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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

January 9, 2019 (Wednesday)
Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.)

March 2019 – Date & Time TBD

- Chapter Annual Meeting at MPD 7th District,
2455 Alabama Avenue, SE, Washington, DC

Visit our website and Facebook page for updates regarding above events.

C.O.P.S. Mission

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

~ 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ~

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 gathered to celebrate this milestone. Approximately 60 people attended with a wonderful turnout of survivors, especially some of the old timers. We were honored that National C.O.P.S. Executive Director Dianne Bernhard and Executive Assistant Missy Cottle made the trip from Missouri to mark the occasion.

Special thanks to the Anniversary Committee for a job well done. We especially appreciate our corporate sponsors (see last page) for helping to make this event possible.

DC Chapter Challenge Coins!

We are really excited about our challenge coin – it's 2 inches with the legacy logo on one side, current logo on the reverse. There are only a limited number available. The Chapter Board approved distributing the coin for a donation of \$15.00 (or more) per coin, \$18.00 if coin must be mailed. Don't miss out! Contact Cindy Carter at president@dc-cops.org or 202-332-2677.



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CHAPTER CHATTER

20th Anniversary Event, November 2018 – Chapter survivors, members, and law enforcement partners.



Below: DC-COPS Board (L – R) Danny Hickson, Cindy Carter, Steve Thompson, Doris Walker, Hector Dittamo, Dianne Bernhard (National C.O.P.S.), Lt. Brett Parson.



Above: Corporate sponsors and citizen donors.

Annual Lighting of the MPD/DC-COPS Christmas Tree at MPD HQ: A new tree was planted this year. Although small, it will grow and thrive in the coming years. Our police liaison Brett Parson said it perfectly:

“Our theme this year is growth. The tree symbolizes our desire to grow this organization. We are lucky our founding members are still with us, but as they grow older, we must plan for the future, plant new seedlings, so they grow and mature like this tree will. In 10 years, we hope to have a healthy and full tree and an active membership and leadership. While we hope our growth is not because we have suffered LOD deaths, we must always be prepared and remember those who helped plant and grow our first tree. Those of us who are able, must carry on the dream of a vibrant, strong, and supportive COPS chapter, ready to serve when needed.”



We Will Always Remember Their Service and Sacrifice
(January - March)

Officer	Robert W. Davis	1/1/40	Metropolitan Police Department
Crossing Policeman	Eugene C. Smith	1/1/10	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Donald J. Brereton	1/7/60	Metropolitan Police Department
Special Agent	Anthony Palmisano	1/8/69	Federal Bureau of Investigation
Special Agent	Edwin R. Woodruffe	1/8/69	Federal Bureau of Investigation
Officer	Edmund P. Keleher	1/10/22	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Oscar A. McKimmie	1/17/20	Metropolitan Police Department
Sergeant	Clinton J. Holtz	1/17/14	U.S. Capitol Police Department
Officer	John F. McAuliffe	1/21/29	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Robert D. Handwerk	1/24/64	Metropolitan Police Department
Private	James Francis Grove	1/28/33	U. S. Park Police
Sgt.	Joseph M. Cournoyer	1/29/85	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Lawrence L. Dorsey	2/2/68	Metropolitan Police Department
MPO	Brian T. Gibson	2/5/97	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	James McGee, Jr.	2/7/95	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	James G. Helm	2/11/28	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Arthur P. Snyder	2/12/80	Metropolitan Police Department
Correctional Officer	Michael Francis Hughes	2/13/58	D.C. Department of Corrections
Officer	James Melvin Feltis, III	2/14/05	USDOD Pentagon Police Department
Officer	Irving Rosenberg	2/15/42	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Frank L. Nussbaum	2/16/36	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Bernis Carr, Jr.	2/16/78	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Carl Hestikind	2/18/36	U.S. Park Police
Officer	David H. Rose	2/20/71	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Preston E. Bradley	2/21/21	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Oliver W. Smith	2/26/97	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Samuel C. Hayden	2/27/21	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Eugene I. Williams	2/27/68	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Frederick G. Stange	2/28/23	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Willie R. Gawen	3/2/15	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	William J. Weston Jr.	3/4/45	Metropolitan Police Department
Captain	William H. Mathews	3/5/09	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Glen Fisher	3/10/71	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Raymond E. Mumford	3/11/83	Metropolitan Police Department
Detective Sgt.	Paul W. Jones	3/14/36	Metropolitan Police Department
Private	William J. Grissam	3/20/32	U. S. Park Police
Officer	Elmer L. Hunter	3/20/63	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Marvin L. Stocker	3/23/66	Metropolitan Police Department
Sgt.	Gerard W. Burke	3/23/06	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	George D. Jones, Jr.	3/24/73	Metropolitan Police Department

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

January 9, 2019

The Chapter supports its law enforcement partners and appreciates their work and sacrifice on our behalf.

See an officer, thank an officer!

The 2019 Traumas of Law Enforcement (TLE) schedule is available!

Visit the National C.O.P.S. website <https://www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org/tleschedule> to view the schedule, overview, and how to register. The 3-day training offers valuable information for law enforcement agencies regarding appropriate response to line-of-duty death, disability, critical incidents, and police suicide. The TLE closest to the Washington, DC area will take place in **Hershey, PA from February 4 – 6, 2019.**

Chapter Fundraising Opportunity – it's so easy to do!

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.

Upcoming Annual Meeting

In early **March** (date & time TBD) the Chapter will hold its Annual Meeting at MPD's 7th District, 2455 Alabama Avenue, SE, WDC. Some of the important items on the agenda are succession planning of Chapter leadership and discussion of National Police Week 2019 schedule/plans. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. The Chapter will provide lunch following the meeting.

If you would like a copy of the minutes from Chapter meetings, email Hector Dittamo, Secretary, at 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*

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