

Concerns of Police Survivors Louisiana Chapter



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Newsletter Winter 2011/2012

There is no membership fee to join COPS,
for the price paid is already too high!

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Christmas Social - Saturday, December 3 12 Noon - Untill!

There will be gifts for the children
as well as plenty of food and fellowship.

**(Please let us know the names
and ages of children attending
so we can provide gifts!!!!)**

**2011 survivors and agencies are requested to
participate in the Candle Lighting Ceremony
honoring Louisiana's fallen officers 2011!**

**Rapides Parish Coliseum Exhibition Hall
5600 Coliseum Blvd, (Hwy 28 West)
Alexandria, LA**

Directions ...

from I-49 – take exit (86) to hwy 165 south.

From Hwy 165 - take hwy 28 west to 5600 Coliseum Blvd, about 1
and a half miles west of MacArthur Drive (Hwy165).

Please R.S.V.P. By November 8!!!

If you're not sure please call us anyway!

Very Important!!!!

Call Pat (318) 357-3040 or Cell (318) 308-2850

**With the names and ages of children attending
so we can provide appropriate gifts!!!!**



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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.

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

President's Message:

Is the year almost gone? Are there really only a few weeks 'til Christmas? The busy holiday season is upon us. This is a very difficult time of year for those grieving such a terrible loss. If you just can't keep up traditions as you have in the past – create new traditions – do what you think you can handle. It is important to remember that whatever emotions you are feeling are normal and will eventually change as you find your “new normal”. There is no time limit on the “season of grief” and each of us will cope differently. Every journey begins with just one step.

Let LA-COPS help you walk the stepping-stones of grief. Become involved. Help other survivors cope. Take advantage of the resources offered by COPS. Plan to attend next year's Hands-On-Programs. There is “healing, love and life renewed,” offered to you. But you must participate to receive the rewards. If you have never attended a COPS retreat or camp, I highly recommend that you give it a try at least once. It takes a lot of courage to go to that first retreat or COPS meeting, but the rewards are great.

If you were not at the fall camp-out in Jackson, you missed a good time of relaxation and fellowship. Thanks to Mary and Elridge Hidalgo for hosting the weekend event. Thanks to the East Baton Rouge SO for their participation and assistance. Thanks to the Jackson Fire Dept for bringing the pumper truck. Thanks to Constable Joel Odom and Star AG groceries and Alvin Havard at Pecan Ridge Bluegrass Park for their assistance.

LA-COPS participated in the Crowley Rice Festival parade and set up a information and merchandise booth. Thanks to Betty Perry and everyone who helped out.

Our Christmas meeting will be in Alexandria on Saturday, Dec 3. Make plans now to attend. Call **NOW** with the names and ages of children that will be attending. We want “Santa” to have an appropriate gift for every child there.

We need your support and your participation in LA-COPS. The benefits that you derive from COPS will depend on your participation in the programs and activities offered. LA-COPS is here for **YOU, our survivors**. We are ready and willing to fill any expressed need to the best of our ability, just let us know.

May God bless you. Remember, we are only a phone call, or email away.
James Cook – cell (337) 842-8680 - email: cops@la-cops.org

The 2012 dates and locations for the upcoming **Traumas of Law Enforcement** Seminar are as follows: January 8-11, Austin, Texas -- January 23-25, Fresno, California -- January 30-February 1, Atlanta, Georgia -- February 27-29, Chicago, Illinois -- March 5-7, Rochester, New York -- March 12-14, Salt Lake City, Utah -- March 26-28, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Registration is available online at www.nationalcops.org

National Police Week 2012 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. Take no action until you receive your personal invitation in the mail in February. Check the C.O.P.S. website for more details in mid-December.

LA-COPS will schedule a briefing for 2011 survivors through your department in early 2012.

(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 (Capitol grounds) ; 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!!

