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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

November 4 (Saturday) @ 11:30am

- Chapter meeting and lunch at MPD 7th District

December 10 (Sunday)

- Decorating of the C.O.P.S./MPD Christmas Tree at MPD HQ @12noon
- Holiday Party at the Greene Turtle, Washington DC (WDC) @ 2:00pm

December 11 (Monday) from 11:00am – 6:00pm

- Paul's (Dittamo) Holiday Dinner

December 12 (Tuesday) @ 6:30pm

- Lighting of the C.O.P.S./MPD Christmas Tree at MPD HQ

January 7 (Sunday) @11:00am

- Un-decorating of the C.O.P.S./MPD Christmas Tree at MPD HQ

January 9 (Tuesday) - Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (LEAD)

See page 4 for details regarding above events. Times subject to change.

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.*

ANNOUNCEMENT

**C.O.P.S. Conference on Law Enforcement Wellness & Trauma ·
November 10 – 12, 2017 · Grapevine, TX**

Deadline to register is October 20!

C.O.P.S. recognizes that all law enforcement is subjected to crisis and tragedy as part of their job. Officers are suffering from PTSD in growing numbers and divorce rates are higher for officers than the public. The conference offers much needed focus on officer wellness and the need to proactively address the cumulative stresses that can occur over an officer's career.

The conference is appropriate for all law enforcement (active or retired), peer supporters, counselors, police chaplains, and law enforcement survivors.

The fee to attend is \$300 per person and includes classes, three meals and networking room. Recognizing that spouses/significant others play a key role in the overall well-being of their law enforcement officers, spouses and significant others attending with a registered participant may attend all classes, meals and events with their officer at the reduced rate of \$125.

The National C.O.P.S. website (www.nationalcops.org) has details about the conference schedule, hotel reservations, and registration. Pre-registration is required for all attendees. The Chapter offers financial assistance to Chapter members. Contact Hector Dittamo at hdittamo.cops@yahoo.com



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CHAPTER NEWS

Well done, Briana!

Briana Gibson, daughter of MPD Officer Brian T. Gibson (EOW 2/5/1997) is a 2017 graduate of Trinity Washington University, Washington, DC, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. Briana began her college career at Clark Atlanta University, then transferred to Trinity. Upon graduation, Briana moved on to Howard University where she is currently studying to obtain a Master's degree in social work. Her career goal is to be a child and adolescent psychologist, marriage counselor, and open a non-profit domestic violence shelter, but Briana's life goal is to continue to mentor and inspire the youth to be greater than her.



Chapter survivors attend C.O.P.S. Hands on Program

Alex Dittamo, 6-year-old son of MPD Officer Paul Dittamo (EOW, 10/30/2010), and his mom Shana attended C.O.P.S. Kids Camp in East Troy, WI, for the first time this past summer. The camp provides a safe and healing environment for surviving children and their parent to share their story and grief with peers who truly understand what they are going through. And they have plenty of time to enjoy some fun camp activities, like swimming, fishing, and campfire skits!

Alex is pictured here with his camp counselor, retired FBI Special Agent Tom Ostrosky.



*We want to hear from you! If you have news to share with the Chapter,
Email Cindy Carter at cindycarter911@hotmail.com*

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

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 and encouraged to participate. Programs are free. The Chapter offers financial assistance to members. For information, contact the Chapter Secretary, Hector Dittamo at hdittamo.cops@yahoo.com.

We Will Always Remember Their Service and Sacrifice

(October - December)

