



# Concerns of Police Survivors Washington, D.C. Chapter

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## Letter from our President

The year is half over, and the D.C. Chapter can look back on many accomplishments this year and look forward to plans being made to become even stronger, more active, and closer as a group. We have cried together while remembering on "special days", and laughed, surprising ourselves, because we felt we would never be able to do that again. We are learning that by being there to support new survivors, we also help ourselves. We are watching our children and grandchildren develop friendships, while adult family members begin to realize how good it feels to talk with "like" survivors. Law enforcement officers are beginning to realize that they too, are survivors. They are donating time as liaison officers, learning more about how to support the families of their friends and co-workers killed in the line of duty and understanding their own personal loss.

As a chapter, we are planning numerous activities that appeal to all members of families. We want those survivors who have ideas and "know how" - who are able to show a child how to do something constructive and fun, present a workshop that will help fix things around the house, teach someone how to change their oil or a flat tire, or money-saving projects - come to our events and volunteer to help! Come help us to learn, to laugh, and live in this "new" life, because tragically, we can never go back to what we had before our loss. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Shirley Gibson, p/97

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### Mission Statement

Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. (COPS) provides resources to assist in the rebuilding of the lives of surviving families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty as determined by Federal criteria. Furthermore, COPS provides training to law enforcement agencies on survivors victimization issues and educates the public of the need to support the law enforcement profession and its survivors.

# Schedule of Upcoming Events

**🎗 Denotes Fallen Officers**

- July 3; Registration Deadline for COPS Kids Summer Camp and Outward Bound
- July 6 - 13; COPS Cruise to Alaska
- July 17 - 21; COPS National Board/Chapter Teambuilding, Potosi, MO (National Board Meeting July 20th)
- August 4 - Aug 10; COPS Kids Summer Camp for children, ages 6 - 14, Lake of the Ozarks State Park, Kaiser, MO
- August 4 - Aug 10; COPS Outward Bound for children, ages 15 - 21, Green River in Utah
- August 12; Registration Deadline for Siblings' Retreat
- August 26; Registration Deadline for Spouse's Getaway
- September 3; Registration Deadline for Parents' Retreat
- September 12 - 15; Siblings' Retreat, Potosi, MO
- September 17; Registration Deadline for Adult Children's Retreat (October 17 - 20)
- September 24; Registration Deadline for In-Laws' Retreat (October 24 - 27)
- September 26 - 29; Spouse's Getaway Potosi, MO

## *Travel Assistance Available for COPS Hands-On Programs*

A motion was passed by the DC Chapter Board to help families attend COPS Hands-On Programs. The motions reads:

Based on the organization's budget, the chapter will assist with up to \$200 per vehicle or up to \$200 per person for other forms of transportation (plane/train/bus) to COPS Hands-On Programs. Receipts are required for reimbursement. All receipts must be submitted to the board no later that one month after participation in the program.

### Something to look for:

- We are going to try and have a picnic for all survivors in September. Contact Jennifer Morales if you would like to help. Complete details will be mailed out at a later date.

## July

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## September

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# In Honor of Our Fallen Heroes

## July

- 7-9-64 **Martin I. Donovan**  
(Metropolitan Police Department)
- 7-14-00 **Robert F. Jones**  
(US Postal Service)
- 7-18-98 **Thomas F. Hamlette, Jr.**  
(Metropolitan Police Department)
- 7-24-91 **Albee V. Forney**  
(Walter Reed Med Center)
- 7-24-98 **Jacob Chestnut**  
(United States Capitol Police)
- 7-24-98 **John M. Gibson**  
(United States Capitol Police)

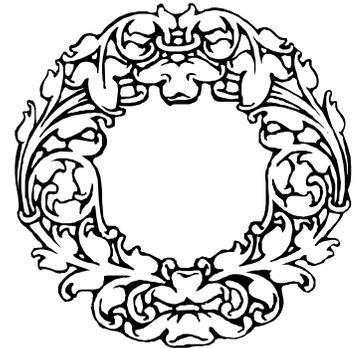


## August

- 8-3-89 **William A. Smith**  
(Metropolitan Police Department)
- 8-4-86 **Kevin Welsh**  
(Metropolitan Police Department)
- 8-10-02 **Hakim A. Farthing**  
(United States Park Police)
- 8-19-01 **Eric D. Lee**  
(Chicago Police Department)
- 8-24-84 **Christopher Eney**  
(United States Capitol Police)
- 8-25-87 **Arthur Cash**  
(Drug Enforcement Administration)
- 8-29-02 **James Arnaud** (Prince  
George's County Sheriff's Dept)
- 8-29-02 **Elizabeth Magruder** (Prince  
George's County Sheriff's Dept)

