

DC-COPS News

Washington D.C. Chapter Concerns of Police Survivors

Spring 2007

From the President: "A Must Read..."

Hello to the DC-COPS family. As Spring approaches things get busy for all of us. Please take some time to read through this newsletter since it's full of important details about upcoming events involving all of us. As a chapter, it's wonderful to see members of our survivor families participating in events and being a proud part of our organization. In this mailing, we have so much to cover—for example, we're having a Survivors Breakfast early in May, National Police Week is around the corner, it soon will be time to elect new board members, and it's not too early to start thinking of our Fall golf tournament.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all of our hard-working volunteers who have helped us with our events this past year. The golf tournament, the holiday party for the kids, and so many other activities would not be possible without the people who put so much of their valuable time into the planning of these events. I also want to recognize everyone who provided us with financial support throughout the year, no matter how large or small the amount. Since DC-COPS does not directly solicit money from survivors we rely on the generosity of individuals and organizations who donate to help us in our mission. As a 501(c)(3) organization, all donations are tax deductible. If you want to help out for future events or help us out financially, please let me know. You can get hold of me at president@dc-cops.org. Let your friends know a PDF copy of this newsletter can be found at www.dc-cops.org.

Some of the topics covered in this newsletter include:

- Washington Capitals Public Safety Night
- 'War at the Shore' Public Safety Football Game in New Jersey
- DC-COPS Survivors Breakfast
- National Police Week 2007 Schedule and Information
- Board Elections and General Membership Meeting in June
- Hands-On Retreat Schedule for 2007
- DC Generals Public Safety Football
- Mid-Atlantic Law Enforcement Survivors Weekend 2007
- Important News From Our Members
- 3rd Annual DC-COPS Golf Tournament Report
- Volunteer Officers—Unsung Heroes

Thank you for taking the time to read through this newsletter and caring about DC-COPS. I hope to see you at our future events and I wish all of you peace.



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Washington Capitals Public Safety Night

On Tuesday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m., the Washington Capitals hockey team will hold their annual game that's dedicated to all the law enforcement officers, firefighters, and EMTs who keep our lives safe. They will have an auction of a variety of really cool items, many of them signed by players from the hockey team. DC-COPS will get a portion of the proceeds from the auction. It's a great night for the family, with fire trucks and other emergency vehicles on display. The Capitals are offering their deepest discount: 2-for-1 tickets! You can either sign up by calling 202-266-2342 or visit www.capstickets.com/hero.html.

'War at the Shore' Public Safety Football Game in New Jersey

The North Wildwood Police Department (in New Jersey) will be hosting a day of sport activities called the 'War at the Shore' on Saturday, April 21, 2007. At 11 a.m. there will be a special exhibition soccer match and at 1 p.m. the *DC Generals* will face off against the *Philadelphia Blue Flame* in a special fundraising football game. The event will take place at Maxwell Field, 4000 Park Boulevard, Wildwood, NJ, 08260. The 'War at the Shore' will help raise funds to support September's Mid-Atlantic Law Enforcement Survivors Weekend hosted by the police department in North Wildwood, New Jersey. As it comes available, more information will be available at www.midatlanticsurvivors.org. Read more about the *DC Generals* further in this newsletter.



DC-COPS Survivors Breakfast

Our annual tradition! Members of DC-COPS and guests join together for a Saturday breakfast with delicious food and good company at 10 a.m. on May 5, 2007. It's our way of recognizing our local survivors and supporters before National Police Week 2007 begins. As always, it will be held at Casa Italiana at 595 1/2 Third Street NW, Washington, DC, located at 3rd and F Streets. You soon will get a special invitation in the mail so you can respond to let us know whether you are joining us for this great breakfast.

National Police Week 2007 Schedule and Information

Registration packets for National Police Week (NPW) 2007 have been mailed to the surviving families in the National Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) database. Survivors who lost an officer in 2006 were mailed invitations via First Class mail and the rest of the invitations went to 15,000 past-year survivors. Agencies that lost an officer in 2006 should have received the same packet their surviving families received. Participants are encouraged to respond by the deadlines listed in the information. ***On-line registration for NPW 2007 is now available!*** This and other detailed information are available at www.nationalcops.org/NPW2007.htm.



