

WASHINGTON, DC CHAPTER of CONCERNS OF POLICE SURVIVORS

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Parliamentarian:

Doris Walker

Police Liaison:

Lt. Brett Parson

UPCOMING EVENTS

National Police Week · May 2018

See page 2 for information. Details on the Chapter website www.dc-cops.org and National C.O.P.S. website www.nationalcops.org.

C.O.P.S. 2018 Hands-On Programs

See page 4 for programs and dates. The National C.O.P.S. website has details about the different programs and locations.

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 Election and Officer Appointments:

The Chapter's annual meeting and elections were held on March 24, 2018. See page 2 for results. We welcome members at Chapter meetings and events. Please join us!

Check out our website's new look!

The Chapter's website (www.dc-cops.org) has been updated, and it's looking sharp. Let us know what you think. Thanks to Tracy McClure, the web designer, for her care and dedication in creating the website, and to Elizabeth Dvoroznak-Kleinman for volunteering to keep the website updated.

"Laps for Law Enforcement" 2018!!

The Monahan family is in the pool again raising money for our Chapter! From April 4 – 18, Greg Monahan (US Park Police) and his children, Darby and Rory, will be swimming laps in honor of the men and women of law enforcement who died in the line of duty. Each night they will swim for one specific fallen hero. Their goal is to raise \$5,000 for the Chapter! They will present the check at our Survivor Breakfast on May 5th (see flyer, page 5).

Visit their GoFundMe site "[Laps for Law Enforcement](http://www.gofundme.com/5xe87-laps-for-law-enforcement-2018)" (www.gofundme.com/5xe87-laps-for-law-enforcement-2018) to follow their progress and donate to this worthy cause. Let's get the word out about their amazing effort on behalf of the Chapter.



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CHAPTER NEWS

Chapter Business Meeting & Election of Officers

On March 24, the Chapter held its annual meeting and election of officers. Thank you to Sharon and Meredith Wagner for serving on the Nominating Committee. Officers for the 2018 – 2020 term are:

Elected positions:

President – Cindy Carter
Vice President – Danny Hickson
Secretary – Hector Dittamo
Treasurer – Steve Thompson

Appointments of non-voting officers:

Chaplain – Msgr. Salvatore Criscuolo
Parliamentarian – Doris Walker
Police Liaison – Lt. Brett Parson

We were pleased to have 3 new members at the annual meeting and invite you to join us at a future meeting. The next meeting will be in June, date to be determined. Check the Chapter's website or Facebook page for updates.

Email Hector Dittamo at hdittamo.cops@yahoo.com for a copy of the minutes.

*Special thanks to Doris Walker for serving
as Chapter Treasurer for 6 years!
She was thorough and dedicated,
and we thank her for her years of service.
And, she agreed to stay on
as our Parliamentarian.
Thanks, Doris!*

Here's Doris signing her last check as Treasurer.



NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2018

- **May 1** – Annual Blue Mass, 12:10pm, St. Patrick's Church, 10th & G Streets, NW, Washington, DC
- **May 5** – Annual Chapter Survivor Breakfast, at 10:00am, Casa Italiana, 595 3rd Street, NW, Washington, DC
Important: RSVP to Cindy Carter by April 16 at cindycarter911@hotmail.com (see flyer, page 5)
- **May 7** – Annual Washington Area Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Service, at 11:30am
MPD HQ, 300 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, DC (see flyer, last page)
- **May 8** – Prince William County (VA) Annual Tribute, at 7:00pm, Ferlazzo Building, Woodbridge, VA
- **May 11-18** – National Police Week, Washington, DC
Candlelight Vigil – Sunday, May 13 (www.nleomf.org)
C.O.P.S. Survivors Conference – Monday & Wednesday, May 14 & 16 (www.nationalcops.org)
National Peace Officers Memorial Service – Tuesday, May 15 (www.policeweek.org)
- **May 12** – NPW 5K run – Washington, D.C. – details at www.nationalpoliceweek5K.com
- **May 12** – Police Unity Tour Arrival Ceremony at 2:00pm at the NLEOMF Wall, Washington, DC
- **May 12** – Law Enforcement United – Road to Hope Bicycle Ride – arrival ceremony 12:30PM - 3:00PM, location TBD

Message from the Chapter's police liaison:

Lt. Brett Parson, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), reminds survivors that the MPD's Family Support Team (FST) is here for survivors year-round, and especially during National Police Week. Chief Newsham fully supports the FST, and the Chapter is grateful for his and the team's continued concern for survivors. Lt. Parson can be reached at brett.parson@dc.gov.

We Will Always Remember Their Service and Sacrifice
(April - June)