## September

- 9-1-46 **Donald Down**  
(Washington Police Dept - MPD)
- 9-20-74 **Gail Cobb**  
(Metropolitan Police Department)
- 9-25-95 **David A. Willis**  
(New York Police Dept)



## Courtroom Updates

### **Sergeant James Arnaud & PFC Elizabeth L. Magruder - Prince George's County Sheriff's Department**

**(EOW 8/29/02)** On April 24, 2003 Anthony A. Kromah pleaded guilty to one count of being an accessory after the fact to the murders of Deputies Arnaud and Magruder. Kromah helped James R. Logan hide the murder weapon. Kromah agreed to testify against Logan, who is scheduled to go on trial this fall. The death penalty is being sought for Logan. There will be motion hearings on October 6 - 9 at the Prince George's County Courthouse in Upper Marlboro. The trial has recently been set for October 23, 24, 27-30 and November 3 -7.

Submitted by Jamey Arnaud, ac/02, and Derwinn Magruder, w/02

### **Officer Jacob Chestnut & Detective John Gibson - United States Capitol Police (EOW 7/24/98)**

On June 17th a status hearing regarding Russell Weston's competency took place. Although he is making progress he is still not competent to stand trial. Please keep the families in your thoughts and prayers that they get justice soon. They have been waiting 5 years.

### **Officer Hakim A. Farthing - United States Park Police (EOW 8/10/02)**

On June 24, 2003 Jovada Welch, 20, of Rome, Ga., was sentenced to 5 years in federal prison and 3 year probation in the death of Officer Hakim A. Farthing. She pleaded guilty in March to involuntary manslaughter, driving under the influence of alcohol and reckless driving in the death of Officer Farthing. Search [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com) for more information.

### **Metro Transit Officer Marlon F. Morales (EOW 6/13/01)**

The trial of Walter Johnson has been postponed once again. There will be a status hearing on July 2 to set a new trial date. According to the Washington Post, Walter Johnson was stabbed 40 times a week before his trial was to begin by a fellow inmate. You can search [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com) for more information about the incident.

Submitted by Jennifer Morales, w/01

Please submit more Courtroom Updates for the next newsletter and website.

Check [www.dc-cops.org](http://www.dc-cops.org) for updated information on all trial information.

## Congratulations to all our College Graduates!



**Sara Naomi Bernstein**, daughter of Michael Bernstein, '88, graduated on May 18 from Pomona College in Claremont, California with a B.A. in Public Policy Analysis and Psychology. She is currently job hunting in the Washington, D.C. area.

**William L. Chestnut**, son of J.J. Chestnut, '98, received his Master's Degree in Physical Therapy at Marymount University on May 11. He is currently job hunting in the DC area.

**Karen L. Chestnut**, daughter of J. J. Chestnut, '98, graduated from University of Maryland on May 23 with a B.A. in Family Studies. Karen will continue her education in Oregon.

**Juanita Nichole Smith**, sister of Oliver W. Smith, Jr., '97, graduated on May 24 from Notre Dame of Baltimore with a B.A. in Political Science. She is currently job hunting in the Washington, D.C. area.



**Keirra McGee**, daughter of **James McGee, Jr.**, '95, graduated from **St. Thomas More**, 8th grade, **June 9, 2003** and will be attending **Bishop McNamara**.

### **Briana Gibson graduated 3rd grade June 12th!**

Briana is MPO Brian Gibson's daughter, '97, (MPD). She is spending her summer taking golf, tennis and swimming lessons and, of course, traveling with mom, Tracie. Briana is most proud of being a cheerleader in the 10 and under age group with the award winning Forestville (Falcons) Maryland Boys and Girls Club Cheerleaders. The University of Maryland cheerleaders have a clinic every year for the Forestville Falcons cheerleaders to prepare them for competition. The Washington Redskins cheerleaders then host and judge the competition which Briana's team has swept for the last 3 years. Usually the team then goes to the regional in Ocean City, MD to compete, but even though the team held the title they did not travel to Ocean City this year.

submitted by Tracie Gibson w/97

Please send in articles and pictures for our next newsletter. Let me know if you plan on attending the COPS Hands On Programs. I would love pictures and stories from the Hands-On Programs to include in our next newsletter. Let me know how you spent the summer! The deadline for submission is September 8th. If you can help with putting the newsletter together please let me know. Thanks to all that submitted articles for this newsletter. Send E-mail submissions to [Jenisbored@aol.com](mailto:Jenisbored@aol.com). Send regular mail submissions to COPS, PO Box 31549, Washington, D.C. 20030-1549.

