

Concerns of Police Survivors Louisiana Chapter



Newsletter Spring/2010

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NW Region, NE Region and CEN Region Spring Meeting – (near Natchitoches) **SUNDAY, March 21, 3 P.M. - UNTIL!!** At home of Regional Coordinator, Pat Carruth, 215 Hwy 484, Natchez, LA . Take I-49 to exit 127 - east on hwy 120 to Hwy 494. Cross Hwy 1 continue on hwy 494 to hwy 484(1st rd to rt). Turn rt to 215 Hwy 484 (first house on left). Bring fishing gear. There will be fishing and swimming (if warm enough). Call Pat for info: (318) 308-2850.

SW Region Spring Meeting – Westlake, LA
SATURDAY, March 27, 12 NOON - UNTIL!!
Westlake Recreation Center - 1221 Sampson St.

DIRECTIONS: Take I-10 to the Westlake exit at the foot of the bridge (Exit 27). Turn left on Hwy 378 North (Sampson St) at the traffic light. Cross the RR tracks and go 0.9 miles (just past 2nd traffic light on the left). Enter the front of the Recreation Center; the meeting room is first door on the right. Call Betty Perry for info: (337) 250-2151.

SE Region Spring Meeting – Gonzales, LA
SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 12 NOON - UNTIL!!
GONZALES P.D. TRAINING FACILITY,
724 W. ORICE ROTH RD. (LA HWY. 940)

Directions: *Driving from New Orleans:* Take I-10 West (toward Baton Rouge) to Exit #179(La. Hwy. 44) and turn right. *Driving from Baton Rouge:* Take I-10 East (toward New Orleans) to Exit #179 (La. Hwy. 44) and turn left. Continue on La. Hwy. 44 to Orice Roth Rd. (2nd signal light - La. Hwy. 940) and turn left. Drive approximately 3 blocks - look for soccer field on the right. Go into the next driveway and drive around the back of the Fire Station to the parking lot. The meeting will take place in the building at 724 W. Orice Roth Rd. next to the Fire Station. Lost?? - Call Dottie Tardy on her cell phone (504) 812-1471.

PLEASE RSVP TO YOUR REGIONAL COORDINATOR!!

Mission Statement

Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. provides resources to assist in the rebuilding of the lives of surviving families and affected co-workers of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty as determined by Federal criteria. Furthermore, C.O.P.S. provides training to law enforcement agencies on survivor victimization issues and educates the public of the need to support the law enforcement profession and its survivors.

Executive Board Members

PRESIDENT - James Cook, father of Reserve Police Officer James Cook, Jr EOW 1990 Westlake Police Department Cell (337) 842-8680 or (337) 436-9625
VICE-PRESIDENT - Pat Carruth, mother of Patrolman Jeremy (Jay) Carruth EOW 2003 Alexandria Police Department (318) 357-3040 or Cell (318) 308-2850
2nd VICE-PRESIDENT - Betty Newman Perry, widow of Lt Richard Earl Newman Sr. EOW 1993 Crowley Police Department (337)783-0562 or Cell (337) 250-2151
SECRETARY -Melissa Harrelson, widow of Sergeant Kurt Harrelson EOW 2003, Lafourche Parish SO (985) 537-7158 or Cell (985) 637-2673
TREASURER - Mark Hutchison, father of Patrol Officer Trey Hutchison EOW 2004 Bossier City PD (318)746-4008
LAW ENFORCEMENT LIAISON - Lt June Murdock, co-worker of Patrolman Jeremy (Jay) Carruth, Private First Class David Ezernack & Patrolman Brian Coleman - Alexandria Police Department (318) 441-6441 or Cell (318) 201-9583

REGIONAL COORDINATORS:

