

# WASHINGTON, DC CHAPTER of CONCERNS OF POLICE SURVIVORS

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**Lt. Brett Parson**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**November 21** (Thursday) @6:30pm

Quarterly Chapter meeting via conference call. All members are invited to participate. Call-in details will be emailed to membership with the agenda.

**December 8** (Sunday) @11:30am

Decorating of the C.O.P.S./MPD Christmas Tree at MPD HQ  
Annual Holiday Lunch @1:00pm – details forthcoming

**December 11** (Wednesday) @6:30pm

Lighting of the C.O.P.S./MPD Christmas Tree at MPD HQ

**December 16** (Monday) from 11:00am – 6:00pm

Paul's (Dittamo) Holiday Dinner

**January 5** (Sunday) @11:30am

Un-decorating of the C.O.P.S./MPD Christmas Tree at MPD HQ

**January 9** (Thursday)

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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## ~ 2020 BOARD ELECTIONS ~

We are looking for our future leaders! Chapter members will vote for elected Board positions at our annual meeting in **March 2020** (date TBD). The new Board will assume leadership in April 2020 for a two-year term.

Elected positions are president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Contact Cindy Carter at [president@dc-cops.org](mailto:president@dc-cops.org), 202-332-2677 if you are interested in serving or want to nominate someone. Danny Hickson and Sharon Wagner, Nominating Committee, will contact all interested individuals/nominees and announce the slate of nominees in January.

Candidates must be a survivor and a member of the Chapter. To be eligible, nominees must participate in the November 21 conference call (see above). For additional information regarding eligibility and responsibilities, visit the Chapter website's Resources page, Documents & Forms drop-down, <https://www.dc-cops.org/documents/> and click on Chapter By-Laws.

Want to be involved with the Chapter but not serve in an elected position? We welcome "behind-the-scenes" volunteers to help with Chapter events and fundraising. There's a role for everyone!



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*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)*

The Chapter is deeply saddened by the loss of **Oliver W. Smith, Sr.**, who passed away on August 29, 2019. Oliver, father of Oliver Smith, Jr. (EOW 2/26/1997, MPD), was a founding member of our Chapter and worked tirelessly on behalf of survivors. He and his wife Cynthia turned the pain of losing their son into hope and healing for survivors; for that we are forever grateful. We all will miss Oliver – his compassion, commitment, friendship, his smile and laughter. Our heartfelt sympathy to Cynthia and the entire Smith Family.

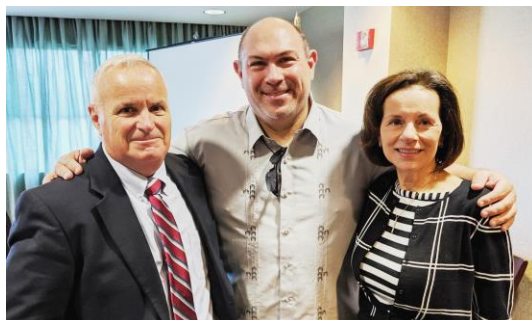
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We are very proud of aspiring artist Keirra McGee, whose artwork was recently displayed in Washington, DC. Keirra is the daughter of James M. McGee, Jr. (EOW 2/7/1995, MPD) and granddaughter of Mary McGee, a Chapter founding member. We wish Keirra continued success as she pursues her artistic goals!

L to R: Krystal McGee-Simmons, Mary McGee, Keirra McGee, Tyler McGee, Stephanie McGee



Board members Danny Hickson, Brett Parson and Cindy Carter attended an event of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI. Guest Speaker Kate Schweit, Former FBI Executive/lawyer, presented an update on active shooter incidents. Kate co-authored the FBI's Active Shooter Study which examined factors in the lives of 63 active shooters.



### Trauma of Law Enforcement Training

Dates: **February 3 – 5, 2020**

Location: **Hilton Garden Inn, Fairfax, VA**

C.O.P.S. offers this free, 3-day training to law enforcement personnel, peer support and EAP personnel, chaplains, survivors and law enforcement spouses on issues related to line-of-duty trauma, disability, critical incidents, on-the-job stressors, and police suicide.

REGISTER by January 10, 2020: <https://www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org/tleregistration>

There is limited seating. This popular training fills up quickly. Don't miss out!

## *We Will Always Remember Their Service and Sacrifice*

*(October - December)*

Officer	Scott S. Lewis	10/6/1995	Metropolitan Police Department
Officer	Ronald L. Richardson	10/7/1991	D.C. Department of Corrections
Special Agent	Rex A. Stockham	10/8/2016	Federal Bureau of Investigation
Special Agent	Wesley J. Yoo	11/11/2015	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
Special Agent	Becky Lee Dwojeski	10/21/1993	Drug Enforcement Administration
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 County 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 County 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	Harry Davis, Jr.	12/20/1993	Washington Metro Area Transit PD
Officer	Garry A. Ross	12/24/1990	U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs PD
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	Amos Williams	12/31/1991	D.C. Department of Corrections

## Chapter's Quarterly Meeting

Thank you to MPD's 7<sup>th</sup> District for hosting our meeting on September 28, 2019. Photos below were taken in their newly-painted Community Room. Members, L to R: Mary Feltis, Brett Parson, Doris Walker, Steve Thompson, Hector Dittamo. Our next meeting will be held on November 21, 2019 via conference call. Call-in information and agenda will be emailed.



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## Please Join Us at Upcoming Events

December 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am:

Help decorate the C.O.P.S./MPD Christmas Tree at MPD HQ, 300 Indiana Ave, NW, Washington, DC. Followed by our **Annual Holiday Lunch** at 1:00pm. Location/details to be provided.

December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm: **C.O.P.S./MPD Christmas Tree Lighting** at MPD HQ.

December 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am – 6:00pm: **Paul's Holiday Dinner**

Prince William County (VA) Police Association Hall, 4288 Independent Hill Drive, Manassas, VA. Organized/hosted by family & friends of fallen MPD Officer Paul Dittamo.

January 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am: 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 **AmazonSmile** 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 Board'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).

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