

MN Concerns of Police Survivors

2014 MN C.O.P.S.

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Election Results

At the MN C.O.P.S. Annual Board Meeting on Sunday, April 6, 2014, elections were held to fill three positions. There were openings for President, Treasurer and Representative. After nominations, Susan Smart was elected President, Jackie Bergeron was elected as Treasurer and Bonnie Silvera was elected Chapter Representative. Paul Gertsen, a past chapter president, officiated the swearing in ceremony.

We also want to thank Gia Nelson for all her contributions as past Chapter Rep.

Pictured left to right: Bonnie Silvera, Jackie Bergeron, Susan Smart, and Hazel Vokral. Not picture is Bill Hammes.



President's Message:

Happy Spring!

As spring is upon us, I have sprung into my new role as President. I'm excited to be part of the board and help represent our chapter. Following in Bonnie Silvera's footsteps will be a huge undertaking but I'm up for the challenge.

If you did not see my profile in the last newsletter, I would like to introduce myself again. I'm Susan Smart and I lost my father, Donald Mayerle, 37 years ago. His EOW was Nov 15th 1977 in Keewatin MN. He died of a heart attack after apprehending a robber in a foot chase. I was nine years old at the time and that evening's memory will never be forgotten. It took over 3 decades to process the pain and loss on my own terms. As you can see there is no time limit on grieving and that is why I came forward earlier this year to get involved in C.O.P.S. It was actually a decision I made the morning I went to my second chapter meeting.

Although time has healed my pain, I know it can be extremely difficult to overcome such loss and look for a brighter future. In the nine short years I had with my father I admired him for not passing judgment on others. He enjoyed bringing family, friends AND strangers together with pig roasts in our backyard, holiday dinners and many other spontaneous events. It was a good thing my Mom was a good sport! I hold onto those memories and hope I can honor him by uniting us together. I sincerely want to help all survivors find purpose, build new relationships and celebrate our loved ones memories.

Active members are the heart of any organization. My vision as president is to create a strong cohesive chapter, statewide. In addition to quarterly meetings and the many outreach programs, I would like to see more events that we could all benefit from. A few on my wish list are various well-being seminars, monthly coffee meets, volunteer events and few other adventures. I would love to hear your ideas too!

Let's come together and continue the momentum. I look forward to meeting you all at the summer picnic!

Susan Smart, President

St. Paul Officer Josh Lynaugh

St. Paul Officer Josh Lynaugh died February 6, 2013 as a result of a heart attack while involved in a foot pursuit and search for a suspect in St. Paul. And as expected Officer Lynaugh caught the subject and took him into custody. After placing the subject in his patrol car Officer Lynaugh suddenly became ill. He was transported to a local hospital where he remained until passing away eight days later. Officer Lynaugh served the St. Paul Police Department and its citizens for five years. Officer Lynaugh is survived by his parents, brother, and sister.

In December 2007, Officer Lynaugh was one of 45 who graduated from the St. Paul police academy. It was the largest police class in 30 years, but still a tightly knit group. Josh loved spending time with his three dogs and was notorious for keeping his cars and yard in pristine shape, said officer Louis Ferraro in his eulogy.

At one point in his life, Josh tried to pick up golf as a hobby. He spent hundreds of dollars on equipment, only to play "what is described as probably the worst two rounds of golf anyone has ever seen," Ferraro said. "It was also quite comical to watch a 6-foot-5, 275-pound gentle giant trying to hit that little white ball, swearing, kicking the grass and getting all frustrated."

Ferraro also remembered Josh's generosity, he bought dinner for people he'd never met and took a dog injured by a vehicle to an animal hospital, personally paying for the emergency treatment. "It didn't matter what he was doing, Josh was either all in or not at all," Ferraro said. "There was no halfway or no in-between for Josh. And Josh was all in. There were no ifs, ands or buts about it. He had a passion for everything he was doing and everything he was working on." Officer Lynaugh was especially passionate about being a St. Paul officer.

"Just like his father, Josh wanted to work 20 years on the street as a street cop," Ferraro said. Everyone knew that he loved to drive fast. It "was because he wanted to be the first officer on scene," Ferraro said. "He wanted to be the one to save that life, to help that victim or to arrest that suspect."

