

# MN Concerns of Police Survivors

## 2013 MN C.O.P.S.

*Happy Holidays*

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The Minnesota Chapter of C.O.P.S. wants to wish all of you a wonderful Christmas season. We hope you will be surrounded by the warmth and love from family and friends throughout the holidays and the upcoming year. You will always be in our thoughts and prayers here at C.O.P.S.



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## President's Message:



Minnesota Cops is wishing you and your loved ones the spirit of Christmas which is Peace, The blessing of Christmas which is Hope, And the heart of Christmas which is Love, Have a Blessed Christmas Season Everyone.

Looking back, we have had a very busy year as our chapter adopted a new National and State Logo for COPS and new By-laws and SOP changes for our national organization. National Police Week and support retreats were well attended and supported by our MN chapter. We are proud of our promise to "Never Forget" our fallen officers and their families as we provide our Blue Light Service and support throughout the year.

Looking ahead to our new year we are inviting survivors to come forward and share in that promise to "Never Forget" by helping us fill our board vacancies opening in April 2014. Position open and needed to be filled are President, Treasurer and two representatives. Each position is a 2 year term. Descriptions of positions are listed in this newsletter. Please take a few minutes to read and then respond to our election committee or myself with any questions or your intentions to run for office. You need to be present at our January meeting to be eligible for nomination.

Our goal is to have many small committees and volunteers to support our board members throughout the year. Please help us stay a strong chapter by lending your talent and caring to our continuing compassion for families that follow in our footsteps. Our promise is to always to be here and never forget when families need us most. Come be part of this promise.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Silvera

## REMINDER

You should have received by now the MN C.O.P.S. form requesting an update on the profile we have in our database today. Please remember to complete the form, sign it, and return it in the stamped self-addressed envelope. If you did not receive the form, please contact Hazel Vokral or Bonnie Silvera via email:

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## It is not how they died, It is how they lived

The Minnesota Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors will be putting together a scrapbook of the Minnesota Officers killed in the line of duty. The scrapbook will be displayed at various events and we are hoping to also have a digital version to show at our Blue Light Service. We will need your help in putting this together. We would like everyone to send us a photo of your officer and also photos that tell us who your officer really was. Please include a paragraph or two about your officer. The paragraph can include anything you want to say about your officer and can include information about the family left behind, hobbies they enjoyed, special awards or recognitions they received, groups or charities they were involved in, whatever you wish to share. We all know how they died; now we want to know how they lived. Please forward your pictures and paragraphs to Jackie Bergeron at PO Box 222, Anoka, MN 55303 or [donderosadaisy@hotmail.com](mailto:donderosadaisy@hotmail.com). All photographs will be returned to you.

## Guest Speaker – January Meeting

**January 12, 2014 at the BCA in St. Paul, MN at 1:00 PM.**

At our January 12, 2014 meeting, we will have a very special guest speaker. Sgt. Lisa Lovering of the Isanti County Sheriff's Office will be at the meeting to speak with us. Lisa is the author of the book "We Will Remember." Lisa wrote the book to help everyone know who these hero's were, and remind all of us of the sacrifice they gave.

Please join us to hear what Lisa has to say. What a great way to show our appreciation for what she has done for the officers who have lost their lives, and for all Minnesota survivors.

## The Traumas of Law Enforcement Training

Location: St. Mary's University Event Center, 2540 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, 55404  
Date is Feb 24–26th 2014.

This training is open to all survivors, go to the National C.O.P.S. website and you can open a brochure that further explains this program.

Registration form is online at National COPS  
<https://registration.copsdb.org/UpcomingEvents.aspx>

### **The Traumas of Law Enforcement**

Concerns of Police Survivors has presented on average, 7 segments of the "Traumas of Law Enforcement" at various locations across the country. This 3-day training has usually been funded through grants from the Department of Justice except for 2008 and 2009 due to reductions in grant amounts. This training dedicates 1-day to preparing and handling line-of-duty death, 1-day to the cumulative stress on an officer, ½ day to police suicide, and ½ day to the "traumatized officer".

