

# WASHINGTON, DC CHAPTER of CONCERNS OF POLICE SURVIVORS

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## OFFICERS:

President: **Cindy Carter**

Vice President: **Dan Hickson**

Secretary: **Hector Dittamo**

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Police Liaison:

**Sgt. Brett Parson**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

National C.O.P.S. Chapter Training ·  
July 13 – 16, 2017 · St. Louis, MO  
Chapter reps only. Registration now closed.

C.O.P.S. Conference on Law Enforcement Wellness & Trauma ·  
November 10 – 12, 2017 · Grapevine, TX  
The National C.O.P.S. website ([www.nationalcops.org](http://www.nationalcops.org)) has details.

C.O.P.S. 2017 Hands-On Programs  
See page 3 for programs and dates. Visit the National C.O.P.S. website for information about the different programs.

### **C.O.P.S. Mission**

*Rebuilding shattered lives of survivors and co-workers  
affected by line of duty deaths,  
through partnerships with law enforcement and the community.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Chapter Officer Appointments**

On June 22, the Board made the following appointments:  
President - Cindy Carter (FBI, Ret), [cindycarter911@hotmail.com](mailto:cindycarter911@hotmail.com)  
Vice President - Dan Hickson (MPD, Ret), [dphickson1@gmail.com](mailto:dphickson1@gmail.com)

### **Thank you to Darby Monahan!**

As part of a leadership program, Darby Monahan, a high school freshman, was required to undertake a project about her hero. She chose her father, Major Greg Monahan, U.S. Park Police, and decided to honor all law enforcement by embarking on a fundraiser, *Laps for Law Enforcement*, benefitting the Chapter. She swam 34 miles in 10 days (she is a competitive swimmer!) and raised over \$3,000! On June 15, Darby presented the ceremonial check to Chapter members Hector Dittamo, Sgt. Brett Parson, and Cindy Carter at the Law Enforcement Memorial. Thank you, Darby!



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## CHAPTER NEWS

### Chapter Business Meeting

On June 22, a business meeting was held via conference call. Email Hector Dittamo at [hdittamo.cops@yahoo.com](mailto:hdittamo.cops@yahoo.com) for a copy of the minutes. The next meeting will be in late August/early September. Details to be provided soon.

### National Police Week 2017

Chapter members participated in various Police Week events in May. The week is a time of healing and reflection, and, most importantly, honoring our fallen law enforcement and their survivors. On May 15<sup>th</sup>, the White House was lit up in blue in honor of law enforcement.

Thank you to Rich Kennedy, MPD, and Luis Navarrete, Los Angeles PD, who rode in the Police Unity Tour in honor of MPD Officer Paul Dittamo (EOW 10/30/2010). Pictured on the left are Hector and Alex Dittamo, Paul's father and son, and Rich; on the right, Luis arriving at the Law Enforcement Memorial after completing the ride.



### Chapter Police Liaison

Brett Parson (MPD), our police liaison, has been actively reaching out to survivors and representing the Chapter. Survivors can contact Brett at [brett.parson@dc.gov](mailto:brett.parson@dc.gov). Brett (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) was Cindy Carter's guest at the Society of Former FBI Special Agents' annual *Law Enforcement Appreciation Lunch*.



### Dedication of Highway Marker for Capt. Andrew Maples, Jr, brother of Doris Walker

Capt. Andrew Maples, Jr., a Tuskegee Airman who went MIA in June 1944 and declared dead in 1945, was honored on June 24, 2017 in Orange, VA. A highway marker was set in the town, near the location of the Maples family home site. Visit the Orange, VA website (<http://www.visitorangevirginia.com>) and click on BLOG for a write up about Capt. Maples and his service to our country. Doris, mother of Sgt. Anthony Walker, Prince George's County PD (EOW 11/15/2003), made comments at the event.



## C.O.P.S. 2017 Hands-On Programs

Kids Camp	July 23 – 29	East Troy, WI
Outward Bound Adventure	July 22 – 29	Cataract Canyon, UT
Finances/Significant Others	August 18 – 21	Potosi, MO
Siblings Retreat	September 8 – 11	Potosi, MO
Spouses Retreat	September 22 – 25	Potosi, MO
Co-Workers Retreat	October 6 – 9	Potosi, MO
Extended Family Retreat	October 13 – 16	Potosi, MO
Parents Retreat	October 27 – 30	Little Rock, AR

Programs are designed for each survivorship. Visit the National C.O.P.S. website (<https://concernsofpolicesurvivors.org/>) for details.

