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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

January 23, 2020 (Thursday) at **6:30 p.m.**

Chapter meeting via conference call. Call-in details provided in the meeting agenda emailed to membership.

March 2019 – Date/Time/Location TBD
Chapter Annual Meeting & Election

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.

~ Annual Meeting and Chapter Election ~

The Chapter will hold its Annual Meeting and Election in March. All members are invited and encouraged to attend this important meeting when we will elect the Chapter's new leadership and discuss the National Police Week 2020 schedule/plans. Lunch will be provided following the meeting. The date, time and location will be announced via email, Facebook and website.

~ Trauma of Law Enforcement (TLE) Training ~

This valuable training will take place February 3 – 5 in Fairfax, VA. For information and to register, visit the National C.O.P.S. website <https://www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org/tleschedule> or contact Cindy Carter at president@dc-cops.org or 202-332-2677. The training is free, but pre-registration is required.

~ Retirement News ~

Congratulations to our chaplain Msgr. Salvatore Criscuolo and police liaison Brett Parson who are retiring in February. Msgr. Sal will reside at St. Mary Church, Chinatown, and will continue his ministry with first responders. Immediately upon retirement, Lt. Parson will transition to a part-time, volunteer reserve officer and will remain in Chapter leadership. We congratulate them and are deeply grateful for their continuing support!

~ Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.) ~

January 9th every year is Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. A law enforcement officer's job is dangerous – and often thankless. In 2019, 134 officers made the ultimate sacrifice, and another 228 died by suicide. Perhaps we need to thank our officers and their families more often for the sacrifices they make on our behalf to keep us and our communities safe. See an officer, thank an officer!



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CHAPTER CHATTER

Decorating and Lighting of the DC-COPS/MPD Tree of Remembrance

Thank you to our team of elves for decorating the tree of remembrance. The tree, decorated with hero ornaments and blue lights, is located in front of the Daly Building.



We had a great turnout (despite the cold!) for the tree lighting, when Chief Newsham and MPD officials joined Chapter survivors and others to remember and honor our fallen.

Happy Holidays



Annual Holiday Lunch – December 8th

After decorating the DC-COPS/MPD tree, we headed over to Carmine's, Penn Quarter, for our annual holiday lunch with survivors and local law enforcement partners.



*We want to hear from you! If you have news to share,
Email Cindy Carter at president@dc-cops.org*

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	1/17/2014	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
Trooper	Lucas B. Dowell	2/4/2019	Virginia State Police
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	2/14/2005	USDOD Pentagon Police Department
Officer	Irving Rosenburg	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	3/23/2006	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	George D. Jones, Jr.	3/24/73	Metropolitan Police Department

Paul Dittamo (MPD, EOW: 10/30/10) Annual Holiday Dinner:



Below: Mary McGee with MPD Recruit Class who chose her son, James McGee, Jr. (MPD, EOW: 2/7/95) as their officer honoree.



Great turnout (and food!) for this wonderful annual event! National C.O.P.S. staff Laurie Putnam and Missy Cottle (in above photo with Hector and Theresa Dittamo; bottom photo with Mary McGee, and MPD officers Anthony Walsh and Jeff Colleli) travelled from Missouri to serve food and greet guests!

The Chapter expresses its heartfelt sympathy to the families of:

Sharon Story, surviving spouse of Sussex County (VA) Deputy Sheriff Tom Felton, died on November 9, 2019, from a brain tumor. She is survived by her husband, Wayne Story, and their daughter, Jesse. Sharon was a past C.O.P.S. National President, Board Trustee, and founder of VA C.O.P.S.

Thelma Clark Matthews, mother of Shirley Gibson, passed on December 4, 2019 in Columbia, SC. Shirley was with her mother in her final hours. Shirley, mother of Brian Gibson (MPD, EOW: 2/5/97) is past C.O.P.S. National President and founding member of DC-C.O.P.S.

Sgt Anthony Oglesby, Jr. (U. S. Department of Defense - Naval District Washington Police Department, EOW: 12/18/2019) was killed in a single-vehicle crash while on duty in southern Maryland. A resident of Maryland, he is survived by his wife, parents, siblings, and host of other relatives.

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

The Chapter is registered with **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**, 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 or 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. 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 at hdittamo.cops@yahoo.com.