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

Gone . . . Not Forgotten

December		
JAMES T FORD	12/1/1934	46W4
DAVID PETER HAMPTON Sr	12/2/1982	52W5
LASON R COPE	12/3/1966	63W14
MORRIS HOUSTON Jr	12/3/1976	33W15
CHARLES DAVIS DOWNS	12/3/1989	41W11
JOSEPH D JAMES	12/4/1908	22E20
CLARENCE J MILLER Jr	12/4/1975	52W10
YVONNE D PETTIT	12/4/2006	24W26
GEORGE O'DONNELL	12/5/1944	5E9
JOHN J JORDAN	12/6/1974	5W9
WILLIAM BROWN	12/9/1917	46W6
JAMES ARVIL BURNEY Jr	12/9/1978	64W18
GLYNN E AVERETTE	12/12/1961	46W10
PETER E BERGERON Jr	12/12/1969	45W5
MICHAEL WAYNE RITCHIE	12/12/1981	45W12
SUSAN E WELLS	12/15/1989	28E15
RONALD EDWARD DEAN Jr	12/16/1992	50E18
CLYDE WARREN PEARSON	12/17/1972	25E16
JEREMY KEITH CARTER	12/19/2008	12E26
TOM WATSON	12/22/1913	28W11
JACOB UHLE	12/24/1924	54W13
WILLIAM C GRUNWALD	12/24/1925	63W13
ERNEST A GRILLOT	12/24/1931	41W9
JOHN MARK HARDY	12/24/1992	1W19
JEROME H SEABERRY Sr	12/25/1995	38W20
ELEASE J PICARD	12/26/1918	22E20
JAMES J ADAMS	12/27/1940	52W17
DAVID C KNAPPS	12/28/1999	63E21
MARVIN R MORTON	12/29/1950	44W16
TERRY LYNN COX	12/30/1999	6W22
JOHN ALBERT MAYFIELD	12/30/2000	62W22
AMERICUS V LYONS	12/31/1894	6W10
JOSEPH ARNOLD Le JEUNE	12/31/1925	11E21
ALFRED E HARRELL	12/31/1972	45W12
January		
ARTHUR YEARY	1/1/1951	39W6
CHARLES R JOHNS	1/2/1949	33W6
RICHARD J DAVIDSON	1/2/1987	45E11
MORGAN LAMAR BRIGGS Sr	1/2/1989	27W18
RICHARD CONNORS	1/3/1928	38W8
ALBERT WIEBELT	1/3/1928	44W12
EDWARD HOWARD BURCH	1/5/1969	46W7
PHILIP J COLEMAN Sr	1/7/1973	55W1
PAUL A PERSIGO	1/7/1973	55W6
LOUIS JOSEPH SIRGO	1/7/1973	45W16
BETTY DUNN SMOTHERS	1/7/1993	7E19
SIDNEY A ZAFFUTO	1/8/2004	48W24
RALPH G HANCOCK	1/10/1972	33W8
RALPH DWAYNE WILDER	1/10/1972	51E17
HAROLD J POWELL	1/11/1955	2W8
ALFRED LOUIS CELESTAIN Sr	1/11/2010	46E27
DUANE DALTON	1/12/2010	24E27
DARVIN LaPRAIRIE	1/13/1986	55W1
FRED KRUMMEL	1/16/1942	47W9
LAWRENCE E WILLIAMS	1/17/1931	23W16
LEE ALLEN WILLIAMS	1/17/1931	21W5
LESTER H JOHNSON	1/18/1930	53W15

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

RICKY DODGE	1/20/1992	45E18
GILBERT J MAST	1/20/1996	27E20
J W LACAZE	1/24/1909	36W23
STEPHEN C NEWITT	1/24/1996	22E20
CURTIS W DENTON Jr	1/25/1989	29W7
ALAN INZER	1/25/2007	50W26
LOUIS ORY	1/26/1903	42E20
BARTON JOSEPH GRANIER	1/27/1996	52W20
ERNEST WILLIS	1/28/1999	36E21
NICOLA COTTON	1/28/2008	64E26
FRED R GRANT	1/29/1932	4E4
ELI L SMITH	1/29/1956	46W15
ROBERT E COCHRAN	1/30/1978	33W10
February		
EDWARD TOEFIELD Jr	2/2/1984	33W3
JAMES A RANNA	2/4/1938	51E1
J D BLACKWELL	2/4/1968	47W4
FRANK C MAHEN	2/5/1926	37W9
WILLIAM MICHAEL KEES	2/5/1983	45W8
CHRISTOPHER C HAYS	2/5/1995	19W20
BURTON JAMES LeBLANC	2/5/2000	32W22
CORBETT W PENTON	2/6/1989	6W10
CHARLES DOYLE	2/7/1903	53W7
TIMOTHY JOEL BERGERON	2/7/2010	36E27
NOEL SMITH	2/8/1984	55W2
ALBERT TUREGANO	2/9/1893	45W12
JOHN M GARLINGTON	2/10/2000	51W22
TIMOTHY LYNCH Jr	2/11/1922	51W13
CONSTANTINE ANDREOLA	2/13/1908	49E8
PAUL L C PARETTI	2/13/1957	29W9
CHARLES MERRITT	2/14/1911	44W5
FRANK P CONNOR	2/14/1918	53W15
PATRICK J KENNEDY	2/14/1918	33W5
ALFRED J BEYL	2/14/1920	52W10
ANDREA KEITH WILLIAMS	2/16/1988	40E17
LEMMIE L FORTENBERRY	2/17/1924	53W5
ROBERT LEE LOUVIERE	2/17/1967	33W14
DOMINIC R VERDI	2/17/1986	48E17
HERMAN W BROOKS	2/17/2006	32E25
BOB W SMITH	2/18/1996	14W21
RICHARD EARL NEWMAN	2/19/1993	3E19
JIMMY ALLEN KINNEY	2/20/1989	55W3
JEREMY "JAY" CARRUTH	2/20/2003	28E23
DAVID C EZERNACK	2/20/2003	29E23
RILEY B WRIGHT Sr	2/21/1904	6W21
KASIMAR ZINGA Sr	2/21/1973	41W3
BRIAN COLEMAN	2/21/2007	13W26
JOSEPH D FERRIS	2/23/1968	37W15
ULIS FLOYD	2/24/1952	45W7
NEILL A YARBOROUGH Sr	2/25/1925	6W21
MARK BECK	2/25/2008	45E26
THOMAS F JACKSON	2/26/1966	44W12
DENNIS J McINERNEY	2/26/1974	37W16
MAURICE M MILLER	2/27/1954	46E9
EDWARD G HUCKABAY	2/27/1954	22W1
JOSEPH R TARDIFF Jr	2/28/1975	5E11
WARREN NARCISSE Jr	2/28/1984	44E16

'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 December, January & February 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.