Survivors and Memorial Service escort officers should make hotel reservations through COPS on the form included in the registration packet (or online). Transportation to and from the airport and to and from the planned activities is provided only for those staying in Conference hotels. Survivors not staying at one of the official Conference hotels may find it very inconvenient and will have to secure their own transportation to and from the airport and to and from all activities.

Law enforcement officers who plan to attend only the Candlelight Vigil on May 13 and/or the Memorial Service on May 15 need not register with National COPS for NPW 2007 and should contact Washington DC Accommodations for hotel rooms at 202-289-2220.

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to ensure NPW 2007 is everything it should be for all of our survivors. If you are interested in helping, please call Carol Botts, chairperson of National COPS' Volunteer Committee, at 580-357-8179 or e-mail her at carolann522@hotmail.com. Spanish-speaking volunteers are also needed. Please contact her directly and not a member of DC-COPS, since she is coordinating volunteer services.

National Police Week Schedule of Activities

SATURDAY, MAY 5

DC-COPS Survivors Breakfast at Casa Italiana

Time: 10 a.m.

595 1/2 Third Street, NW, Washington, DC

TUESDAY, MAY 8

13th Annual Blue Mass at St. Patrick's Catholic Church

Time: 12 noon

10th and G Streets, NW, Washington, DC

FRIDAY, MAY 11

National Police Week Challenge 50-Kilometer Relay Race

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Secret Service Training Center in Laurel, MD

Contact: npc50@verizon.net

www.secretservice.gov/npc50

Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary Memorial Service

Time: TBD

In front of the Washington, DC Metropolitan Police Department Headquarters

300 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

(subject to change)

SATURDAY, MAY 12

Police Unity Tour Arrival Ceremony

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Contact: Harry Phillips at 973-443-0030, e-mail at unitytour1@aol.com, or visit www.policeunitytour.com

14th Annual TOP COPS Awards Ceremony

Hosted by the National Association of Police Organizations

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Warner Theatre, 513 Thirteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC

Contact: Jill Cameron at 202-842-4420

SUNDAY, MAY 13

11th Annual Law Ride

Time: Line-up begins at 9:00 a.m. in Lot 8 of RFK Stadium in Washington, DC. The procession will leave RFK promptly at 11:00 a.m. and ride to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, located on the 400 Block of E Street, NW.

Web site: www.lawride.com

19th Annual Candlelight Vigil

Time: 8:00 p.m.

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial 400 Block of E Street, NW, Washington, DC. It is advised that anyone attending take the Metro Red Line to Judiciary Square.

National Police Week Schedule of Activities *(continued)*

MONDAY, MAY 14

Fifth Annual Steve Young Honor Guard Competition Fraternal Order of Police Grand Lodge

Time: 8:30 a.m.

John Marshall Park, between the Federal Court House and the Canadian Embassy

Contact: Ken Roske via e-mail at honorguard@policeweek.org or visit www.policeweekhonorguard.com

National Police Survivors' Conference

Concerns of Police Survivors

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Hilton Alexandria Mark Center (Registration through National COPS is mandatory.)

12th Annual Emerald Society & Pipeband March and Service

National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies, Inc.

Time: Assemble at 4:30 p.m. at New Jersey Avenue, & F Street, NW. Step-off promptly at 6:00 p.m. The march will proceed to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

Contact: 301-858-0972 or e-mail at PESWASHDC@aol.com

TUESDAY, MAY 15

26th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Day Services

Grand Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and Grand Lodge FOP Auxiliary

Time: 12 noon

West Front of the United States Capitol, Washington, DC

FOP/FOPA Wreathlaying Ceremony

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial
3:30 p.m. at the 400 Block of E Street, NW