Officer Josh Lynaugh was highly decorated, with 16 commendations, and letters of commendation or appreciation in his personnel file. He twice received the department's Life Saving Award. Officer Josh Lynaugh will never be forgotten.

Police Academy graduates from Officer Josh Lynaugh's class and his fellow officers from the Eastern District stand at attention as his casket is brought up the steps of the St. Paul Cathedral. (Photo by: Pioneer Press: John Doman)



August 8, 1912 – Deputy Sheriff Norman Helmer

Recently we discovered this lost hero and we felt we should tell other survivors about him. Below we have put part of the newspaper article from August 9, 1912 from the Bemidji Daily Pioneer.

DEPUTY SHERIFF AND HOBO DEAD

Norman Helmer Killed By Unknown Transient Thursday Afternoon in Gun Battle South of Bemidji. Body Will Lie In State In City Hall From 2 to 5 p. m. Saturday. Funeral Sunday Afternoon.

Norman Helmer, Deputy Sheriff of Beltrami County, was shot and killed by an unknown hobo shortly before 6 o'clock Thursday night. Before he died, Helmer emptied his automatic Colt revolver of eight shots, one of which took effect on the tramp. Helmer died within a few seconds but the tramp lived about two minutes. Helmer, together with Deputy Cahill, Sheriff Hazen, and Game Warden Bailey, had started out earlier in the afternoon to find the unknown man who was said to be looking for Charley Smith for the purpose of shooting him. Hazen and Bailey had taken Smith into custody and were in the city with their man when the shooting occurred. Cahill was about 100 yards north of Helmer when he was shot but neither saw the shooting nor heard the sounds of the firing.

Helmer Got His Man

The feet of the dead men were within ten feet of each other when they fell. The hobo lay on his back to one side of the track and his gun, an old fashioned, long barreled, double action Colt .45, was about three feet ahead of him. His position would indicate that he staggered back when shot. Helmer lay on his face as he had fallen forward, his chin having struck the rail and cut a small gash. Three small boys were with Helmer at the time he was shot. They were Anton Brink, aged about eleven, Arthur Toutant, aged about fourteen, and Loren Halseth aged about twelve. They say that one of the boys found the tramp in the brush and that Helmer came up and told the man to get up. He did and surrendered his rifle. They walked out on the track "and then the tramp pulled his revolver and shot Helmer, the deputy getting his man before dying.

The body of Norman Helmer will lie in state at the city hall from 2 to 5 p. m. Saturday. The funeral will be held in the city hall at 2 p. m. Sunday, Reverend Flesher officiating. E. E. McDonald will deliver the eulogy. Interment will be made in the vault at Greenwood. Pall bearers will be A. A. Carter, F. L. Bursley, S. C. Bailey, P. J. Russell, A. R. Erickson, A. B. Hazen, Tom Smart, and J. O. Harris. A message was sent to Mr. Helmer's parents at Fowlds last night and they came to Bemidji today. Besides his, parents, he leaves a brother, two sisters, a wife, a son of fourteen and a daughter of twelve. The K. of P. lodge will have charge of the body until it is buried.

MN C.O.P.S. Family Picnic – June 8, 2014

It is that time of year again for the MN C.O.P.S. Family Picnic. The picnic will be held on Sunday, June 8, 2014 from Noon to 3 pm. Once again we will meet at the Lakewood Hills Park, 2110 Orchard Lane, White Bear Lake, MN.

Please make plans to attend this family event. MN C.O.P.S. and LEMA Board Members will be on hand to meet you, answer any questions, and to try and make this event a memorable fun day for you and your family. There will be food for all, but please bring a salad, dish or dessert to share. Water, coffee, and pop will be supplied by C.O.P.S. and LEMA.

Lots of fun things are being planned for all. Join us for a relaxing fun day.

Parents Tea Time

Join other survivors for a relaxing time. The date will be Saturday, July 19th. Invitations will go out in June. The meeting place will be The Mad Hatter Tea Room and Eatery at 300 East Main Street in Anoka, MN.

