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**NEWSLETTER**

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**DC CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING**

**JUNE 20, 2015 AT 7D HQ**

**SEE DETAILS BELOW - IMPORTANT MEETING**

**REFRESHMENTS TO BE SERVED!**

**PLEASE ATTEND!**

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** *(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](mailto:president@dc-cops.org).)*

Salvatore F. Criscuolo, the father of Msgr Sal, the Chapter's Chaplain, died on December 18, 2014. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of Mr. Criscuolo at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 619 Tenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001 on Sunday, June 14, 2015 at 10:00AM. All are invited to attend the Mass. Free parking is available in the Atlantic Garage, 10th Street, next door to the church between F and G Streets for those attending Sunday Mass. Your parking ticket must be validated in the sacristy of the church.

Washington, DC Chapter of C.O.P.S. **Annual Membership Meeting**, June 20, 2015, 1:00PM, MPD Seventh District Station, 2455 Alabama Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20020 – open to all DC Chapter survivors. **THERE ARE NO OFFICER ELECTIONS AT THE MEETING THIS YEAR SINCE THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE OFFICERS IS TWO YEARS AND ELECTIONS WERE HELD AT THE 2014 ANNUAL MEETING!** There will be important topics on the agenda, e.g., discussion of the candidates for National C.O.P.S. President, report of the Chapter's Annual Audit, review of the Chapter's financial reports, etc. Food and soft drinks will be provided following the meeting. There is limited street parking at 7D HQ but parking tends to be easier at this location than at MPD HQ. ALL

CHAPTER MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE PRESENT FOR THIS IMPORTANT ANNUAL MEETING.

### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**NATIONAL POLICE WEEK:** Sergeant Clinton Jeffrey Holtz, US Capitol Police (EOW: January 17, 2014) was added to the list of fallen officers who were honored at THE WALL this year. Our Chapter worked closely with the agency escort officer and surviving family members of Sergeant Holtz. In addition, a big THANKS to Sharon Wagner and Penny Snow, members of our Chapter, who worked in various positions at various times during the NPW events at the Host Hotel.

**FUNDRAISING ISSUES:** We are a non-profit organization. We must always make sure that the way we spend our money is consistent with a 501(c)(3) organization, our mission statement, the donor's intent, and what we advertise as the reason for our fundraising. For example, if we hold a fishing tournament and tell people "we raise money to send our survivors to C.O.P.S.' Hands-On Programs, then we'd better make sure that is where those funds go.

Reminder from National: while we are on the subject of fundraising, it is important to keep in mind that we DO NOT raise funds for other organizations. It has been National C.O.P.S.' position that we do not participate in raising funds for non-C.O.P.S. events, Memorial Walls or competing organizations. National C.O.P.S. also does not solicit our survivors. It is our belief that survivors have already paid "too high a price". This is why we do not charge a survivor to attend a Hands-On Program. It is not appropriate for chapters to be sending out mailings for events where funds are raised for other organizations. This is essentially allowing another group to use our membership list for solicitation. You can certainly offer to place information in a newsletter going out or on a table where you have other materials on display, allowing survivors to choose what, if any, information they may want to take. The only exception to this policy is if there were a fundraising partnership with C.O.P.S., such as, a motorcycle charity ride, a raffle, golf tournament, etc. where your chapter would receive a percentage of the proceeds. All advertising/literature would state that the C.O.P.S. Chapter is one of the charities of choice. In other words, if the event being held benefits both your chapter and another organization, that is different.

**C.O.P.S. 2015 HANDS-ON PROGRAMS:** C.O.P.S. provides Hands-On Programs designed specifically for each survivorship to help rebuild their shattered lives. These programs allow survivors to receive support from peers who know how they feel, attend seminar sessions specifically designed for their needs and obtain resources to help them on their journey of grief and coping. The programs are held in a relaxed setting that is removed from the stressors of everyday life and are free for survivors to attend. The only cost to the survivors is their travel to and from the program. **These programs are available to DC Chapter of C.O.P.S. survivors – for information, contact: [president@dc-cops.org](mailto:president@dc-cops.org)**  
**NOTE:** Our Chapter does offer financial assistance for travel, see Chapter SOP #2012-03 for further information on financial assistance available and the process to qualify.