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

National Police Survivors' Conference

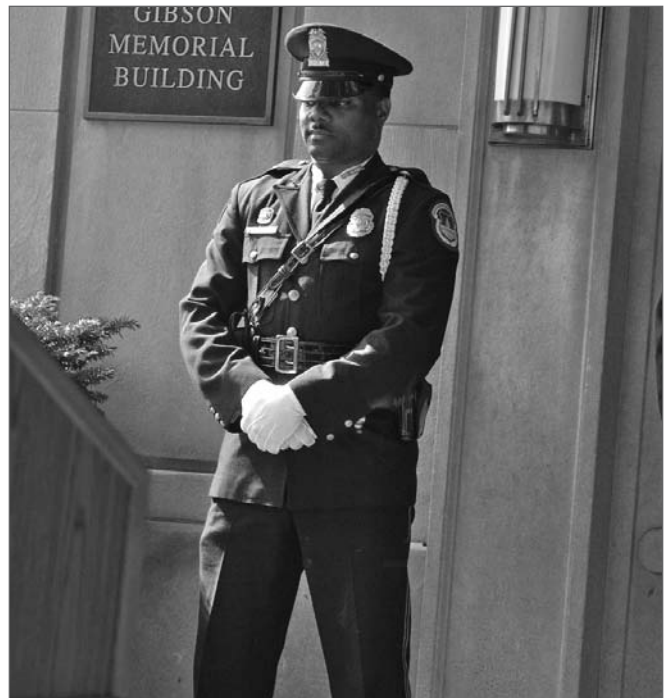
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NPW 2007 Web Sites

- www.nationalcops.org/npw.htm
- www.nleomf.com/TheFund/NPW07.htm
- www.policeweek.org



Dedicated Board Members Needed!

It's hard to believe two years have gone by so quickly, but in June 2007 it will be time for the DC-COPS Annual General Membership meeting and elections for the board of directors. The exact date, time and location have yet to be determined—a letter will be sent to you later with detailed information. Our organization needs dedicated individuals to continue its operation and move forward in its support of survivors. It would be a blessing to have no new survivors but reality tells us differently and DC-COPS needs to be there. We feel it's an honor to serve and hope you'll feel the same.

Who is eligible to vote?

Any family member (surviving spouses, children, parents, siblings) of any law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty. Also recognized as a category of survivorship are extended family members, significant others, fiancées, and affected co-workers.

Who is eligible for office?

Police Survivors of line-of-duty death (as mentioned above). Survivors shall not be eligible to serve as an officer until at least one year has gone by since the loss of their officer.

What are the requirements from our National office?

COPS shall expect its Board officers to serve in the best interests of the organization. They are entrusted with responsibilities of promoting the organization, securing funding for the organization, insuring that the integrity of the organization is preserved, and following all other guidelines as stated in the organization's by-laws.

What are the duties of officers?

All officers shall act as an official spokesperson of the chapter, shall serve a two-year term, and shall perform other duties on behalf of the organization as assigned.

President: Shall be the presiding chief officer of the Chapter, preside at meetings and/or conferences of the chapter and at meetings of the Executive Board; have the option to call special meetings of the Executive Board when deemed necessary, or upon a petition of a majority of the Executive Board; submit appropriate chapter reports to the Executive Board and the COPS Chapter Coordinator; make appointments to the Executive Board should a position become vacant; shall perform other duties on behalf of the organization as he/she deems necessary

Vice President: Shall fill the position of President should the elected President be unable to complete their term; shall coordinate chaplain services for the chapter; shall work with Legislators and various levels of government on behalf of the chapter

Recording Secretary: Shall take and transcribe minutes of all meetings; providing copies to the Executive Board and to the National Chapter Coordinator; safely keep the Bylaws of this Chapter and keep records of all official amendments; shall prepare, file, and maintain paperwork required by the District of Columbia laws; shall be responsible for the coordination of written communication in the event the Correspondence Secretary is unable

Correspondence Secretary: Shall be responsible for the coordination of all written communication on behalf of the chapter; shall apprise the National Office of any and all changes of the membership including names, addresses, phone numbers, etc., in a timely manner; shall take and transcribe minutes of all meetings in the event that the Recording Secretary is unable

Treasurer: Shall complete necessary State and Federal financial reports required by National COPS and submit to the President for review and submission to the COPS Chapter Coordinator; shall be responsible for handling all business associated with the bank; promptly deposit all funds; report all expenditures of the Chapter to the membership at the general meeting