Plan to spend the afternoon with the good company of other parents and wonderful food. Invitations will be sent out in June. Want to help or have questions?

Call Bonnie Silvera 763-427-0920.



2014 Ballin to DC Basketball Tournament

On April 5, 2014 Deputy Booker Hodges and the Dakota County Sheriff Department sponsored the 2014 Ballin to DC tournament in Apple Valley.

Deputy Booker Hodges put together this tournament to benefit fallen police officers. The funds raised this year were donated to the MN Chapter of C.O.P.S. in memory of St. Paul Officer Joshua Lynaugh. MN C.O.P.S. received a donation from Homes for Heroes who also participated in the event. The teams were made up of deputies from Dakota County and a team from St. Paul Police Dept. Thank you Deputy Hodges and everyone who participated in this great event!!!!



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. All photographs will be returned to you.

Jerry Vick Memorial Golf Tournament

Attention all golfers and anyone looking for an enjoyable day!
The Jerry Vick Memorial Gold Tournament is coming soon.

This event will take place on Monday, June 2, 2014. Rain or shine. Come and enjoy. The gold tournament will take place at the Highland National Golf Course, 1403 Montreal Ave. St Paul.

Event includes: 18 Hole Scramble, Cart, Door Prizes, Raffles, and Silent Auctions
On Course events: Long Drive, Closest To the Pin, etc.

Post Golf Dinner and Silent Auctions will be held at: O'Gara's Bar and Grill, 164 Snelling Ave N. St Paul.

The tournament is hosted by the Minnesota Lawmen PSC.

For more information on this great event, go to the website listed below:

<http://birdeasepro.com/JerryVickMemorialGolfTournament>



2014 Events – MN C.O.P.S.

June 2	Jerry Vick Memorial Golf Tournament – Highland National Golf Course St. Paul
June 8	Annual Membership picnic (with LEMA) White Bear Lake 12:00 –3:00
June 20–23	Adult Children’s Retreat
July 19	Parents Tea – The Mad Hatter Tea Room and Eatery – Anoka
July 19	Renegade Pigs Motorcycle Ride – Friendly Buffalo in Big Lake, MN
July 26	Wild Bill’s – Guns & Hoses Fund Raiser – All Wild Bill’s Locations
July 28–Aug 3	Kids Camp & Outward Bound
Aug 16–18	Fiancés /Significant Others Retreat
Aug 16 or17	Law Enforcement United Family Funfest 5K–10K Woodbury, MN 9:00–2:00 p.m.
Aug 23	Shawn Silvera 5K Run – Long Lake Regional Park 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Sept 19–22	Spouses Retreat
October 3–6	Co-Workers Retreat
October 11	Blue Light Service & Lunch, Kelly Inn – Lunch 4:30 p.m. Service 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 17–20	In-Law Retreat – New this year – Extended Family members
Oct. 24–27	Parents Retreat

Would you like to help with one or any of these upcoming events? Help from the membership is always welcome. Contact any board member if you would like to help. Remember, in C.O.P.S. there are no strangers, just friends you have not met yet.

BIKIN' WITH BACON VI MOTORCYCLE RUN



MINNESOTA JULY 19, 2014



Registration from 9:30am-11:15am

Friendly Buffalo-16722 198th Ave-Big Lake-MN

REGISTRATION: \$25.00 SOLO RIDER,
\$10.00/PASSENGER. REGISTRATION
INCLUDES, T-SHIRT (WHILE SUPPLIES
LAST) AND FOOD AT THE CONCLUSION.

LIVE MUSIC, 8:00PM-12:00AM



FEET UP 11:30 SHARP !!

GAMES/PRIZES/AND RAFFLES ALONG THE WAY

CASH RAFFLE TICKETS \$5.00/TICKET

City Looks Salons
Golden Valley & St Cloud, MN

1ST: \$500.00
2ND: \$300.00
3RD: \$200.00

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\$20.00 CHANCES AVAILABLE
TO WIN AN AR-15 PRIZE PACK
INCLUDES: GUN, CASE & GLASSES



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Kirch Parole Hearing – Monday, May 12, 2014

Investigator John Schneider was shot and killed September 7, 1980 when he and two other deputies responded to a domestic disturbance at a mobile home on Ontario Lane in Goodview. As the deputies attempted to force their way into the mobile home the man opened fire with a .22 caliber rifle and struck Investigator Schneider in the chest. The suspect gave himself up after 40 minutes. He was convicted of murder and was subsequently sentenced to life.