Adult Children's Retreat is planned for surviving adult children and their spouse/domestic partner, ages 21 and over. Kids Camp is planned for surviving children ages 6-14 and their parent/guardian. The Outward Bound ® Adventure is planned for surviving children ages 15-20. Young Adults Camp (**new in 2015**) is planned for surviving children and siblings ages 15-20. Fiancés/ Significant Others Retreat is planned for surviving Fiancés, Significant Others and Life Partners of the fallen officer. Siblings Retreat is planned for surviving siblings and their spouse/domestic partner, ages 21 and over. Spouses Getaway is planned for the surviving spouse of the fallen officer. Co-Workers Retreat is planned for surviving co-workers, active or retired. Co-Workers for Couples Retreat (**new in 2015**) is planned for surviving co-workers and their spouse/domestic partner, active or retired. Extended Family Retreat is planned for surviving In-Laws, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews and Cousins; ages 21 and over. Parents Retreat is planned for the surviving parents of the fallen officer.

**Adult Children's Retreat**

Dates: June 19-22

Location: YMCA Trout Lodge - Potosi, MO

**Young Adults Camp**

Dates: June 22-26

Location: YMCA Trout Lodge - Potosi, MO

**Kids Camp**

Dates: July 27-August 2

Location: Salvation Army Lake Camp - East Troy, WI

**Outward Bound ® Adventure**

Dates: July 26-August 2

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

**Fiancés/Significant Others Retreat**

Dates: August 14-17

Location: YMCA Trout Lodge - Potosi, MO

**Co-Workers for Couples Retreat**

Dates: August 20-23

Location: YMCA Trout Lodge - Potosi, MO

**Siblings Retreat**

Dates: September 11-14

Location: YMCA Trout Lodge - Potosi, MO

**Spouses Getaway**

Dates: September 25-28

Location: YMCA Trout Lodge - Potosi, MO

**Co-Workers Retreat**

Dates: October 2-5

Location: YMCA Trout Lodge - Potosi, MO

## **Extended Family Retreat**

Dates: October 16-19

Location: YMCA Trout Lodge - Potosi, MO

## **Parents Retreat**

Dates: October 23-26

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

**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.

The Washington, DC Chapter of C.O.P.S. is registered to participate in a fundraising program known as **AmazonSmile**. It is a simple and automatic way for you to support the Chapter every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to the Chapter. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible. You can use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same. On your first visit to AmazonSmile you need to select the DC Chapter to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Donations are made by the AmazonSmile Foundation and are not tax deductible by you. The following link connects you directly to *smile.amazon* in support of the Chapter: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-2203759>. We need **YOU** to make purchases to make this a viable fund raiser for the Chapter. For further details go to: <http://smile.amazon.com>.

A big **THANK YOU** to MPD Sergeant Brett Parson who initiated and coordinated fundraising events with MPD active duty and former police officers, their family members and supportive community members for a very generous donation to the Chapter. Sergeant Parson is an active member of the DC Chapter of C.O.P.S.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

**MPD Recruit Graduation Ceremony** – June 12, 2015, MPD Academy auditorium at noon – Class Honoree is MPD Officer Claude O. Rupe (EOW: October 14, 1928).

On Sunday, June 14, at 10:00AM, a **Mass** is being offered for **Salvatore F. Criscuolo**, the father of Monsignor Sal Criscuolo, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 619 Tenth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20001, the oldest parish in the Federal City of Washington, DC. Founded in 1794 to minister to the needs of the stonemasons building the White House and the U.S. Capitol, the parish continues to serve the needs of downtown Washington. Msgr Sal is the Pastor of St. Patrick's. The public is invited to attend the Mass.

Washington, DC Chapter of C.O.P.S. **Annual Membership Meeting**, June 20, 2015 – open to all DC Chapter survivors – date/time/location to be determined -- refreshments will be served -- see details at top of *Newsletter*.

**2015 WORLD POLICE & FIRE GAMES** – June 26-July 5, 2015 – events conducted throughout the National Capital Region – for details check out the event website: [www.FAIRFAX2015.com](http://www.FAIRFAX2015.com)

**National C.O.P.S. Chapter Training 2015** – St. Louis, MO, July 9-12, 2015 {Chapter rep(s) only}.

Washington, DC Chapter of C.O.P.S. – **Executive Board/Chapter Officers and Staff Meeting**, latter part of July 2015.