Jennifer Morales w/01 (Correspondence Secretary)

### **Birthdays:**

- Torya McGee, niece of James McGee, Jr. '95, turned 20 on June 10th
- Jeramy VanLanduit, son of Marlon Morales, '01, turned 13 on Friday, June 13th.
- Oliver Smith, III, son of Oliver Smith, Jr, '97 turned 12 on June 19th.
- Devinn Magruder, son of Elizabeth Magruder, '02, will turn 4 on July 11th.
- Meghan Cosslett, daughter of C. Mark Cosslett, '02 will turn 3 on August 2nd.







Meghan Morales c/01 poses in front of the Metro Transit Honor Guard before the 9th Annual Blue Mass.



Ofc. Tony Mendoza holds Meghan Morales c/01 at the 15th Annual Candlelight Vigil.



Devin Magruder c/02 and Meghan Morales c/01 hang out at the 3rd Annual Survivor Breakfast.



DC COPS Survivors attend the 8th Annual Law Ride.



President Shirley Gibson poses with other survivors and the 'Bobbies' during National Police Week 2003.



Bobby Johnson c/97 and Emma Sanchez s/01 join the Congo line at the NPW picnic.

Please send in pictures for our next newsletter. You can e-mail them to [Jenisbored@aol.com](mailto:Jenisbored@aol.com) or send in regular pictures to:  
COPS, DC Chapter  
PO Box 31549  
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Please include a caption or story!  
We want to know how you spent the summer!



Ofc. Steve Morrison, Metro Transit, takes a picture with the Morales children/01. He rode in the Police Unity Tour in Memory of Marlon F. Morales.



Jeremy and Josh c/01 climb the rock wall at the NPW picnic.



Cynthia and Oliver Smith p/97 with a survivor from Washington State brave the rainy weather to attend the Picnic in the Park.



### 3rd Annual Survivor Breakfast



## Letter from our Vice President

What a year we are having. It's only June, (at the time of this article) and so much has happened in our chapter, so I will just pick a few of those things to talk about. We have some new folks on our board and in our chapter and I got to tell ya that the energy and host of new ideas that flowed around the conference room at the Metro Headquarters at our last business meeting was awesome.

I would like to welcome our new Correspondence Sec., Jennifer Morales and our new Treasurer, Yvette Johnson. These two bring a vast amount of knowledge and skills to our board and I can only expect great thing from both. I would like to take the time to give many thanks to our past Correspondence Secretary, Terrica Gibson. For those of you who have had an opportunity to visit our website or seen our past newsletters, then you know the value Terrica brings to our chapter. She has decided to wear one hat rather than three and will focus on the web page as our Web Master.

The Recognition Ceremony for the anniversary of the "End of Watch" for Officer Oliver Smith Jr., took on a special meaning this year. On May the 12<sup>th</sup> Five MPD 2D officers were recognized for outstanding service in their District. These officers received awards in Oliver's name. It's my hope that this ceremony will continue to be a recognition of life. I believe Oliver would have wanted it that way.

Police Week was a great success. Kudos to the many chapter members who helped Cynthia and me prepare the "Parents Picnic". This is not an official event sponsored by our chapter, but I don't know what I would do without Mary's Salmon Loaf or Shirley's famous Broccoli Cornbread. Each year I try to spread the rumor that both will stunt your growth and each year nobody will listen, and there are never any leftovers.

The Law Enforcement Tribute in North Wildwood, New Jersey was a blast. Words can not express the great time we had. The Washington D.C. Chapter of COPS took the place over. We had 31 of the 41 rooms at our hotel. The hotel accommodations were just what most of our chapter members needed after Police Week. Most of our rooms were right on the beach with a great view of the ocean. This was a safe place where we could relax or reflect with each other.

"Survivors Helping Survivors", this the pure essence of what our chapter is based on. Let us remember each in prayer and always leave room for reconciliation with one another.

Oliver Smith p/97

## Special Thank You's



The Washington DC COPS Board would like thank everyone that made Police Week 2003 a success. Our chapter meets new and returning survivors at the airport each year. Thanks to all that came out this year, and please let us know if you are interested in helping out next year.

Here is also a friendly reminder to send 'thank you's' to those in our police departments for all the support they give each year.

**Thanks to all that donate to the chapter with their time, money, and skills.**

**We grow stronger together.**

I am a Heroes, Inc. product. This organization is responsible for the financial and moral support. They offered me a chance of a lifetime. Heroes, Inc., provided my educational access to achieve my dream. As of this past year, I have reached my goal of becoming a Corporate Pilot with a local company. I would like to take this chance to recognize their continued efforts in supporting survivors like me. Thank you all for the support that was given to myself and family. Thank you DC COPS for your time and interest.