C.O.P.S. has presented this training to over 10,000 individuals from law enforcement community.

## Responsibilities of Chapter Officers

The President is the person who leads the chapter. The president works with the approval of the board, they cannot make decisions for the chapter on their own. They are also responsible for overseeing all reports due to the National and preparing the agenda for all meetings.

The Treasurer is the custodian of all the financial books and it is their responsibility to prepare all financial reports due to National C.O.P.S., as well as prepare and submit a Treasurer's Report for ALL Chapter meetings. They MUST strive for complete transparency. This means, they must allow the membership the opportunity to view the chapter's books. If someone asks a question or wants to see financial information, they must not take it personally; the membership has the right to ask questions and receive answers.

The Secretary should take minutes at all meetings. They should then submit a draft to the president for feedback. After the President reviews the minutes, the secretary should then submit them to the executive board before the next meeting for their review. They must also submit minutes to the National Chapter Coordinator within 30 days of the meeting. The Secretary safeguards all chapter paperwork and sends out chapter correspondence.

A group always works better when they know what is expected of them and what their responsibilities are.

The Vice President shall fill in the position of President should the President be unable to do so. The Vice President shall perform other duties as assigned.

The Chapter Representative shall be a representative of the chapter to survivors and shall perform other duties as assigned.

All Chapter Representatives shall be representative of the chapter to Survivors. They shall be a liaison to law enforcement agencies for purposes of information regarding C.O.P.S. policies and procedures. They shall assist with the Chapter newsletter publication, public relations and speaking engagements. They shall be the Chapter representative to attend any available C.O.P.S law enforcement line of duty death training seminars and or classes.

## Elections Committee

Are you interested in serving on the board? We need your help. Please consider running for one of the upcoming open vacancies. Contact either Lynn Cronquist and Larry VanderPoel. Contact either Lynn or Larry by Jan 12th meeting and let them know which office you would like to run for. President, Treasurer, Representative.

Lynn Cronquist's E-mail Address: [IMC1351@comcast.net](mailto:IMC1351@comcast.net)

Larry VanderPoel's e-mail address is: [LKVP5@hotmail.com](mailto:LKVP5@hotmail.com)

## 2014 Events – MN C.O.P.S.

January 12	Board Meeting – BCA, 1430 Maryland Avenue. St. Paul, MN 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Membership Meeting – BCA, 1430 Maryland Avenue. St. Paul, MN 1–3 p.m.
February 24–26	Trauma Training St. Mary’s University Event Center, 2540 Park Ave. Mpls, MN Go to the National C.O.P.S. website to register for this event.
April 16	Board Meeting – New Brighton PD, 785 Old Highway 8. New Brighton 11a.m. to 1 p.m. Election Meeting – New Brighton PD, 785 Old Highway 8 1–3 p.m.
May 12–17	National Police Week, Washington, DC
May 15	Memorial Day – Washington DC – Capital Law Enforcement Memorial – St. Paul, MN
June 8	Membership Annual Picnic (with LEMA) – White Bear Lake
June 20–23	Adult Children’s Retreat
July 28–Aug 3	Kids Camp & Outward Bound
Aug 15–18	Fiancé/Significant Others Retreat
Aug 16 or 17	LEU Family Fun Fest
Sept5–8	Sibling Retreat
Sept 14	Board Meeting – Maple Grove, MN 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Membership Meeting – Maple Grove 1–3 p.m.
September 19–22	Spouses Retreat
October 3–6	Co-Workers Retreat
October 11	Blue Light Service & Lunch – Kelly Inn, Best Western
October 17–20	In-Laws Retreat
October 24–27	Parents Retreat

## 2013 – Blue Light Ceremony

This year's Blue Light Ceremony was attended by many survivor's. Mother Nature was good to us. While it was a bit cool, there was no rain, or snow. The flower's that were handed out were nothing short of fantastic. Thank you 'Backing the Blue Line ladies' for the flowers. The guest speakers this year were Brian Jeska and Brittany Schneider. The board would like to thank both for their support and courage. Please start making plans to attend next years event which will be held on October 11, 2014.