Parliamentarian: Shall ensure compliance to the common usage and customs of Robert's Rules of Order

Liaison Officer Chair: Shall be responsible for coordinating Liaison Officer activities and disseminating information to the Liaison Officers; recruiting and communicating with area law enforcement agencies

The Washington, DC Chapter of COPS is your organization. Even if you are not interested in running for office, there are plenty of opportunities to volunteer. Please attend the Annual Meeting in June to become informed on the business of the Chapter and to provide valuable input for the future direction of the Chapter. If you want more information about any of these board positions, please contact me at president@dc-cops.org. More details will come soon. *Please think about it!*

Hands-On Retreat Schedule for 2007

(with a new program added!)

The COPS National Board approved a Fiancées/Significant Others Retreat for 2007. The retreat is being planned for August; however, the specific date and location are yet to be determined. Surviving fiancées and significant others should watch for additional information in the *National COPS* newsletter and the National COPS brochure that will be mailed to them when plans are finalized. Detailed information about this and other retreats (and their registration deadlines) also can be found online at www.nationalcops.org or by calling 573-346-4911.

Dates for 2007 COPS' hands-on programs:

- Adult Children's Retreat – June 15-18, Trout Lodge, Potosi, MO
- "C.O.P.S. Kids" Summer Camp – July 30-Aug. 5, Army Lake Camp, East Troy, Wisconsin
- "C.O.P.S. Teens" Outward Bound® Week – July 30-Aug 5, Cataract River, Utah
- Siblings Retreat – September 7-10, Trout Lodge, Potosi, MO
- Spouses Retreat – September 21-24, Trout Lodge, Potosi, MO
- Parents' Retreat – October 5-8, C.A. Vine Arkansas 4-H Center, Little Rock, AR
- In-Laws Retreat – October 12-15, Trout Lodge, Potosi, MO

Surviving children ages 15–20 who participate in Outward Bound 2007 will whitewater raft on the Cataract River in southeast Utah. Travel days may be July 29 and August 6. There are 50 slots for this excursion.



DC Generals Football

The *DC Generals* expansion football team is a newly formed 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in the greater Washington D.C. Metropolitan area with plans to join the National Public Safety Football League. The *DC Generals* will make donations to police- and fire-related charities. These include DC-COPS and the Washington Hospital burn center. Please contact general manager Victor Dobro at robodobro@msn.com if you want to play or be involved.

The National Public Safety Football League (NPSFL) is recognized as a 501(c)(3) organization. The NPSFL is a union of public safety agency football teams from throughout the United States, united to promote a positive self image to the public by raising funds for charity through spirited competition.

DC Generals Game Schedule

Saturday, March 31, 2007

DC Generals v. Charlotte, North Carolina Police / Fire

1:00 p.m., at Ardrey Kell High School, 10220 Ardrey Kell Rd., Charlotte, NC 28277

Saturday, April 14, 2007

DC Generals v. DSNY

2:30 pm, at Bayside High School, 32-24 Corporal Kennedy Street, Bayside (Queens), NY 11361

Saturday, April 21, 2007

DC Generals v. Philadelphia Blue Flame (War at the Shore)

1:00 p.m., at Maxwell Field, 4000 Park Boulevard, Wildwood, NJ, 08260

Saturday, May 12, 2007

DC Generals v. Charlotte, NC Police / Fire at Home

6:00 p.m., at North Point High School, 2500 Davis Road Waldorf, MD 20603



For more information about the team or getting tickets, please contact Victor Dobro at robodobro@msn.com.

Mid-Atlantic Law Enforcement Survivors Weekend 2007

The Mid-Atlantic Law Enforcement Survivors Weekend (MALESW) is unique in that it recognizes the truly forgotten heroes—the survivors and families of fallen law enforcement officers, with special recognition given to those survivors who lost officers in 2006. This year's event will be held Friday, September 28 through Sunday, September 30, 2007.

