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UPCOMING EVENTS

National Police Week · May 2019

Page 3 lists events. Visit these websites for details: National C.O.P.S. www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org or DC Chapter www.dc-cops.org.

C.O.P.S. 2019 Hands-On Programs

See page 5 for programs and dates. The National C.O.P.S. website has more information about the different programs and locations.

2019 Board/Chapter Training · July 24 – 28, St. Louis, MO

Information about this annual two-day training, designed for active Chapter representatives, is available on the National C.O.P.S. website: <https://www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org/boardchaptertraining>

C.O.P.S. Mission

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

Annual Survivor Breakfast 2019



Saturday, May 4
from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
(breakfast served until 11:15 a.m.)

Casa Italiana
595 3rd Street, NW
Washington, DC

Join us at this annual event when survivors and supporters gather to begin Police Week activities in honor of our heroes. Police Week events can trigger emotions regardless of how long it has been since the loss of your officer. We encourage you to spend time with fellow survivors.

Please RSVP by **April 26** via the Evite sent to members on April 5. Or contact Cindy Carter at president@dc-cops.org/202-332-2677.

- Attire is casual.
- Parking is limited in the area of Casa Italiana.
- Free C.O.P.S. merchandise available!



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CHAPTER NEWS

Chapter Annual Business Meeting held March 9th

The Chapter held its Annual Meeting at MPD's 7th District. Email Hector Dittamo at hdittamo.cops@yahoo.com for a copy of the minutes. Our next meeting will be in June (date TBD) when we will vote for the C.O.P.S. National President and Atlantic Region Trustee. Check the Chapter's website or Facebook page for updates.

(Left) MPD's 7th District's "Officer Down Memorial Wall" – (Center) Officer James McGee, Jr (EOW 2/7/1995, MPD) – (Right) Paul Dittamo (EOW 10/30/2010, MPD) "Children's Art Center"



Left: Chapter members Katina Wafford Graves & Mary Cocke volunteering for the National Law Enforcement Museum at the DC Health & Fitness Expo.

Below: Alex Dittamo with the class guidon at the March 2019 MPD graduation. This Academy class honored his father, Paul Dittamo (EOW 10/30/2010, MPD). Alex enjoying being "chief" in Chief Newsham's cruiser.





NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2019

May 4 at 10:00am	DC C.O.P.S. Annual Survivor Breakfast Casa Italiana, 595 3 rd Street, NW, Washington, DC
May 6 at 11:30am	Annual Washington Area Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Service MPD HQ, 300 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, DC
May 6 at 7:00pm	Pr. William County (VA) National Police Week Fallen Officer Tribute 15941 Donald Curtis Dr, Woodbridge, VA
May 7 at 12:10pm	Annual Blue Mass St. Patrick's Church, 10 th & G Streets, NW, Washington, DC
May 11 at 9:00am	National Police Week 5K Run (www.nationalpoliceweek5K.com) Washington, DC
May 12 - 18	National Police Week
May 13 at 8:00pm	Candlelight Vigil (www.nleomf.org) National Mall between 7 th & 12 th Streets, Washington, DC
May 14 & 16 9:00am – 4:30pm	C.O.P.S. Survivors Conference (www.nationalcops.org) Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA
May 15 at 11:00am	National Peace Officers Memorial Service (www.policeweek.org) West Front of the U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC
May 12 at 1:00pm	Law Enforcement United (LEU) “Road to Hope” Bike Ride Arrival Ft. Hunt Park, 8999 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, VA
May 12 at 2:00pm	Police Unity Tour Arrival Ceremony National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, Washington, DC
May 14 at 9:00am	Annual Shomrin Society Kaddish Service National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, Washington, DC
May 14 at 7:00pm	Blue Honor Gala* – celebrating C.O.P.S. 35 th & LEU’s 10 th Anniversaries Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA <i>*Tickets required. Visit the C.O.P.S. website for details.</i>
May 22 at 2:00pm	Blue Mass Honoring All Fallen Officers St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 12807 Valleywood Drive, Woodbridge, VA

Note: these are the events known to us at the time the newsletter was written. If you would like your agency’s memorial details listed on our website, please contact Cindy Carter at president@dc-cops.org.

DC Chapter Challenge Coins Available

The Chapter Board approved distributing our challenge coin for a donation of \$15.00 (or more) per coin, \$18.00 to have it mailed. The coin is 2” in diameter with the current logo on one side, legacy logo on the reverse. If interested, contact Cindy Carter at president@dc-cops.org or 202-332-2677.



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
Sergeant	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	David James LeValley	5/26/2018	Federal Bureau of Investigation
Special Agent	William H. Christian	5/29/1995	Federal Bureau of Investigation
Sergeant	John S. Ashley	5/30/2004	Metropolitan Police Department
Sergeant	Clifton Rife II	6/2/2004	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
Special Agent	Brian L. Crews	6/10/2018	Federal Bureau of Investigation
Sergeant	Charles F. Cummins	6/12/1940	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Marlon Francisco Morales	6/13/2001	Metro Transit Police Department
Officer	Ivan William Thompson	6/14/1940	U. S. Park Police
Detective Sgt.	James Roche	6/30/1962	Metropolitan Police Department

The Chapter extends its condolences to the McGee Family on the passing of James McGee, Sr., father of Officer James McGee, Jr. (EOW 2/7/1995, MPD). The McGee Family were founding members of the DC Chapter and continue to be active members. We share in their loss.

Corporate Sponsors:

Please see page 5 for acknowledgement of our generous sponsors. We are grateful to all our sponsors as we simply could not offer our survivor services without the financial support of our sponsors. Contact Cindy Carter if you know a corporate entity that might be interested in supporting our Chapter and law enforcement survivors. Donations are used for survivor Hands-On Programs and training.

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. We recently received a significant donation through AmazonSmile, so every little bit adds up!

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. For additional information or a copy of the approval form, contact Hector Dittamo, Chapter Secretary, at hdittamo.cops@yahoo.com.

C.O.P.S. 2019 Hands-On Programs

Adult Children Retreat	June 14 – 17	Potosi, MO
Outward Bound Adventure	July 6 – 13	Cataract Canyon, UT
C.O.P.S. Kids Camp	July 7 – 13	Camp Lake, WI
Young Adults Camp	July 29 – August 2	St. Simons Island, GA
Finances/Significant Others	August 16 – 19	Potosi, MO
Siblings Retreat	September 6 – 9	Potosi, MO
Spouses Retreat	September 20 – 23	Potosi, MO
Co-Workers Retreat	October 4 – 7	Potosi, MO
Extended Family Retreat	October 11 – 14	Potosi, MO
Parents Retreat	October 25 – 28	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 president@dc-cops.org

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