andi Mathieu; widow to Mark Bedard, Minneapolis Park Police Department (EOW: 11-9-07) and Ilana Pollitz; widow to Mike Pollitz, St. Louis Park Police Department (EOW: 11-30-11). Ilana said, "The highlight of camp would be the bonding experience that not only the kids get but the adults as well. It is nice to be around so many people with similar stories and experiences. You begin to feel like you are not alone."

Every night after snack time, I would help my kids shower off the dirt, grime, sun-screen and bug-spray from a day full of adventure. One night when I was tucking Madelynn into bed one of her cabin-mates asked me, "Did Maddi's daddy die?" I said yes to this precious girl with chocolate-cream eyes and brown matching hair like my daughter's. "Then she's just like me!" the little girl replied with a beaming smile that told me she was happy to find a friend who shared her story.

At breakfast the next morning I met my kids in the cafeteria, their trays filled with Captain Crunch cereal and French toast. When my son, Jordan, saw me he looked up with a little milk on his chin and said, "Thanks so much, Mom, for bringing me here."

The experience of camp was a revelation to me that no matter what age, there is comfort when we connect with others. Our lives are made up of stories--many beautiful ones and some very sad and painful. Though our details are unique, we each have a story to share. Sharing helps us never to forget. Our shared stories have the power to heal.



Biking Across America

On August 2, 2012 some of our Survivors got together at Wild Bill's Restaurant in Woodbury, MN to meet Jim & Jeanne Caverly. Jim is Bicycling Across America to raise money for C.O.P.S. and is hoping to raise \$30,000. Jim is a retired FBI agent and he and Jeanne have spent about 23 years helping with the various retreats that C.O.P.S. offers. Their journey started in Florence, Oregon and will end in Bar Harbor, Maine. While Jim rides the bicycle, his wife Jeanne follows behind in their truck pulling their RV. They are enjoying every inch of their trip, hearing many stories and meeting many friends – old and new – along the way

You can follow their journey and/or donate at www.BicyclingAcrossAmericaForCOPS.org

Family Funfest and 5/K Run

The 2nd annual Family Funfest and 5K run was held at Colby Lake Park in Woodbury, Minnesota on Sunday, August 19th. The money raised from this event will benefit National and MN C.O.P.s. Woodbury Police Officer Tony Ofstead is the creator of this event and the event is growing into a very large, active and fun festival for families and for all to honor and pay tribute to all fallen law enforcement officers. Volunteers for the MN Chapter of C.O.P.s staffed a tent with table games for all the young children who wanted to participate and have fun. The weather was perfect and the turnout was large and exciting. Please mark your calendars for this great event next year and hopefully you will be able to participate in the fun and excitement.



Anniversary Dates: Line of Duty Deaths

We will now be listing the Line of Duty Death Anniversaries. For this newsletter we will do August, September, and October. The next newsletter will be November and December. We will then list them on a quarterly basis beginning in 2013. If you know of a name that should be in here and is missing, please let us know.

Line of Duty Death Anniversaries: These are listed first by month, day, and year the officer was killed.

8/1/2002	Melissa Schmidt	Minneapolis Police Department
8/2/1978	Richard Magnuson	Roseau County Sheriff's Office
8/2/1988	Donald Francis Reimann	Carver County Sheriff's Office
8/3/1888	Hans Hanson	St. Paul Police Department
8/3/1919	Paul Gottfried	St. Paul Police Department
8/3/1932	Harold Hagen	Minneapolis Police Department
8/5/1932	Rudolph A Fischer	Dakota County Sheriff's Office
8/5/1933	John W Thomas	Minneapolis Police Department
8/6/1918	John Callahan	Duluth Police Department
8/6/1965	Lloyd Reed	Minneapolis Police Department
8/6/1967	Floyd Joseph Haley	Rochester Police Department
8/9/1931	Clayton Olson	Minneapolis Police Department
8/9/1941	Harold O Olson	Minneapolis Police Department
8/9/1962	Frank McFadden	Ivanhoe Police Department
8/9/2010	Christopher Dewey	Mahnomen County Sheriff's Department
8/10/1974	John Harold Larson	St. Paul Police Department
8/10/1979	Benjamin Christensen	Aitkin Police Department
8/10/1979	Dennis Bouchie	Itasca County Sheriff's Office
8/13/1971	Rodney Norberg	Hennepin County Sheriff's Office
8/14/1923	Emil Engstrom	Minneapolis Police Department
8/14/1929	Bruce A Palmer	Duluth Massabie RR
8/15/1911	Frank Fraser	St. Paul Police Department
8/15/1924	Frank Milanoski	St. Paul Police Department
8/16/1951	Paul Kritzeck	Wright County Sheriff's Office
8/16/1972	Howard Louis Johnson	Roseville Police Department
8/17/1957	Robert H Fossum	Minneapolis Police Department
8/17/1963	Andrew F Sharp	Minneapolis Police Department
8/18/1963	James H Krietlow	Wright County Sheriff's Office
8/18/1966	Carl Richard Root	Duluth Police Department
8/22/1936	Arnold Borson	Ghent Police Department
8/24/1930	Laurence E Doten	U.S. Department of Justice – INS
8/24/1930	Lawrence C Jones	U.S. Department of Justice - INS
8/24/1979	John (Jack) Francis Terrio	Montgomery Police Department
8/24/1991	Michael William Morrow	Pine County Sheriff's Office

