

# WASHINGTON, DC CHAPTER of CONCERNS OF POLICE SURVIVORS

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**November 1** (Thursday) from 4:30 – 6:30pm  
Chapter's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Drop-In Reception (see below)

**December 9** (Sunday)  
Decorating of the C.O.P.S./MPD Christmas Tree at MPD HQ @12noon

**December TBD** @ 6:30pm  
Lighting of the C.O.P.S./MPD Christmas Tree at MPD HQ

**December 17** (Monday) from 11:00am – 6:00pm  
Paul's (Dittamo) Holiday Dinner

**January 6** (Sunday) @11:00am  
Un-decorating of the C.O.P.S./MPD Christmas Tree at MPD HQ

**January 9** (Wednesday)  
Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (LEAD)

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

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

*Rebuilding shattered lives of survivors and co-workers  
affected by line of duty deaths.*

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## ~ 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ~

**November 1** (Thursday)  
4:30 – 6:30pm  
Succotash Restaurant – Penn Quarter  
915 F Street NW, Washington, DC

In November 1998, a group of survivors from the Washington, DC area came together to form what would become the Washington, DC Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors (DC-C.O.P.S.). Twenty years later, Chapter members, local law enforcement partners and other supporters will gather to celebrate this milestone.

Invitations will be sent via email. Please **RSVP by October 22\*** so that we can plan appropriately. This event replaces our annual Holiday Party. Business casual attire.

Metro stops: Metro Center & Gallery Place  
Parking Garage: 1201 F Street, NW, Washington, DC  
Questions? Contact Cindy Carter at [president@dc-cops.org](mailto:president@dc-cops.org), 202-332-2677

*\*To receive a special commemorative coin, you must RSVP by the due date and stop by the reception.*



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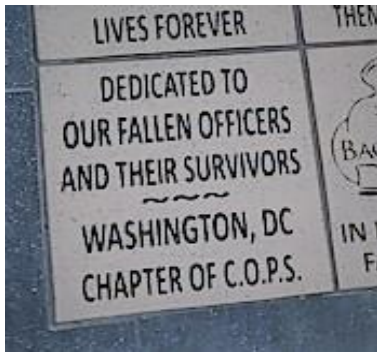
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## Dedication of the new National C.O.P.S. Building, Camdenton, MO - July 2018



Hector Dittamo, Chapter Secretary and Atlantic Region Trustee, attended the dedication of the new C.O.P.S. Building.



Top left: The courtyard at night with the C.O.P.S. Family Tree. Every office has a view of either the courtyard or outside.

Top Right – Current National President, Cheryl Schultz, and some of the past Presidents, with Trudy Chapman, Dianne Bernhard, Executive Director, and Suzie Sawyer, Executive Director Emeritus.

Left: DC-C.O.P.S. Chapter tile on the “Road to Hope.”

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### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference on Law Enforcement Wellness and Trauma November 9 – 11, 2018 · Oakbrook, IL

This conference focuses on officer wellness and the need to proactively address the cumulative stresses of the job. It is appropriate for all law enforcement (active or retired), peer supporters, counselors, chaplains, and law enforcement spouses/significant others and survivors. The fee to attend is \$300 per person. *Pre-registration is required.*  
Location & Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton Chicago – Oak Brook, IL (603) 472-6000 (\$137 per room + 10% sales tax).  
*Deadline to reserve your room with the C.O.P.S. discounted rate is October 19, pending availability.*  
The National C.O.P.S. website ([www.nationalcops.org](http://www.nationalcops.org)) has details. The Chapter offers financial assistance to Chapter members. For information, contact Hector Dittamo at [hdittamo.cops@yahoo.com](mailto:hdittamo.cops@yahoo.com)

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

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 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](mailto:hdittamo.cops@yahoo.com).

*We Will Always Remember Their Service and Sacrifice*  
(October - December)

Officer	Scott S. Lewis	10/6/1995	Metropolitan Police Department
Special Agent	Rex A. Stockham	10/8/2016	Federal Bureau of Investigation
Special Agent	Wesley J. Yoo	10/11/2015	Federal Bureau of Investigation
Officer	Claude O. Rupe	10/14/1928	Metropolitan Police Department
Correction 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 is looking for its future leaders!!**

A strong cycle of leadership is essential to the Chapter. NOW is the time to get involved so that the next Chapter leaders are ready to serve when the current Board's term expires in 2020. We also welcome "behind-the-scenes" volunteers to help with fundraising and Chapter events. Please consider getting involved; there's a role for everyone! If we all chip in, our Chapter can continue its commitment to survivors. Contact Cindy Carter at [president@dc-cops.org](mailto:president@dc-cops.org) or 202-332-2677.

## **Business Meeting**

The Chapter's Business Meeting was held on September 22, 2018. Email Hector Dittamo at [hdittamo.cops@yahoo.com](mailto:hdittamo.cops@yahoo.com) for the minutes and Treasurer's report. The next meeting will be held in early December (date TBD) via conference call.



*Events planned for December – January. We look forward to seeing you!*

December 9<sup>th</sup> at 12noon:

Help decorate the C.O.P.S./MPD Christmas Tree at MPD HQ, 300 Indiana Avenue, NW, WDC

December TBD at 6:30pm: C.O.P.S./MPD Christmas Tree Lighting at MPD HQ

December 17<sup>th</sup> 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

January 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am: Help un-decorate the Christmas Tree at MPD HQ

*Note: times subject to change. Check the Chapter's Website and Facebook page for updates.*

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## **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, 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](mailto:hdittamo.cops@yahoo.com).

*We want to hear from you! If you have news to share with the Chapter,  
Email Cindy Carter at [president@dc-cops.org](mailto:president@dc-cops.org)*