DC Chapter survivors are invited to participate. Programs are free. The Chapter offers financial assistance for travel expenses. For information, contact the Chapter Secretary, Hector Dittamo at [hdittamo.cops@yahoo.com](mailto:hdittamo.cops@yahoo.com).

### *We Will Always Remember Their Service and Sacrifice*

*(July - September)*

Officer	Stephen A. Williams	7/2/1968	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Elmer A. Swanson	7/6/1932	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	John J. Smith	7/7/1904	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Martin I. Donovan	7/9/1964	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Lester M. Kidwell	7/11/1918	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	George W. Cassels	7/12/1953	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Michael J. Cody	7/14/1969	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	David C. Hawfield	7/14/1969	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Thomas Hamlette, Jr.	7/18/1998	Metropolitan Police Department
Det. Sgt.	Harry Wilson	7/21/1919	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Isaac W. Halbfinger	7/22/1919	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Harry J. McDonald	7/22/1929	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Jacob Joseph Chestnut	7/24/1998	U. S. Capitol Police
Det.	John Michael Gibson	7/24/1998	U. S. Capitol Police
Officer	Charles D. Poole	8/4/1931	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Kevin Welsh	8/4/1986	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Thomas P. Fogarty	8/6/1941	U. S. Park Police
Officer	Milo John Kennedy	8/7/1932	U. S. Park Police
Officer	Arthur H. Gelhar	8/8/1931	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	James McBride	8/10/2005	Metropolitan Police Department
Sgt.	Ricardo M. Preston	8/11/1988	U. S. Park Police
Officer	Raymond E. Grant	8/14/1939	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	George W. Shinault	8/14/1932	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Uel M. Gaile	8/19/1940	Metropolitan Police Department
Sgt.	Christopher Eney	8/24/1984	U. S. Capitol Police
Officer	Raymond C. Leisinger	8/28/1924	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Donald W. Downs	9/1/1946	Metropolitan Police Department
Dep. Dir.	Carolyn Ann Cross	9/7/2014	DC Department of Corrections
Officer	John H. Fowler	9/9/1884	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Adolphus Constantine	9/10/1891	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Donald G. Luning	9/14/1982	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Mortimer P. Donoghue	9/15/1948	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Gail A. Cobb	9/20/1974	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Frank J. Scoville	9/24/1930	Metropolitan Police Department
Dep. Mar.	Norman Sherriff	9/24/1971	U. S. Marshals Service
Officer	Dana E. Harwood	9/25/1972	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Michael L. Petrella	9/25/1965	U. S. Park Police
Officer	Leo W. Busch	9/28/1926	Metropolitan Police Department

### **Chapter Fundraising Activity**

The Chapter is registered to participate in **AmazonSmile**, a simple and automatic way to support the Chapter when you shop at Amazon, at no cost to you. On your first visit to **AmazonSmile**, just select the DC Chapter to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. For details, go to <http://smile.amazon.com>.

Use this link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-2203759> to connect directly to **smile.amazon** in support of the Chapter.

### **Fundraising Issues:**

The Chapter is a non-profit organization. We must always ensure that we spend our money consistent with a 501(c)(3) organization, our mission statement, the donor's intent, and what we advertise as the reason for our fundraising. We do not raise funds for other organizations. It is the position of National C.O.P.S. that we do not participate in raising funds for non-C.O.P.S. events.

### **Request for Reimbursement:**

In keeping with the Board's responsibility for fiscal accountability and the safeguarding of Chapter funds, a survivor who wishes to be reimbursed for any travel or for special activities or events must obtain pre-approval of the reimbursement request to be considered for financial reimbursement from the Chapter. The necessary approval form is available on-line on the Chapter's website. For additional information or a copy of the form, contact Hector Dittamo, Chapter Secretary, at [hdittamo.cops@yahoo.com](mailto:hdittamo.cops@yahoo.com).

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*We want to hear from you!*  
*If you have news or information to share with the Chapter,*  
*email Cindy Carter at [cindycarter911@hotmail.com](mailto:cindycarter911@hotmail.com)*

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