## **WE SHALL NEVER FORGET:**

### May – September

Reserve Sgt.	Joseph Pozell	5/17/2005	Metropolitan Police Department
Sgt.	John S. Ashley	5/30/2004	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Ernest C. Ricks, III	5/17/1989	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Robert Remington	5/19/1987	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	William L. Sigmon	5/25/1971	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Jerrard F. Young	5/21/1971	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Russell W. Ponton	5/2/1967	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Harold K. Shelton	5/3/1959	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Hubert W. Estes	5/16/1947	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Charles R. Johnston	5/9/1943	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Jessie L. Taylor	5/1/1931	Metropolitan Police Department
Lieutenant	David T. Dunigan	5/21/1918	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	John A. Conrad	5/21/1918	Metropolitan Police Department
Sgt.	Frederick M. Passau	5/17/1899	Metropolitan Police Department
Sgt.	Clifton Rife II	6/2/2004	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Anthony W. Simms	6/3/1996	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Alfred V. Jackson	6/6/1979	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Richard F. Giguere	6/6/1979	Metropolitan Police Department
Detective Sgt.	James Roche	6/30/1962	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Ivan William Thompson	6/14/1940	U. S. Park Police

Sgt.	Charles F. Cummins	6/12/1940	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Richard T. Conklin	6/5/1938	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Frederick W. Bauer	6/6/1930	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Earl A. Skinner	6/9/1926	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Jacob Joseph Chestnut	7/24/1998	U. S. Capitol Police
Detective	John Michael Gibson	7/24/1998	U. S. Capitol Police
Officer	Thomas Hamlette, Jr.	7/18/1998	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	David C. Hawfield	7/14/1969	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Michael J. Cody	7/14/1969	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Stephen A. Williams	7/2/1968	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Martin I. Donovan	7/9/1964	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	George W. Cassels	7/12/1953	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Elmer A. Swanson	7/6/1932	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Harry J. McDonald	7/22/1929	Metropolitan Police Department
Home Defense Officer	Isaac W. Halbfinger	7/22/1919	Metropolitan Police Department
Detective Sgt.	Harry Wilson	7/21/1919	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Lester M. Kidwell	7/11/1918	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	John J. Smith	7/7/1904	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	James McBride	8/10/2005	Metropolitan Police Department
Sgt.	Ricardo Michael Preston	8/11/1988	U. S. Park Police
Officer	Kevin Welsh	8/4/1986	Metropolitan Police Department
Sgt.	Christopher Sherman Eney	8/24/1984	U. S. Capitol Police
Officer	Thomas P. Fogarty	8/6/1941	U. S. Park Police
Officer	Uel M. Gaile	8/19/1940	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Raymond E. Grant	8/14/1939	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	George W. Shinault	8/14/1932	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Milo John Kennedy	8/7/1932	U. S. Park Police
Officer	Arthur H. Gelhar	8/8/1931	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Charles D. Poole	8/4/1931	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Raymond C. Leisinger	8/28/1924	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Donald G. Luning	9/14/1982	Metropolitan Police Department

Officer	Gail A. Cobb	9/20/1974	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Dana E. Harwood	9/25/1972	Metropolitan Police Department
Deputy Marshal	Norman E. Sherriff	9/24/1971	U. S. Marshals Service
Officer	Michael L. Petrella	9/25/1965	U. S. Park Police
Officer	Mortimer P. Donoghue	9/15/1948	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Donald W. Downs	9/1/1946	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Frank J. Scoville	9/24/1930	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Leo W. Busch	9/28/1926	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Adolphus Constantine	9/10/1891	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	John H. Fowler	9/9/1884	Metropolitan Police Department

**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](mailto:mail@dc-cops.org).

**THE WASHINGTON, DC METROPOLITAN POLICE MEMORIAL PROJECT:** Details of the project are on the Project’s website: [dcpolicememorial.org](http://dcpolicememorial.org) and on FACEBOOK: **Washington, DC Metropolitan Police Memorial & Museum**. There are a few 2014 Christmas Ornaments available for sale -- there is also a Challenge Coin for sale. Each cost \$20.00 (including shipping & handling). If you are interested in obtaining either or both items, contact Hector Dittamo at: [president@dc-cops.org](mailto:president@dc-cops.org).

**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>.

**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.

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