8/25/1920	Frank S Hallett	Minneapolis Police Department
8/25/1977	Mark Kirkland	FBI
8/25/1977	Trenwirth Basford	FBI
8/25/1981	Richard P Miller	Minneapolis Police Department
8/26/1993	Ervid Theodore Clemons	Carlton County Sheriff's Office
8/26/1994	Ronald Ryan Jr	St. Paul Police Department
8/27/1962	Merle Bystrom	Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources
8/28/1976	James Aker	Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources
8/30/1933	Leo Pavlak	South St. Paul Police Department
8/30/1993	Louis Edward Jeska	Eagan Police Department
8/31/1982	James William Anderson	Wayzata Police Department
8/31/2000	Theodore Foss	Minnesota State Patrol
9/1/1942	George Washington Bridwell	Dilworth Police Department
9/2/2002	Bradley Anderson	St. Louis County Sheriff's Office
9/4/1976	Donald Eustice	Waseca County Sheriff's Office
9/4/2002	Michael Staples	US Dept. of Agriculture - Forest Service
9/6/1999	Jason Brent Meyer	Grand Meadow Police Department
9/6/2005	Shawn Silvera	Lino Lakes Police Department
9/7/1980	John J Schneider	Winona County Sheriff's Office
9/7/2009	Richard Crittenden	North St. Paul Police Department
9/8/1921	Daniel Hayes	Hibbing Police Department
9/8/1921	Eugene Cassidy	Hibbing Police Department
9/8/1921	William Kohrt	Hibbing Police Department
9/8/1931	Gus H Jorgenson	Martin County Sheriff's Office
9/10/1949	Allan G Lee	St. Paul Police Department
9/10/1955	Lester Uhrhammer	Martin County Sheriff's Office
9/16/1977	George Ryti	Annandale Police Department
9/18/1938	Albert Mathiasen	St. Cloud Police Department
9/19/1922	Wilbert McMicken	International Falls Police Department
9/20/1938	James H Trepanier	Minneapolis Police Department
9/23/1932	James G Harney	ATF
9/24/1919	Anton Gaetz	Melrose Police Department
9/24/1950	Anker M Bangs	U.S. Dept of Treasury - Bureau of Narcotics
9/24/1976	Glenn Grove	Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office
9/25/1992	Jerome Victor Haaf	Minneapolis Police Department
9/27/1914	Hans Aamold	St. Paul Police Department
9/28/1919	Edward Henry Foley	Sherburne County Sheriff's Office
9/28/1922	Hughes Van Etten	Koochiching County Sheriff's Office
9/28/1975	Russell Nelson	Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources
9/30/1972	Inno Suek	Minneapolis Police Department
10/1/1897	Charles Wetsel	Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources

10/1/1937	Rich G Hinshaw	St. Paul Police Department
10/3/1876	Henry Kaepernick	Faribault Police Department
10/3/1934	Roy C Lichtenheld	Minnesota State Patrol
10/5/1922	Christian Johnson	Lyle Police Department
10/6/1933	David A Butchart	Duluth Police Department
10/8/1962	Edward Eades	Meeker County Sheriff's Department
10/12/1922	George Albert Stegner	St. Paul Police Department
10/13/1958	Kenneth Johnson	Ramsey County Sheriff's Office
10/14/1930	August W. Haase	Fairmont Police Department
10/15/1965	Andrew P Herlitz	Morrison County Sheriff's Office
10/15/1973	Donald Ziesmer	Minnesota State Patrol
10/16/1965	John E Stack	Morrison County Sheriff's Office
10/18/1888	Peter Poull	Moorhead Police Department
10/20/1969	Francis Wozniak	Detroit Lakes Police Department
10/21/1925	Murdock E Murray	ATF
10/22/1979	Ira Emmons	Pope County Sheriff's Office
10/25/1982	Richard Warren Walton	Oakdale Police Department
10/25/2009	Mike Wilken	Ramsey County Sheriff's Office
10/26/1921	John T Foley	ATF
10/27/1931	Frank E McGregor	Benton County Sheriff's Office
10/29/1884	Charles Albert Washburn	Wright County Sheriff's Office
10/29/1981	Robert R Lawson	Itasca County Sheriff's Office

Upcoming Events

Ride To Remember

September 23, 2012 – Starts at Approx. 08:00 am.

Begins at Midway Stadium in St. Paul.

It is that time of year again and we are getting ready to host the 9th Annual Team MN-LEU "Ride To Remember". The date for this year's ride is Sunday, September 23rd. We will be starting and finishing at the St. Paul Saints, Midway Stadium this year. We will be departing promptly at 8am and request that you be there approximately 30-45 minutes early to check in and get your T-shirt.

The ride should be finished around 12:00 and there will be a BBQ lunch available after the ride for \$5. This year's route will have a few changes due to the light rail construction. The ride is open to all those 18 and over. You can register online at <http://www.mnleuunited.org/> or print off paper registrations and send them to the P.O. Box on the form.

Thank you and we hope to see you on Sept. 23rd.

Blue Light Memorial Service

October 20, 2012 - Mark your Calendars now.

Law Enforcement Memorial in St. Paul

Lunch at 4:30 PM at the Best Western Kelly Inn by the memorial.

Blue Light Ceremony from 6:30-7:30 pm at the L.E. Memorial.

This event will NOT be cancelled this year.

Please come and join us.

Check the MN C.O.P.S. website for upcoming National Events.

www.mncops.org

President's Message

Fall Greetings to Everyone,

The summer has been busy with our many fundraisers . We have been blessed again with caring sponsors that have worked hard this summer to help us financially so that we may help survivors.

As a result of these efforts:

Two new families were sent to Police Week in May

Five children & three spouses went to COPS Kids camp for first time.

Four siblings attended sibling retreat weekend.

One Parent and spouse will be attending the Parent-in Law Retreat coming up.

We are always looking for survivors that are able to "Help support the new E.O.W. families".

Our goal is also looking for ways to support all of our survivors . We care about all of our survivors, there is no time limit. Losing our loved ones and healing from that lose is a never-ending process.

If you have ideas or experiences from programs that you think you and other survivors could benefit from, we would like your input. Meetings are meant to bring us together and our goal is to find out what would interest and support you..

We will be going through our membership address list shortly to update your information. A letter will be sent requesting your email so we may go paperless and to reach out to many of you we don't see at meetings. Please take a minute and tell us how we can make this chapter welcoming for you. Then make sure you return it. We do care about your opinions.

Remember to mark your calendars for the October 20th Blue Light Ceremony.

I'll be looking for you.

Bonnie Silvera, President.



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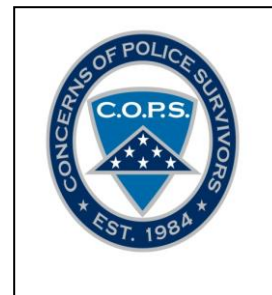
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Concerns of Police Survivors began in 1984 and consisted of 110 members. Today C.O.P.S. is a nationwide program with a membership of over 15,000 families. C.O.P.S. mission is:

"Provides resources to assist in the rebuilding of the lives of surviving families and affected co-workers of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty as determined by Federal criteria. Furthermore, C.O.P.S. provides training to law enforcement agencies on survivor victimization issues and educates the public of the need to support the law enforcement profession and its survivors."

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