Sincerely,  
Scott Stocker ac/66

Special Thanks to **Metro Transit Police Department**. They have allowed the COPS, DC Chapter to use their conference room for our Annual Membership Meeting held on June 22 as well as for a Board Meeting earlier in the month. They also have generously printed up the newsletter that you are now reading! Thanks to all those that helped out.

On a more personal level I would like to send a special thanks to all the Metro Transit Officers that have gone out of their way to make my life easier. They have been there from the moment Marlon was shot; in the hospital, at the house, for the funeral, and more importantly they have been there for the kids and I for the last 2 years. For 2 years in a row they have taken the boys to the amusement park and this year they will also take other children that lost their fathers in the line of duty from other departments. They have helped chase birds out of the dryer vent, given last minute rides from the MCI Center when Josh was sick, and so many more things that make the guys and gals in the department the best! Stay safe.



# Annual Membership Meeting

June 22, 2003

The June 22nd Annual Membership Meeting was very productive. We held elections and would like to welcome our new Treasurer, Yvette Johnson, w/97. We would like to thank Cynthia Smith for taking care of the Treasurer and Correspondence Secretary positions while serving her primary position as Recording Secretary. You did a wonderful job!

After the elections, we opened the floor to questions and discussion. We came away from the meeting with lots of ideas for fund raising activities, as well as ideas for activities to do as a group. We are going to need lots of help to get things moving, so if you see something you would be interested in helping out with, please contact the board.

## POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES

1. Customs Department K-9 Academy dog demonstrations
2. Prince Georges County – day trips
3. Amtrak – Day trips (i.e., Baltimore Inner Harbor)
4. King’s Dominion/Six Flags
5. Wildwood, NJ
6. Wizards Basketball
7. Summer Picnic
8. Formal adult night
9. Hand Dancing lessons
10. Pre-NPW Luncheon
11. Bowling
12. Kids Birthday
13. Fishing
  - Fish fry

## FUND RAISING IDEAS

1. Candy Bars w/ COPS designer wrapper
2. Non-Eligible kids – NPW Babysitting Service
3. Stanley Products
4. Cruise Trips
5. Pizza Pies during NPW – Dominoes, UNOS
6. Metropolitan area Businesses
7. Radio Stations – Advertising and donations
8. Adult Dance/Game Night
9. Stay-at-home Tea
10. Fish Fry
11. Commemorative Stamp
12. Calendar

A Calendar Coordinator is needed. We are going to put a calendar together made up of the children’s drawings to raise money for COPS activities. We need someone to help organize and print the calendars. If you think you can help or would like to contribute in any way please call the COPS office or e-mail anyone on the Board.

## Financial Report

Balance (January 1, 2003)	\$ 41,145.85
Income:	
911 Commemorative Fund Raiser	\$ 8,424.95
Donations	\$ 1,386.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 9,810.95</b>
EXPENSES:	
Fund Raiser (911 Commemorative)	- \$ 5,892.00
MISCELLANEOUS	
Meals and Entertainment	- \$1,051.16
Meeting/Memorials	- \$ 228.58
Travel/Lodging	- \$ 2,871.06
Travel/Lodging (Room Deposits for Wildwood)	\$ 620.00
OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	
Subscriptions/Renewal	- \$ 149.50
Office Supplies/Mailings	-\$839.81
Bank Fees	- \$ 84.75
Telephone	- \$ 276.42
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>- \$ 12,957.23</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>39,239.57</b>

REACHING OUT TO HELP THE  
SURVIVORS OF FALLEN LAW  
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

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We're on the Web!  
[www.dc-cops.org](http://www.dc-cops.org)

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## Can you help?

Perhaps there are those who want to help the D.C. Chapter of COPS, but feel time, transportation, traffic, parking or distance to membership meetings prove difficult or inconvenient. There are still many things that can be done to help. Terrica Gibson, s/97, is one of those who prefer working in the background. She maintains the D.C. COPS website ([www.dc-cops.org](http://www.dc-cops.org)) which she designed.



Can you stuff envelopes, help clean up after a social event, help decorate the COPS Christmas tree, contact stores like Wal-Mart, K-mart, Costco, or Sam's Club to see if they would be willing to donate various items on different occasions (ex: blue light bulbs during the holidays)? Do you know how to write letters to large corporations asking for a donation? Are there officers out there who know contact persons at hotels, restaurants, or various transportation agencies (airports, train, etc.) who might be able to give us discounts on travel to programs such as COPS KIDS CAMP, OUTWARD BOUND, etc? Let us know. We believe there is a wealth of assistance among survivors and we need your help!