The survivors include family members and fellow employees. The weekend events are for law enforcement survivors from the following states: New Jersey, New York, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia and is hosted annually by the police department of the seashore resort of North Wildwood, New Jersey. Many of the special events that take place during MALESW are only open to those who register. Keep up to date on hotel and registration information by checking out www.midatlanticsurvivors.org. Events include:

- Delivery of the Ceremonial Wreath by the Philadelphia Police Dragon Boat Team
- 5K Foot Race and 1 Mile Walk
- Memorial Parade featuring Police Marching Units, Police Cars, Mounted Units, Motor Cycles, along with survivor groups marching together
- Candlelight Vigil
- Evening party
- The VIP night-time reception



Important News From Our Members

Upcoming Trial

It has been brought to our attention that cop-killer James Ramiah Logan's retrial by the state of Maryland will begin June 4, 2007, Logan was convicted in the 2002 killings of Sergeant James Arnaud and Deputy First Class Elizabeth L. Magruder of the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department.

Magruder and Arnaud were attempting to serve a psychiatric petition on Logan in August of 2002. He was found guilty of two counts of second degree murder and using a handgun in commission of a felony in November 2003. In September 2005 the convictions were overturned on appeal and Logan was ordered to face a new trial. Please keep the Arnaud and Magruder families in your thoughts and prayers as they are faced with going through yet another trial.

However, there is good news amidst all this: Jamey Arnaud has announced that she and her husband Mickey are expecting their second child in September, joining their daughter Elizabeth. Congratulations!

Memorial Event

On Monday, March 26, there will be a special memorial gathering at the Washington DC Metropolitan Police Department's Second District (2D) station. On February 26, 1997, 2D Officer Oliver W. Smith was shot and killed. Because of weather and other issues, the gathering on the tenth anniversary of his death was delayed a month. However, Oliver Smith, father of Officer Smith, is proud to announce this gathering and wants to dedicate the event not only to his son, but to all of his son's friends and co-workers in 2D who have lost their lives. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. The Second District station is located at 3320 Idaho Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20016 (phone 202-715-7300). Please join the Smiths and other members of our police family.

Metro Dedication to Fallen Officer

Last Spring, the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority held a formal ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of the Metro Transit Police District I Substation adjacent to the Fort Totten Metrorail station. The building is named in honor of fallen officer Marlon F. Morales, who was shot and killed while on duty in June 2003. Officer Morales' wife, Jennifer, was an active member of the DC-COPS family and has since moved to Illinois and now runs a chapter of COPS in that state.



3rd Annual DC-COPS Golf Tournament

This certainly was the most successful golf tournament yet. This year the tournament was held at Hampshire Greens golf course north of Silver Spring, Maryland on Monday, September 18, 2006. We definitely maxed out on golfers—144 skilled and not-so-skilled players!

Our donated raffle prizes included gift certificates to restaurants, an autographed Washington Nationals baseball, a party basket from Chevy Chase liquors, gift items from Nieman Marcus, etc. Glock, Inc. also provided a gift certificate for one of their pistols, but we held a separate raffle for that item since the winner had to fit certain strict guidelines. Our total net earnings amounted to \$9557.

As happy as we were with the turnout, we know we can do better at raising funds with the tournament, since it's our biggest fundraiser. We are in the process of planning the 2007 golf tournament, which will again be held in September. It is imperative that we continue to strive to keep out expenses to a minimum. Our biggest expenses are the golf course fees and food for the players. We need to find sponsors, either individuals or corporations. As a 501(c)(3) organization all donations to us are tax-deductible. Keep checking with www.dc-cops.org for 2007 registration and sponsorship information.

Special heart-felt thanks go to Detective Joe Crespo for his yearly time and incredible effort in making the tournament so successful. Thanks also go to the following for their donations (*I apologize if anyone has inadvertently been left out!*):

*Adams Mill Bar & Grill
Ameriprise Financial
B & B Discount
Big Value Liquor
C & C Custom Cleaners
C & S Auto Repair
California Tortilla
CDev Technologies
Cloud Restaurant
Corbett Construction
Dakota Cowgirl
Dickstein Shapiro LLP
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Northwest Auto Body
Nationals Baseball Team
Magruders Liquors*

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Schertler and Onorato, LLP
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Urban Retail Properties, Co.
Zebra Lounge*



DC-COPS Kids' Christmas Party

In December, in addition to our holiday dinner for our adult members, DC-COPS held a Christmas party for the children of our fallen officers. We had a great time at this annual event. After decorating their own ornaments, the kids and other party-goers walked over to the DC-COPS Christmas tree in front of MPD Headquarters to release balloons and add their ornaments. We offer our deepest gratitude to the administration of the Court Services & Offender Supervision Agency for use of their building, and especially to Carol and John Holloway for the amazing amount of work they put into the planning of the successful festivities.