## Anniversary Dates: Line of Duty Deaths

This issue we have listed January, February, March. If you know of a name that should be in here and is missing, please let us know. If you find an error, please let us know. Line of Duty Death Anniversaries: These are listed first by month, day, and year the officer was died.

1/2/1928	<u>Wesley Allen Fraser</u>	ATF
1/3/1905	<u>Richard Cronin</u>	St. Paul Police Department
1/5/1911	<u>Harry A Chesmore</u>	Duluth Police Department
1/8/1883	<u>David J. Shipley</u>	Faribault Police Department
1/8/1914	<u>Neil Mooney</u>	Duluth Police Department
1/12/1963	<u>Ray Drew Appleyby</u>	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
1/16/1907	<u>James C Daily</u>	Red Wing Police Department
1/16/1907	<u>John Peterson</u>	Red Wing Police Department
1/18/1947	<u>Verl C Whinery</u>	Anoka Police Department
1/21/2009	<u>Tony Fitzloff</u>	Anoka County Sheriff's Office
1/28/1971	<u>Roger Rosengren</u>	Ramsey County Sheriff's Office
1/28/1974	<u>Roy Leonard Pederson</u>	Thief River Falls Police Department
1/29/1996	<u>Brian David Klinefelter</u>	St. Joseph Police Department
2/1/1902	<u>Charles Mayer</u>	St. Paul Police Department
2/1/1928	<u>Albert Anderson</u>	Minneapolis Police Department
2/1/1931	<u>Harry McGraw</u>	Minneapolis Police Department
2/4/1972	<u>Joseph G Pudlick</u>	Minneapolis Police Department
2/6/1923	<u>Edwin Earl Hackert</u>	St. Paul Police Department
2/6/1923	<u>William F Wilson</u>	St. Paul Police Department
2/7/1919	<u>James A Weare</u>	Minneapolis Police Department
2/12/1914	<u>August Kokko</u>	Nashwauk Police Department
2/14/1985	<u>John Scanlon</u>	Robbinsdale Police Department
2/15/1951	<u>John E Buck</u>	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
2/16/2013	<u>Josh Lynaugh</u>	St. Paul Police Department
2/17/1899	<u>Alexander McLean</u>	Moorhead Police Department
2/17/1962	<u>Donald D Myers</u>	Thief River Falls Police Department
2/18/1928	<u>John F Herzog</u>	New Ulm Police Department
2/22/1967	<u>Ronald E Shager</u>	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
2/22/1978	<u>Roger Williams</u>	Minnesota State Patrol
2/23/1926	<u>Fred A Pietsch</u>	St. Paul Police Department
2/26/1926	<u>John Schultz</u>	St. Paul Police Department
2/26/1976	<u>Lloyd Feind</u>	Rochester Police Department



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3/2/1988	<u>Earl Kennicutt</u>	Ramsey County Sheriff's Office
3/2/2000	<u>Ward Lee Canfield</u>	Minneapolis Police Department
3/3/2004	<u>Thomas Wyatt</u>	Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
3/9/1989	<u>Michael Markuson</u>	St. Paul Police Department
3/11/1994	<u>Terry Francis Hanson</u>	Rice County Sheriff's Office
3/14/1961	<u>William H Freytag</u>	Rochester Police Department
3/19/1922	<u>August Olson</u>	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
3/21/1928	<u>Axel J Soderberg</u>	St. Paul Police Department
3/25/1951	<u>Donald McHale</u>	Minneapolis Police Department
3/28/1977	<u>Junita Badavinac</u>	Itasca County Sheriff's Office



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