

MN C.O.P.S. CHAPTER MEETING
Sunday, January 22, 2012
1:00 p.m. – open social time
1:30 p.m. - meeting
Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA)
1430 Maryland Ave. East
St. Paul, MN 55106

Check the mncops.com website for further information.

Reminder: please keep a blue light in a window of your home, showing support for officers killed in the line of duty and those who continue to work America's streets. By placing strings of blue lights outside your home, at the department and throughout the community, law enforcement officers will understand that they are appreciated.

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WINTER NEWSLETTER DECEMBER, 2011

Have A Blessed Holiday Season

What a wonderful fall season we have had this year with the exception of the night of the Blue Light Ceremony. We are so very sorry that our candlelight ceremony had to be cancelled. The crew that we contract our light and sound equipment with called and cancelled after sliding off the road for the second time. Survivors called into our weather line, worried about the driving conditions. Many hours go into the planning of this event, signing grounds/use contracts, ordering food, planning speakers and color guard, etc. Unfortunately our ceremony can not be rescheduled this time of year due to the cold weather and the seasonal booking in the Armory Building.

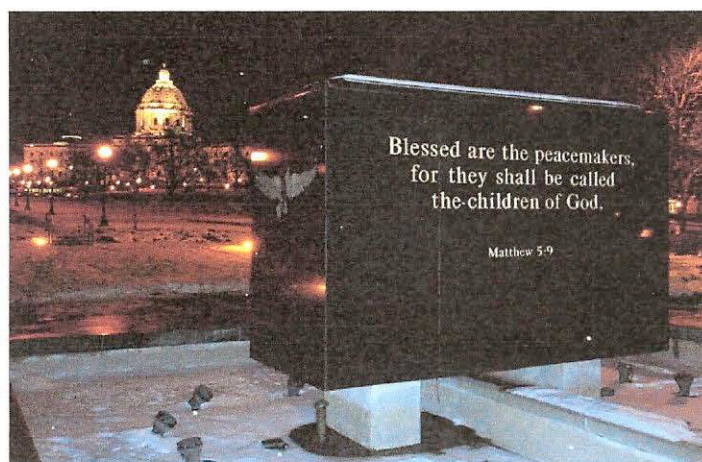
The weather in November is always going to bring our first snow of the season and driving conditions less than favorable. There is no way to know what weekend this will occur or if it will at all. It is with this in mind that I wish to propose that the Blue Light Ceremony take place in the calmer month of October. Your comments are welcome either by phone or on our website. We would still plan the event for a Saturday afternoon/evening.

The Blue Light honors our loved ones and other peacekeepers that have made the supreme sacrifice in the performance of their duties. We promote the Project Blue Light during the holiday season as a visual display of support and gratitude for the men and women who serve as the peacekeepers in our communities.

The color blue is associated with law enforcement and is also symbolic of peace. Please display your blue lights at your homes, businesses, and law enforcement agencies during the holidays. The message is twofold – support America's peacekeepers and hope that the coming year will be a year of peace.

Peace to all this Holiday Season as you remember your loved one.

Bonnie Silvera, President



Law Enforcement Memorial at the Minnesota State Capitol.

JANUARY CHAPTER MEETING
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CALENDAR FOR 2012
INFORMATION ON ELECTION OF OFFICERS IN APRIL, 2012
FELLOWSHIP

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OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED IN APRIL: Please consider a Board position with the Chapter. Our Chapter By-Laws require that if you are seeking a Board position, you must be in attendance at the January Chapter meeting.

Responsibilities of Chapter Officers:

President: leads the Chapter. The president works with the approval of the Board. They cannot make decisions for the Chapter on their own. The president is responsible for overseeing all reports due to National and preparing the agenda for all Chapter meetings.

Vice-President: can act as official spokesperson for the Chapter. The vice-president shall fill in the position of president should the elected president be unable or unwilling to fulfill their term. The vice-president shall perform other duties as assigned by the Board.

Secretary: shall take minutes of all Chapter meetings. The secretary should submit a draft to the president for feedback. After the president reviews minutes, the secretary should then submit them to the Executive Board before the next meeting for their review. The secretary 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.

Treasurer: is the custodian of all the financial books and is responsible 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. The secretary must strive for complete transparency. This means, the secretary must all the membership the opportunity to view the Chapter's books. If someone asks a question or wants to see financial information. The secretary must not take it personally. The membership has the right to ask questions and receive answers.

Chapter Representative: is a representative of the Chapter to the new Minnesota survivors, either by communication or visitation. The Chapter Representative is a liaison to law enforcement agencies for purposes of information regarding C.O.P.S. policies and procedures. The Chapter Representative shall assist in Chapter newsletter publications, public relations and speaking engagements. The Chapter Representative will attend all Chapter Board meetings. The Chapter Representative will perform other duties on behalf of the organization as the Board deems necessary.

A Holiday Memorial

A holiday wreath is a traditional part of the holidays in most homes. It is a simple wreath, usually of fresh greens in which you can place five candles. The wreath may be placed on any table or fireplace mantel.

As you light each candle this year, you may create a new ritual which will become a lasting tradition for Thanksgiving and throughout the holiday season. We hope this memorial will help you include your loved one in celebration.

As we light these five candles in honor of you, we light one for our grief, one for our courage, one for our memories, one for our love, and one for our hope.

This candle represents our grief. The pain of losing you is intense. It reminds us of the depth of our love for you.

This candle represents our courage—to confront our sorrow, to comfort each other, to change our lives.

This candle is in your memory—the times we laughed, the times we cried, the times we were angry with each other, the silly things you did, and the caring and joy you gave us.

This candle is the light of love. As we enter this holiday season, day by day we cherish the special place in our hearts that will always be reserved for you. We thank you for the gift your living brought to each of us.

And this candle is the light of hope. It reminds us of love and memories of you that are ours forever. May the glow of the flame be our source of hopefulness now and forever. We love you.

