

WASHINGTON, DC CHAPTER OF
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NEWSLETTER

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: *(Note: date and/or time for events/activities/meetings are subject to change.. For the latest information or if there are any changes, go to the Chapter's FACEBOOK page or send an e-mail to: president@dc-cops.org.)*

IN MEMORIAM:

Honoring Sergeant Clinton J. Holtz, United States Capitol Police (EOW: January 17, 2014) – Riva Trace Baptist Church, 475 West Central Avenue, Davidsonville, MD 21035 – February 5, 2014 – **Visitation:** 1000-1100 hours and **Memorial Service:** 1100 hours.

It is with great sorrow that I must announce the death on January 26, 2014 of **Cliff “Duke” Rife**, surviving father of Washington, DC Metropolitan Police Department Sergeant Clifton Rife, II (EOW: June 2, 2004). Please keep Duke’s wife, Billie, and the rest of his family in your thoughts and prayers.

IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING CHAPTER ELECTIONS:

YOU are invited to become an officer of the Chapter. It is that time to put together a slate of candidates that are interested in serving the Chapter as an Officer. The elected officers are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Officers are elected every two years. For further information concerning the election process, see *Standard Operating Procedure #2012-05*, dated August 14, 2013.

If you are interested in serving as a Chapter officer for an elected position, please contact the President at: president@dc-cops.org not later than **March 28, 2014** in order for your name to be in the hands of the Chapter’s Election Committee Chair not later than **April 1, 2014**.

If you are interested in serving as a Chapter officer for an appointed position, please contact the President at: president@dc-cops.org not later than **April 1, 2014**. All current

officers (elected or appointed) who wish to be a candidate for his/her current or another officer position must submit his/her *Letter of Intent* for the office desired to the President not later than **March 28, 2014**.

In addition, if you are interested in serving on the Chapter's Election Committee, submit your name as well to the President at: president@dc-cops.org **not later than March 1, 2014**.

The duties of the officers can be found in the *Chapter Bylaws*. The duties of the Election Committee can be found in *SOP #2013-05*. These documents are available on the Chapter website or contact: mail@dc-cops.org.

Recently announced by the C.O.P.S. National Office concerning the *In-Laws Retreat* -- it has CHANGED – it is now the *EXTENDED FAMILY Retreat*: The National Board decided at their November 2013 board meeting that they would change the **In-Laws Retreat** to the **Extended Family Retreat**. This would still allow surviving in-laws to attend the retreat, but it will now also be open to grandparents, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Attendees need to be 21 or over like the other adult retreats. It will still be held in Potosi, MO at the YMCA Trout Lodge on October 17-20, 2014 as has been planned, just the name of the retreat and those qualified has changed. The retreat will run the same as all of the other retreats. A letter was sent out to the surviving in-laws that had attended *In-Laws Retreat* previously letting them know of the change.

OTHER SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

REMINDER: In keeping with the Executive Board's responsibility for fiscal accountability and the safeguarding and safekeeping of Chapter funds, it is necessary for a survivor who wishes to be reimbursed for any travel or for special activities or events to obtain pre-approval of the reimbursement request in order to be considered to receive financial reimbursement from the Chapter. The necessary approval form is available on-line on the Chapter's website for this purpose. For additional information or a copy of the form, you may contact: mail@dc-cops.org.

WE NEED YOU! Are you interested in seeing the Chapter have a special event/activity? Are you interested in working on a committee for a special event/activity for Chapter survivors? If you have an idea of what you would like to see for our Chapter survivors, make the suggestion and then offer to help with the event. There are a lot of good ideas of what the Chapter can do for fun activities for survivors but it takes the leadership and committee members to put the event together and make it work. There is a lot of talent among Chapter survivors but it needs to be nurtured, so step forward and help.....we need YOU! If you are interested in any event, contact the President at: president@dc-cops.org.

HELP WANTED:

Volunteers are needed NOW for taking the lead and/or being on a committee for the upcoming Annual Survivors Breakfast in May – for details or additional information, contact the President at: president@dc-cops.org.

Volunteers are needed to serve on the Chapter's Election Committee (see Page 1 of this newsletter for details).

Volunteers are needed to serve as a Chapter officer (elected or appointed positions) – see Page 1 of this newsletter for details.

COMPUTER ACCESS: To save time and money, a majority of announcements will be sent to you via e-mail and/or posted on the FACEBOOK page and/or the Chapter's website. If you do not have any access to a computer, please advise us so that we can pass on important information via telephone call or letter to you.

STAY CONNECTED! We're on *FACEBOOK (facebook.com)*....check us out at: [Washington DC Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors](#). Special events and notices will be posted on the site.

WEBSITE: Check out the Chapter website for special notices and announcements. Chapter SOPs, pre-approval of events for reimbursement and requests for reimbursement form(s), etc. can be found on the site. The website address is: <http://dc-cops.org>.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Tribute Ceremony Honoring MPO Brian T. Gibson: Please join the Gibson family and friends as we remember MPO Brian T. Gibson with a candlelight memorial on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 3:00AM. We will meet at the MPD Fourth District Headquarters, 6001 Georgia Avenue, NW at approximately 2:45AM and make the very short walk down to the intersection of Georgia and Missouri Avenues, NW. A brief reception will follow the vigil in the MPD Fourth District Community Room.

Tribute Ceremony Honoring Officer James M. McGee, Jr.: Please join the McGee family and friends as we remember Officer James McGee at a gathering of remembrance on Friday, February 7, 2014 at 6:00PM at the MPD Seventh District Headquarters, 2455 Alabama Avenue, SE. We will meet at the MPD Seventh District Headquarters at approximately 5:45PM. A brief reception will follow the vigil in the MPD Seventh District Community Room.