NORTHWEST - Wendy Hutchison, mother of Patrol Officer Trey Hutchison EOW 2004 Bossier City PD (318)746-4008 or Cell (318)470-6356
NORTHEAST - Elaine Johnston, widow of Sgt Doug Johnston EOW 1997 - LA State Police (318)281-5093 or Cell (318)376-5093
CENTRAL - Pat Carruth, mother of Patrolman Jeremy (Jay) Carruth EOW 2003 Alexandria Police Department (318) 357-3040 or Cell (318) 308-2850
SOUTHWEST - Betty Newman Perry, widow of Lt Richard Earl Newman Sr. EOW 1993 Crowley Police Department (337)783-0562 or Cell (337) 250-2151
SOUTHEAST - Dottie and Don Tardy, parents of Officer Christopher Wayne Russell EOW 2002 New Orleans PD (504) 366-5802 or Cell (504) 812-1471

C.O.P.S. - Rebuilding Shattered Lives - Keeping The Promise

President's Message:

The holiday season can be a difficult time for seasoned grievers as well as those who are just beginning on the long journey called "grief". I hope that you found ways to cope with your loss and I pray that you find hope and healing in the New Year and years to come. We can't go back and undo what is done. We can only move forward "one day at a time." If you are unable to travel to Washington for National Police Week this year, please plan to attend a local ceremony. Special thanks to Pat Carruth and June Murdock for the great job they did again organizing the December meeting in Alexandria.

We had a great attendance at our 2009 LA-COPS Christmas Party and we would like to send a Thank You to Chief Coutee and the Alexandria Police Department for allowing us to use their facility, Sgt. Chris Nassif and the Louisiana Union of Police Associations for catering and donating the food and his time for the last 5 years to the LA-COPS Christmas Party, Thank you Chris and LUPA. Thank you to the officers that participated in the Families Candlelight Ceremony, thank you Officers for giving your time in honor of your Fallen Brothers. Thank you to the reindeer for picking up Santa and getting him to the station on time; and to Rudolph for leading the way. Also, thanks Santa!! A big thank you to Maggie Babin and her Quilting Group for making the beautiful quilt that we auctioned off. Thanks to Charles Carruth for the winning bid.

We were honored to present the Officer of the Year award to Louisiana Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial board members Retired Deputy Chief Anthony Cannatella, NOPD officer Matt Patin and executive director Melanie Cannatella. Thanks Tony, Matt and Melanie for all that you do.

We hope everyone had a great time at the party, we hope you had a chance to visit with each other and go home with a New Sense of Celebration for this Holiday Season. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May God bless you. Remember, we are only a phone call, or email away.

Jim Cook - cell (337) 842-8680

Officer Down - in the line of duty:

Louisiana's Fallen Officers 2009

It is always with great sorrow that we welcome new survivors to our "family" but we are grateful that this organization exists for them and us. To our new survivors, if you need assistance with benefits, or have any questions, or just need to talk, don't hesitate to contact us.

Deputy Richard James (Ricky) Stiles Jr. (37) - East Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office (EOW 4/7/2009)

Deputy Richard Stiles succumbed to injuries sustained four days earlier when his patrol car was struck head-on by a pickup truck on Plank Road. The driver of the pickup truck swerved into Deputy Stiles' lane to avoid striking a car that was attempting to make a left turn. The driver of the pickup truck was also killed. Deputy Stiles had served with the East Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Department for one year. He is survived by his parents, daughter, son, grandmother, two sisters, and fiancée.

Detective Robert Eugene Beane (34) - Beauregard Parish Sheriff's Office (EOW 5/5/2009)

Detective Robert Beane was killed in an automobile accident in Caddo Parish. He and three other deputies were en route to a tactical training conference at the Caddo Sheriff's Training Academy when a tractor-trailer pulled into the roadway in front of their path, causing a collision. The other three deputies suffered injuries in the crash. Detective Beane had served with the Beauregard Parish Sheriff's Office for 14 years. He is survived by his wife, daughter, mother and siblings.

Heroes live forever in the hearts of those who love them!