Officer	Scott S. Lewis	10/6/1995	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Claude O. Rupe	10/14/1928	Metropolitan Police Department
Correct Officer	William W. Latimer	10/15/1960	Federal Bureau of Prisons
Sgt.	Michael J. Acri	10/16/1976	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	John W. Purcell	10/17/1923	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	George C. Chinn	10/20/1921	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	William C. Farquhar	10/22/1913	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Paul Dittamo	10/30/2010	Metropolitan Police Department
Detective/Officer	Harry E. Hamilton	11/1/1946	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Americus N. Crippen	11/5/1889	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	William E. Yetton	11/9/2008	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Kilonzo M. Masembwa	11/10/2000	Prince George's Co PD, MD
Officer	William D. Allen	11/12/1923	U. S. Park Police
Officer	Lester G. Myers	11/13/1958	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Willie C. Ivery	11/15/1968	Metropolitan Police Department
Sgt.	Anthony Michael Walker	11/15/2003	Prince George's Co PD, MD
Officer	Edgar P. Alexander	11/16/1929	Metropolitan Police Department
Special Agent	Martha Dixon Martinez	11/22/1994	Federal Bureau of Investigation
Special Agent	Michael John Miller	11/22/1994	Federal Bureau of Investigation
Sgt.	Henry J. Daly	11/22/1994	Metropolitan Police Department
Detective	Gilbert M. Silvia	11/25/1967	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Junius B. Slack	11/27/1891	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Allan L. Nairn	11/30/1969	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Claude C. Koontz	11/30/1925	Metropolitan Police Department
Corporal	Grady A. Beacham	12/2/1948	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Ronnie W. Hassell	12/2/1972	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Jerry W. Morris	12/4/1971	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	David C. Higginbotham	12/7/1963	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Ross M. Kaylor	12/10/1929	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Richard H. Taylor	12/13/1946	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	James L Gordon	12/14/1987	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Robert K. Best	12/15/1982	Metropolitan Police Department
Sgt.	Michael Andrew Boehm	12/16/2001	U. S. Park Police
Officer	James E. Armstrong	12/20/1919	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Marcus P. Willis	12/27/1965	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Raymond V. Sinclair	12/28/1934	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Francis M. Doyle	12/29/1871	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Jason E. White	12/30/1993	Metropolitan Police Department

The Chapter extends its condolences to the Metropolitan Police Department and the family of Officer Barry Eastman, who died in a car accident on September 25th. Officer Eastman, who was assigned to the 3rd District, is survived by his wife and two children.

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (LEAD) – January 9, 2018

See an officer, thank an officer!

The Chapter needs your help!!

Membership involvement and a strong cycle of leadership are essential for the Chapter to remain active and ready to respond. We are asking members to get involved in any way they can. We need members to take on leadership roles and welcome “behind-the-scenes” volunteers who can help with tasks like managing the website and organizing Chapter events. If we all chip in, our Chapter can continue its commitment to our survivors. Contact Cindy Carter at cindycarter911@hotmail.com or 703-618-2257 to discuss how you can get involved. *Thank you!*

Business Meeting

Our next Chapter meeting will be on Saturday, **November 4 at 11:30am**, at MPD’s 7th District, 2455 Alabama Avenue, SE, WDC. We encourage everyone to attend. There will be a short meeting, followed by lunch provided by the Chapter. If you would like a copy of the minutes from Chapter meetings, email Hector Dittamo at hdittamo.cops@yahoo.com.



We look forward to seeing you at these events:

December 10 at 12noon:

Help decorate the Christmas Tree at MPD HQ, 300 Indiana Avenue, NW, WDC

December 10 from 2:00 – 4:00pm: Annual Holiday Party

Greene Turtle, Capital One Arena (formerly Verizon Center), 601 F St NW, WDC

RSVP to Cindy Carter at cindycarter911@hotmail.com or 703-618-2257

December 11 from 11:00am – 6:00pm: Paul’s Holiday Dinner

Pr. William County Police Association Hall, 14288 Independent Hill Drive, Manassas, VA

Organized/hosted by family & friends of Fallen MPD Officer Paul Dittamo

December 12 at 6:30pm: Christmas Tree Lighting at MPD HQ

January 7 at 11:00am: Help un-decorate the Christmas Tree at MPD HQ

Note: times subject to change. Check the Chapter’s Facebook page for updates.

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:

As a non-profit, the Chapter must ensure that it spends its 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 Chapter’s responsibility for fiscal accountability and safeguarding of Chapter funds, a survivor who wishes to be reimbursed for any travel or for special activities or events must obtain pre-approval to be considered for financial reimbursement from the Chapter. The necessary approval form is available on-line on the Chapter’s website. For more information or a copy of the form, contact Hector Dittamo, Chapter Secretary, at hdittamo.cops@yahoo.com.