Investigator Schneider had served with the Winona County Sheriff's Department for 22 years. He was survived by his wife and two children.

On May 12, 2014 the family of fallen officer John J. Schneider went to St. Paul to have our say about keeping a man who was convicted of 1st degree murder & and received a life sentence for killing a police officer.

His parole was denied, the parole board will send him to another facility for more programs and treatment. His next parole hearing will be in another 3 yrs. This is not the result we were hoping for, but we will be back to fight this again at that time. Our family is very grateful for the cards & letters sent in support of us. And hopefully you will stand by us again in 3 yrs.

The family of Investigator John J. Schneider

On May 12, 2014, the family of Joshua Lynaugh (EOW 2/16/2013) was given a Honor Guard send off at the Airport as they made their journey to Washington DC to honor Josh. There are about 78 people traveling to DC that not only includes many members of the Lynaugh family, but also many members of their St. Paul Police Department family including the wife and son of Timothy Jones (EOW 8/6/1994). Your friends at Minnesota C.O.P.S. wish the Lynaugh family and friends a safe and memorable trip and want you to know that we are all thinking of you this week and are looking forward to seeing you at the C.O.P.S. picnic in June.

Anniversary Dates: Line of Duty

This issue we have listed April, May, June. 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.

Month	Day	Year	Officer	Department
7	1	1945	Joseph W Herzog	Austin Police Department
7	1	1995	Paul Moen	Minneapolis Police Department
7	3	1925	Albert J Cunnie	St. Paul Police Department
7	5	1895	Albert Winkelmann	New Ulm Police Department
7	5	1988	Gregory Lange	Claremont Police Department
7	7	1944	John W O'Neil	Minneapolis Police Department
7	8	1933	John Linklater	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
7	8	2006	Scott Rogers	Clay County Sheriff's Office
7	9	1978	Aldean Merlin Sorbo	Bricelyn Police Department
7	10	1894	Albert Jacobson	Hastings Police Department
7	10	1939	John B Gearty	Minneapolis Police Department
7	10	1943	Frank Otis Town	Park Rapids Police Department
7	11	2004	Lisa Kern	Minneapolis Police Department
7	12	1940	Dudley P Brady	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
7	12	1940	Marcus Whipps	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
7	12	1940	Melvin A Holt	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
7	12	1959	Deo C Waldron	Hallock Police Department
7	13	1919	John Francis Young	Minneapolis Police Department
7	15	1911	Joseph Ollinger	Minneapolis Police Department
7	17	1996	Luther Frederick Klug	Dakota County Sheriff's Office
7	19	1978	Kenneth Olson	East Grand Forks Police Department
7	21	1957	Clifford Lindgren	Isanti County Sheriff's Office
7	21	1967	Lowell Krause	Amboy Police Department
7	22	1922	John C Nugent Jr	Wright County Sheriff's Office
7	28	1884	Robert Laughlin	Minneapolis Police Department
7	29	1922	George Williams	Long Prairie Police Department
7	30	1977	Curtis Ramsdell	Columbia Heights Police Department

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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	8	1912	Norman Helmer	Beltrami County Sheriff's Office
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	Robet 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

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Month	Day	Year	Officer	Department
8	24	1930	Laurence E Doten	U.S. Dept. of Justice - Immigration & Naturalization
8	24	1930	Lawrence C Jones	U.S. Dept. of Justice - Immigration & Naturalization
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	26	1994	Timothy James Jones	St. Paul Police Department
8	27	1962	Merle Bystrom	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
8	28	1976	James Aker	Minnesota Department 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 Department 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

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Month	Day	Year	Officer	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. Department 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 Department of Natural Resources
9	30	1972	Inno Suek	Minneapolis Police Department



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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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