Louisiana Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ceremony 2010

The ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, May 6 at 7:00 P.M. at the memorial site in the Lake Lawn Metairie Cemetery, 5100 Pontchartrain Boulevard in Metairie/New Orleans. There will be a candle lighting ceremony to honor those officers who made the supreme sacrifice in 2009 as well as officers added from previous years. LA-COPS will host a reception for survivors and officers following the ceremony. <http://lleom.com/>

Thanks to our LA-COPS BLUE LINE TEAM for continuing support through payroll deduction. Without the assistance of these officers, our chapter would not be able to accomplish all that we do for our survivors. Encourage your department to join the **LA-COPS BLUE LINE TEAM** by beginning a payroll deduction program. LA-COPS only asks that you give \$1 each payday, less than the cost of a cup of coffee. Every dollar does make a difference! If your department already has payroll deduction for LA-COPS, then please participate by authorizing a deduction each payday. If your agency does not have payroll deduction for COPS then become a "point man" for COPS by encouraging that they begin a payroll deduction program. The LA-COPS office will gladly furnish whatever information is needed. Survivors are finding that there is no such thing as "closure" and they may need the support of COPS for many years -- and you can help COPS to be there for them.

Thank you BLUE LINE TEAM for your monthly support:

LaFourche Parish S.O., Alexandria P.D., Calcasieu Parish S.O., Jefferson Parish S.O., West Carroll Parish S.O. Your contributions and sacrifice are greatly appreciated.

Opportunity Knocks!!

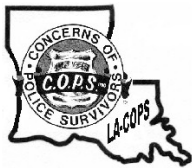
We have other teams ready to come on line through payroll deduction. We will be making presentations and giving officers the opportunity to join the LA-COPS mission in these agencies in the near future: Baker P.D., Zachary P.D., East Baton Rouge Parish S.O., Baton Rouge City P.D., Rapides Parish S.O. and Natchitoches Parish S.O. If you are an officer or survivor of these agencies, you can assist by helping us with the presentations and encouraging other officers to sign up. Call me if you want to help (337) 842-8680.

**In Law-Enforcement, we say,
"We take care of our own!" Let's prove it!**

A Very Special "Thank You" For Donations Given:

Scott Champagne in memory of David Richard
Special thanks to Tiffany Martin of St Francisville for donating the proceeds from a basket raffle to LA-COPS.
Thanks to Charles and Pat Carruth for the winning bid on the quilt auction at the Christmas Social.

And all other donations that help us to Rebuild Shattered Lives.



There are no dues or fees for membership in COPS, for the price paid is already too high. However our chapter depends on donations to function. Please mail your donation along with this form to:

LA-COPS - 2215 Pitre St - Westlake, LA 70669

Amount enclosed _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

In Memory Of: _____

Please acknowledge this gift in the (month) _____ Newsletter

Louisiana Law Enforcement Heroes who gave their lives in the line of duty . . .



We Will Never Forget. . .

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial
Washington, D.C. www.nleomf.com