Officer Down - in the line of duty:

Louisiana's Fallen Officers 2011

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.

Police Officer Russell Anthony George (47) - Ball Police Dept (EOW 6/26/2011)

Corporal John Kendall (63) - Louisiana Department of Public Safety Police (EOW 8/9/2011)

Sergeant Paul Stuckey (47) - Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries (EOW 9/30/2011)

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.

Thank you BLUE LINE TEAM for your monthly support through payroll deduction:

East Baton Rouge SO - \$822.00; Calcasieu SO - \$520.00; Alexandria PD - \$226.00; Jefferson SO - \$310.00; Lafourche SO - \$580.00; West Carroll SO - \$5.00; Crowley PD - \$117.00; Baton Rouge PD - \$732.00; Zachary PD - \$56.00; Morehouse SO - \$12.00; Mer Rouge PD - \$52.50; Baker P.D. - \$36.00; Rapides SO - \$331.00

Your contributions, sacrifice and service are greatly appreciated.

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

A Very Special "Thank You" For Donations Given:

Mary & Elridge Hidalgo in memory of Mark Beck, United Way(Toyota Motor sales BR)
& anonymous donations

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

LOUISIANA ATTENDEES TO COPS' 2011 Hands-On Programs:

5 KIDS CAMP - 2 SPOUSES RETREAT - 10 PARENTS RETREAT

Affected Co-Workers Retreat is not listed because we are not sharing who attended the retreat with anyone due to the confidentiality.

Your only expense for any COPS Hands-On Program is your travel to and from the location. LA-COPS will reimburse \$100 to assist with travel costs for each Louisiana survivor to attend your appropriate retreat. (Download Form requesting Assistance Award for attending a C.O.P.S. Retreat at <http://www.la-cops.org/documents.htm>.)



**You will benefit from C.O.P.S. only
if you participate in the events and resources provided for you.
"Take my hand - I'll pull you up!"**



Help Build the Louisiana Law Enforcement K9 Memorial

Fund-raising efforts are underway. T-shirts, bumper stickers and decals are available. If you would like to help with fund-raising or make a donation or if you have information on fallen K9, contact Mary Hidalgo, 225.978.3161....
K9 Officers, we need your assistance.

Louisiana License Plates are available for family members of fallen officers. Inquire at your local DMV or online at <http://omv.dps.state.la.us/>.

Go to Special Plates, Family of Officer Killed.



PLEASE BE GENTLE

An After Loss Creed

By Jill Engler - Westminster, MD

Please be gentle with me for I am grieving. The sea I swim in is a lonely one and the shore seems miles away. Waves of despair numb my soul as I struggle through each day. My heart is heavy with sorrow. I want to shout and scream and repeatedly ask, "Why?"

At times my grief overwhelms me and I weep bitterly, so great is my loss. Please don't turn away or tell me to move on with my life. I must embrace my pain before I can begin to heal. Companion me through my tears and sit with me in loving silence. Honor where I am in my journey, not where you think I should be. Listen patiently to my story. I may need to tell it over and over again. It's how I begin to grasp the enormity of my loss.

Nurture me through the weeks and months ahead. Forgive me when I seem distant and inconsolable. A small flame still burns within my heart. And shared memories may trigger both laughter and tears. I need your support and understanding. There is no right or wrong way to grieve. I must find my own path. Please, will you walk with me?



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: _____

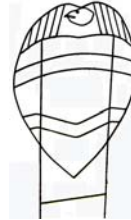
In Memory Of: _____

Please acknowledge this gift in the (month) _____ Newsletter

C.O.P.S. encourages you to participate in Project Blue Light this holiday season. By placing one blue light in a window of your home or business, you'll be showing your support for officers killed in the line of duty and those who continue to work America's streets. By placing strings of blue lights outside your home, at the department, and throughout the community, law enforcement officers will understand that they are appreciated! The color blue is symbolic of peace. By displaying your blue lights, you will be sending a dual message—that you support America's peacekeepers and that you hope the coming year will be a year of peace. Let your blue lights shine for law enforcement during the holidays!



Metal Heavy Wire Badge Yard Sculptures



Don Tardy will make a yard sculpture resembling your officer's badge suitable for decorating with blue lights. He needs a picture or drawing of the badge. Contact Don for all the details. (504) 366-5802

"Wishing you the Small Delights and Simple Pleasures of the Season."

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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