Officer	Wayne C. Pitt	4/11/2007	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Terrell M. Dodson	4/17/1960	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	William S. Buchanan	4/18/1929	Metropolitan Police Department
Special Agent	James McAllister	4/18/1986	Federal Bureau of Investigation
Officer	Ernest T. Wessells	4/23/1938	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Bruce W. Wilson	4/26/1977	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Robert L. Johnson, Jr.	4/27/1997	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Jessie L. Taylor	5/1/1931	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Russell W. Ponton	5/2/1967	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Harold K. Shelton	5/3/1959	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Charles R. Johnston	5/9/1943	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Hubert W. Estes	5/16/1947	Metropolitan Police Department
Sgt.	Frederick M. Passau	5/17/1899	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Ernest C. Ricks, III	5/17/1989	Metropolitan Police Department
Reserve Sgt.	Joseph Pozell	5/17/2005	Metropolitan Police Department
Special Agent	Christopher W. Lorek	5/17/2013	Federal Bureau of Investigation
Special Agent	Stephen P. Shaw	5/17/2013	Federal Bureau of Investigation
Officer	Robert Remington	5/19/1987	Metropolitan Police Department
Lieutenant	David T. Dunigan	5/21/1918	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	John A. Conrad	5/21/1918	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Jerrard F. Young	5/21/1971	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	William L. Sigmon	5/25/1971	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Anthony W. Simms	5/25/1996	Metropolitan Police Department
Special Agent	William H. Christian	5/29/1995	Federal Bureau of Investigation
Sgt.	John S. Ashley	5/30/2004	Metropolitan Police Department
Sgt.	Clifton Rife II	6/2/2004	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Anthony W. Simms	6/3/1996	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Richard T. Conklin	6/5/1938	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Frederick W. Bauer	6/6/1930	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Alfred V. Jackson	6/6/1979	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Richard F. Giguere	6/6/1979	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Earl A. Skinner	6/9/1926	Metropolitan Police Department
Sgt.	Charles F. Cummins	6/12/1940	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Marlon Francisco Morales	6/13/2001	Metro Transit Police
Officer	Ivan William Thompson	6/14/1940	U. S. Park Police
Detective Sgt.	James Roche	6/30/1962	Metropolitan Police Department

Our condolences to the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and the family of Officer Jamal Shaw, who was killed in an off-duty traffic accident on 4/6/2018. Officer Shaw, assigned to the First District, had been with MPD since 2015.

20th Anniversary of the Washington, DC Chapter of C.O.P.S.

As we honor our fallen heroes, we are reminded of the sacrifice of their survivors. After suffering multiple losses just weeks apart in 1997, local survivors came together to form this Chapter, which was granted its charter in November 1998. As we approach the 20th anniversary, we feel it is fitting to recognize the Chapter's formation and growth. If you are interested in

helping put together a special event to recognize this milestone, please contact Chapter president, Cindy Carter, at cindycarter911@hotmail.com. We need your ideas and input!

Christmas in April!! We need your help!

We urgently need information regarding the history and tradition of the MPD/C.O.P.S. Christmas Tree in front of MPD HQ. The MPD Memorial Project Board and the designer of the new MPD Memorial, which will be in front of MPD HQ, want to ensure that the tree remains within the Memorial area in a location architecturally pleasing with the new memorial wall and fountain. Arborists are being consulted to select the best tree, in appearance and size, for the location. *Here's where we need your help:* plans include a placard describing the purpose of the tree and its history. The architect wishes to include this information with its presentation to the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA). If you are aware of the history of the tree and its tradition, please contact Hector Dittamo at hdittamo.cops@yahoo.com.

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 spend its funds 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. National C.O.P.S.'s position is that we do not participate in raising funds for non-C.O.P.S. events.

Requests for Reimbursement:

In keeping with the Board's responsibility for fiscal accountability, a survivor who wishes to be reimbursed for any travel, special activities or events must obtain pre-approval 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.

C.O.P.S. 2018 Hands-On Programs

Young Adults Camp	June 11 – 15	St. Simon's Island, GA
Adult Children's Retreat	June 15 – 18	Potosi, MO
Kids Camp	July 8 – 14	Camp Lake, WI
Outward Bound Adventure	July 7 – 14	Cataract Canyon, UT
Finances/Significant Others	August 17 – 20	Potosi, MO
Siblings Retreat	September 7 – 10	Potosi, MO
Spouses Retreat	September 21 – 24	Potosi, MO
Co-Workers Retreat	October 5 – 8	Potosi, MO
Extended Family Retreat	October 12 – 15	Potosi, MO
Parents Retreat	October 26 – 29	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.

We want to hear from you!

*If you have news or information to share with the Chapter,
email Cindy Carter at cindycarter911@hotmail.com*

Information and photos in this newsletter are intended only for use by Washington, DC Chapter of C.O.P.S. membership. Any reference to emails or websites not affiliated with the Chapter is provided for information purposes only.

Please Join Us At

***The Washington, DC Chapter of C.O.P.S.
Annual Survivors Breakfast***



***Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 10:00 am until noon
at Casa Italiana
595 Third Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001***

RSVP to Cindy Carter by April 16

Email: cindycarter911@hotmail.com

Call: 703-618-2257

Or mail below form to:

Cindy Carter, 9306 Castle Hill Road, Springfield VA 22153

Casual Attire - Limited Parking in the Area

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Telephone contact number: _____

of adults attending: _____ # of children (9-16 yrs old) attending _____

of children (8 yrs old or under) attending _____

Join Us! *for the*

39th Annual Washington Area Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Service

Please join the Metropolitan Police Department, DC FOP Auxiliary, and the DC Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors to help honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice on **Monday, May 7, 2018 at 11:30 AM** at the Washington Area Law Enforcement Memorial, in front of MPD Headquarters, located at 300 Indiana Avenue, NW, in Washington, DC.

Light refreshments will be offered following the service at the FOP DC Lodge #1, just three blocks north at 711 4th Street, NW.



DC Lodge #1

D.C.-C.O.P.S.

HONORING



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Special Agent

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Sander Cohen
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MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE
STATE FIRE MARSHAL



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BALTIMORE CITY
POLICE DEPARTMENT



Questions? RSVP?

For questions or to confirm your attendance, please contact **Lieutenant Nicole Webster** on **(202) 727-4363** or email nicole.webster@dc.gov.