March

PORTER SANDERS	3/1/1912	6E26	JEAN CLAUDE CRESCIONNE	4/20/1982	63W1
JEREMY NEWCHURCH	3/1/2006	17E25	DELMER LEE BRUNSON	4/21/1936	44W14
JIM MATKIN	3/2/2005	44E24	WYATT LUTHER NUGENT	4/21/1936	46W4
ROBERT WESLEY CRAIN	3/3/1923	41E23	ERNEST MILTON HOWELL	4/22/1916	10E20
WILEY PIERCE	3/3/1923	18W24	MORRIS E BROSSETTE	4/26/1974	5W8
GEORGE W BANNISTER	3/3/1966	63W8	JIMMY C MATTHEWS	4/26/1982	46E14
DWAYNE M WILLIAMS	3/3/1993	51W19	MORRIS CAVALIERE Jr	4/26/1998	18E21
RONALD A WILLIAMS II	3/4/1995	44W20	JOHN TEEN	4/27/1896	51E5
EDWIN C HOSLI Sr	3/5/1973	46W10	BURLEIGH CORMIER	4/29/1957	43E20
HECTOR MANUEL GOMEZ	3/5/2002	51W23	WILBURT LANDRY	4/29/1957	43E20
CHARLES H WILSON	3/6/1894	28E13			
CHARLES T KRAMER	3/8/1965	39W10	<u>May</u>		
JACKIE T THIELS	3/8/1971	4W7	ROBERT E BOYETT	5/1/1926	25E20
CORNELIUS L FORD	3/9/1932	47W6	EZRA FOREMAN	5/4/1959	37W7
ALBERT E OESTRIECHER	3/9/1932	51W2	LEROY WILLIAMS	5/4/1995	11W20
GEORGE P WEIDERT	3/9/1932	51E10	HERMAN E HARRIS Sr	5/4/2000	22E23
JOHN THOMAS	3/10/1901	53W16	RANDALL SPEARMAN	5/4/2003	1W24
KEITH P CHIASSON	3/10/2008	24E26	LOUIS CANNALIATO	5/5/1965	46E1
DARREN AHMED	3/13/1991	47W18	ROBERT EUGENE BEANE	5/5/2009	
LAWRENCE H POOL	3/14/1956	51W16	ANTHONY CLEARY	5/6/1898	44W11
GERALD G BUBRIG	3/15/1969	2W7	L E REIDHEIMER	5/6/1919	46W12
ROBERT CARL MAY	3/16/1949	38W22	FRANK J GRICE Sr	5/7/1997	33E20
WAYMON W FERGUSON	3/18/1991	39W18	JAMES T BROWNFIELD	5/9/1943	39W11
ROBERT B DAY	3/19/1924	7E21	MICHAEL HANLEY	5/10/1900	43W4
OSMER DOUGLAS MCFILLEN	3/19/1966	30E26	THOMAS DUFFY	5/11/1899	38W1
JOHN HENRY MONK	3/19/1966	32E26	MILTON J LeBOEUF Jr	5/11/1970	55E18
FLOYD M MELDER	3/20/1970	63W10	JOHN FRANKLIN PHILLIPS	5/13/1928	58W23
EARL JOSEPH HAUCK II	3/22/1990	37W14	J GORDON ANDERSON	5/13/1933	12W19
FRANCIS C ZINNA	3/24/1958	37W12	VICTOR A MOSSY	5/13/1936	63W3
NOLAN WILLIAMSON Sr	3/24/2000	30W22	MARTIN TRIMP	5/16/1898	5E12
JOHN H WISNER	3/30/1870	52W10	JAMES WILSON GAMBLE	5/16/1954	54W10
LEON HENDERSON JR	3/30/1996	60W20	HAROLD ABADIE	5/20/1959	54W6
			LEROY KING	5/20/1959	33W15

April

GLEN D DEVANIE	4/2/2003	37E23	THOMAS W PROCTER	5/20/1978	45W10
JOHN HURLEY	4/4/1892	53W15	VICKIE S WAX	5/22/2004	53W24
RODNEY JOSEPH TRAHAN	4/4/1969	5W9	RAYMOND L CROXTON Jr	5/23/1978	37W7
CARL ROBERT D'ABADIE	4/6/1984	55W7	WILL GEORGE	5/25/1948	53W8
HENRY S BURKHALTER	4/7/1899	2W24	KENNETH F HERRIAGE	5/25/1966	40E13
RICHARD J STILES Jr	4/7/2009		THEODORE A OBITZ	5/26/1918	41W9
JESSIE J NEAL Sr	4/8/1973	7W16	FRANK NORMAN	5/26/1968	45W15
NED WILEY	4/8/1973	50E4	PAT MANNING	5/27/1921	4W7
PAUL W HILTON	4/10/1900	41W17	STEPHEN H GRAY	5/29/1995	10W20
JAMES JOSEPH SILVA	4/10/1994	30E19	JAMES MICHAEL PHILLIPS	5/30/1999	26E21
ANDREW WOMACK	4/11/1930	33E2	DOUGLAS JAMES LANDRY	5/31/1972	2W7
GLENDA JOYCE CARMACK	4/12/1999	37E21			
JAMES L DANIELS	4/16/1933	52W8			
BENTON PAUL BORDELON	4/16/1977	46E1			
CHARLES RANDEL SMITH	4/16/2003	28E23			
AUGUST ESTEVES	4/17/1923	51W21			
JOSEPH ESTOPINAL	4/17/1923	28W21			
OCIE DESAY HOWARD	4/17/1961	4W2			
BRENT MILLER	4/17/1972	5E12			
LAMON WEAVER	4/17/1973	37W7			
EUGENE C BRISTER	4/20/1940	25E25			
DENNIS R FREMIN	4/18/1961	44W3			

*'Tis said memories are golden –
and maybe that is true –
But we never wanted memories –
we only wanted you.*

Please note that officers listed are those whose EOW is March, April & May only. If your officer's name is missing and their death occurred in these months or if any of the listed information is incorrect, please contact LA-COPS with the correct information or email cops@la-cops.org.