Important Notice to Our Members

There have been several 'organizations' with similar names to ours (or claiming to be associated with our mission) who have been calling folks for money. Please remember that COPS (as a chapter and national organization) DOES NOT solicit funds by telephone. Should you ever receive a telephone solicitation in behalf of COPS, get as much information as you can from the caller and notify National COPS immediately at 573-346-4911.

Saying Goodbye, Offering Thanks, and Looking to the Future

As many of you know, the Washington DC Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) has been going through some major changes over the past few months. DC-COPS has had a very close relationship with many of those who make up the agency. Over the years, during many of our incidents and events, we've received unwavering support from former Chief Charles Ramsey and his administration. For this, we offer our tremendous gratitude. Our chapter wishes all the best to the chief and everyone else who has retired or moved on. It was wonderful working with all of them and they remain members of the DC-COPS family.

As I type this, Cathy L. Lanier is wading through her confirmation hearings in front of the Washington DC city council on her journey to officially being appointed chief of MPD. She has been chief-designate for quite a while and has shown incredible support for DC-COPS. We truly look forward to working with her and her administration. She has been part of the MPD family, and our family, for many years and we are proud of her accomplishments.

Volunteer Officers—Our Unsung Heroes

It is important that we take a moment to recognize the citizens in our nation who volunteer their time as either *Auxiliary Police Officers* or *Reserve Officers* (the title depends on jurisdiction—MPD has Reserve Officers.) They are an unpaid force who assist career officers in deterring crime by providing a uniformed presence. Their roles range from assisting with traffic control to responding to serious accident or crime scenes. Our Reserve Officers increase the public's perception of police presence and, in addition to the time they devote to their agencies, most of them have paid full-time jobs in the civilian world.

During National Police Week 2005, Washington DC lost Reserve Officer Joseph Pozell in the line of duty. At the end of April last year, many of us went to a special memorial service held in New York City to honor volunteer officers who had given their lives. The service is held annually by the Auxiliary Police Benevolent Association of the City of New York. They were gracious and invited MPD and the Pozell family to their Interfaith Memorial Service and we were honored to be there. I'm told the date of this year's service is tentatively set for Sunday, April 29, 2007. Visit www.nycapba.org for more information.

I want to commend all of our local Reserve Officers and other law enforcement volunteers who offer their time to improve their communities and the agencies in which they serve. This is especially important for us to remember as we ponder the deaths of NYPD Auxiliary Officers Nicholas Todd Pekearo and Eugene Marshalik, who were killed in Greenwich Village by a rampaging gunman. We often hear "they were in the wrong place at the wrong time", but in reality they were doing what they were supposed to do—they were in the *right place at the right time*. As services are held this week for the two fallen Auxiliary Officers, please keep their families (including their extended families) in your thoughts and prayers. It is my understanding that NYPD Commissioner Raymond Kelly has authorized full honors for their burials. We at DC-COPS honor and respect all those involved in law enforcement, paid or unpaid, and offer our sincere thanks.



(left) These may look like pictures of two creepy paramilitary men in a strange country but in fact are players geared up for the 1st Annual DC-COPS Paintball Tournament. On the left is Officer Dave Pritchett from MPD's Second District and on the right is DC-COPS president Sterling Spangler, who didn't have any of the correct gear but was ready to play anyhow. It was a very muddy, cool, and misty day and several of us reverted to childhood as we played in the mud—it was a great time. Officer Pritchett made the mistake of playing on the wrong team, however, when Sterling, his teammate, ended the game by accidentally hitting him in the back in a 'friendly paintball' incident. We're hoping to regroup and perhaps come up with another 'retooled' tournament later this year. DC-COPS thanks Officer Pritchett for his efforts in organizing the event.



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