MPD Recruit Graduation Ceremony – noon on March 21, 2014, place to be determined – Class Honoree is MPD Officer Allan L. Nairn (EOW: November 30, 1969).

Washington, DC Chapter of C.O.P.S. Annual **CHAPTER SURVIVORS BREAKFAST** is planned for Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 10:00AM. It will be held at CASA ITALIANA, 595 Third Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001 (the Hall is adjacent to Holy Rosary Catholic Church). There is very limited free parking available in the Church's parking lot. The event is open to DC Chapter survivors and families (children are most welcome too). This event also serves as a Chapter Membership Meeting.

Annual Blue Mass – May 6, 2014, noon, at St. Patrick's Church, Washington, DC – event is open to the public.

Washington Area Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Service – May 9, 2014 – event is open to the public – MPD Headquarters at 11:00AM.

Law Enforcement United – Road to Hope Bicycle Ride – May 12, 2014 arrival in D.C. – details will be available o/a March 2014.

National Police Week 5K – TBD – details will be available o/a March 2014.

2014 National Police Week events – May 11 (early arrival day) to May 17 (official departure day) – see a detailed schedule of events on the C.O.P.S. National website.

Washington, DC Chapter of C.O.P.S. **Annual Membership Meeting**, June 14, 2014, 4:00PM, MPD HQ Building – open to all DC Chapter survivors – TENTATIVE & subject to change. **CHAPTER ELECTIONS AT THIS MEETING!**

National C.O.P.S. Chapter Training 2014 – St. Louis, MO, July 10-12, 2014 {Chapter rep(s) only} – details o/a April 2014.

Washington DC Chapter of C.O.P.S. – **Executive Board/Chapter Officers and Staff Meeting**, July 26, 2014, 4:00PM, MPD Headquarters (also open to all DC Chapter survivors) – TENTATIVE & subject to change.

Law Enforcement Archery Tournament – Saturday, August 9, 2014 – Fairfax Station, VA – details at: www.mostwantedoutdoors.com (event is open to the public).

DC COPS Classic Golf Tournament – TBD – details will be available o/a March 2014.

C.O.P.S. came into existence after survivors had been attending the National Peace Officers' Memorial Day Service sponsored by the FOP and its Auxiliary for two years. On May 14, 1984, the day prior to the third memorial service, 110 law enforcement survivors voted unanimously to organize C.O.P.S. Please join C.O.P.S. in celebrating 30 years of rebuilding shattered lives. Today, C.O.P.S. serves 32,576 survivors and sends mail to 72,297 interested individuals.

The Traumas of Law Enforcement Training for 2014
(For information, contact: president@dc-cops.org)

C.O.P.S. presents 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. 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”:

February 10-12---Westminster, Colorado (greater Denver area)

Westminster Public Safety Center, 9110 Yates Street, Westminster, Colorado 80031

February 24-26---Minneapolis, Minnesota

Saint Mary’s University Event Center, 2540 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55404

March 3-5---Tulsa, Oklahoma

Highland Park Christian Church, 5708 East 31st Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74135

March 10-12---Durham, North Carolina

Duke University- Richard White Lecture Hall, East Campus Building 7214
1308 Campus Drive, Duke University, North Carolina 27708

March 31-April 2---Albany New York (New York State Police Academy)

1220 Washington Avenue, Building 24, Albany New York 12226-2450

The 2014 C.O.P.S. Hands-On Programs

(These programs are available to DC Chapter of C.O.P.S. survivors – for information, contact:
president@dc-cops.org)

NOTE: Registration for the 2014 *Hands-On Programs* will be open in April.

C.O.P.S. provides Hands-On Programs designed specifically for each survivorship to help rebuild their shattered lives. Parents’ Retreat provides surviving parents of the fallen officer with strong peer support to help cope with the pain of losing their child. Spouses Retreat is a “challenging” weekend getaway for surviving spouses where debriefers and strong peer support infuse surviving spouses with a significant dose of self-esteem and new found confidence. Siblings Retreat is a weekend where brothers and sisters have access to mental health professionals and can meet others who lost a sibling in the line of duty help deal with their pain. Adult Children’s Retreat is for surviving adult children 21 years and older and provides counselors and strong peer support to help deal with the death of their parent. In-Laws Retreat assists the parents and siblings of the surviving spouse in coping with the death of their law enforcement officer.

Adult Children’s Retreat

Dates: June 20-23

Location: YMCA Trout Lodge - Potosi, MO

Kids Camp

Dates: July 28-August 3

Location: Salvation Army Lake Camp - East Troy, WI

Outward Bound ® Adventure

Dates: July 27-August 3

Location: White Water Rafting in Canyonlands National Park - Cataract Canyon, UT

Fiancés/Significant Others Retreat

Dates: August 15-18

Location: YMCA Trout Lodge - Potosi, MO

Siblings Retreat

Dates: September 5-8

Location: YMCA Trout Lodge - Potosi, MO

Spouses Retreat

Dates: September 19-22

Location: YMCA Trout Lodge - Potosi, MO

Co-Workers Retreat

Dates: October 3-6

Location: YMCA Trout Lodge - Potosi, MO

Extended Family Retreat (*Formerly the In-Laws Retreat*)

Dates: October 17-20

Location: YMCA Trout Lodge - Potosi, MO

Parents Retreat

Dates: October 24-27

Location: C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center - Little Rock, AR

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(as of January 29, 2014)