LA-COPS Summer Camp/Retreat - June 11 - 13

Our summer camp/retreat will be held at Tall Timbers Conference Center, www.lbc.org/talltimbers, near Alexandria. Tall Timbers offers a serene peaceful setting for meditation and reflection as well as a variety of recreational activities; swimming pool, lake, pavilion, gameroom & recreation field. Peer sharing groups, fun and fellowship. You are welcome but not required to participate in any activity that you choose. Professional counselors, Bob & Olga Bauer from New York will be available for personal, private sessions. Lodging will be in "hotel" rooms with 2 full beds. Meals will be provided in the cafeteria. Your only cost will be your transportation. **Registration is required to attend. You must register even if you are only attending for part of the retreat.** We will arrive Friday evening, June 11 and depart by noon, Sunday, June 13. 7 RV slots are available but you must reserve them yourself with Tall Timbers (318) 445-6797. Please keep in mind that Tall Timbers is a Christian facility and adheres to the highest standards of morality and decency. Chapter merchandise (t-shirts, etc) will be available at the retreat.

Call 337.842.8680 NOW to confirm your reservation and then send this form!!

Reservations for Summer Camp 2010 at Tall Timbers: June 11 - 13

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ (Cell): _____

email address: _____

Name of Fallen Officer: _____

Relationship of this survivor to Fallen Officer:

(Spouse), (Parent), (Adult Child), (Sibling), (In-Law) ,(Other) _____

Rooms have 2 full size beds. # Rooms needed _____

Enter on lines below the names of persons in each room and ages of children (under 18).

Room #1:

I will be arriving at Tall Timbers Conf Center on (date): _____ at (time): _____

I will be departing Tall Timbers Conf Center on (date): _____ at (time): _____

List any special needs: _____

Your only cost is your travel to and from Tall Timbers!!!

Please mail this form to LA-COPS - 2215 Pitre St - Westlake, LA 70669

National Police Week 2010 Schedule

The schedule of major events for National Police Week activities in Washington, DC, is listed below. Survivors should book their hotel rooms through C.O.P.S. to facilitate transportation to all events. (Airline reservations should be made to arrive and depart from Reagan National Airport!)

May 12 - Early Arrival Day

May 13 - Arrival and Check-In; Annual Candlelight Vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

May 14 - National Police Survivors' Conference and "C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens" (1st Day);

May 15 - National Peace Officers' Memorial Service; Flags fly at half-staff

May 16 - National Police Survivors' Conference and "C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens" (2nd Day)

May 17 - Official Departure Day

Please don't schedule meetings with Congress members or tours during scheduled conference times. Survivors need to attend the sessions designed for them! Plan to arrive early or leave later for sight seeing.

C.O.P.S.' 2010 Hands-On Programs

Adult Children's Retreat June 25-28, Kids Camp July 26-August 1, Outward Bound July 26-August 1, Siblings Retreat September 10-13, Spouses Retreat September 17-20, Affected Co-Workers Retreat October 1-4, In-Laws Retreat October 15-18, Parents Retreat October 29-November 1.

More info and registration will be available online at <http://www.nationalcops.org>. Your only expense for any C.O.P.S. Hands-On Program is your travel to and from the location. Deadline for registration is one month before the retreat. LA-COPS encourages you to attend your appropriate retreat. You will benefit from COPS only if you participate in the events and resources provided for you.

"Take my hand - I'll pull you up!"

Log on to www.la-cops.org for the latest chapter news and information!

Departments Please Post!

UPDATES

Please help us keep our contact information up to date. Let us know of any changes in your address, phone # or email.

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