

Concerns of Police Survivors

Louisiana COPS encourages our police survivors to attend the many functions that National COPS provides for us and LA-COPS provides support and social and memorial events in our own area.

National Police Week –

I cannot even begin to express how glad I am that we went to Washington D.C. for the National Peace Officers Memorial. I was in awe at the respect and honor of all the police officers that were there from all over the US. The candlelight vigil was absolutely beautiful.

It is hard to find words to even describe it and the feelings it left me with, a sense of honor and peace that is just hard to describe. Every time I think about the beauty of it, I get teary eyed again.

I had mixed feelings about attending the grief seminars and workshops, but once I was there, I was so very grateful for these groups and these people who really understood how I am feeling about my husband's death. For the first time in a year I didn't feel so crazy anymore and I didn't feel alone anymore. I definitely feel that I can start the healing process now.

Attending Police week was so important to me and my children. My 11 year old son, Tony, had the best time meeting all of the officers and collecting pins from all of the different departments. He worked real hard on collecting them and ended up w/ 117 of them which he is so proud of.

Tony also attended the C.O.P.S Kids/Teens programs and went to the Criminal Justice Center & Quantico. Needless to say he has not stopped talking about it yet. He is so proud to tell everyone that he got to hang out with "real FBI agents"! Not to mention the fact that he got to meet "THE PRESIDENT"! He had to take the President's autograph to school to show everyone.

Paula Spearman, wife of Officer Randall Spearman
(EOW 5/4/2003) Folsom Police Dept.



Parents' Retreat-

I need to say that I was very apprehensive about attending the Parents' Retreat. Even though I'd read all of the positive things on the Parents' Web Site, I just agonized over actually participating. Am I glad we did? Absolutely!!! There is really no way to ever describe the overwhelming feeling of love, compassion, and caring that surrounded us every moment that we were at the retreat. At no time, did I ever feel that I could not talk about our horrific loss without knowing that everyone present completely understood how we felt - what we were going through – because they had experienced that same horror. The sessions also helped so much. We learned, through the experiences of the other parents, that the deep despair still affecting us was normal, not weird, not over-reacting, just the on-going human reaction of loving parents who lost their precious child. We are so very grateful to COPS for giving us the opportunity of this wonderful experience.



Dottie Tardy, parent of Christopher Wayne Russell
(EOW 8/4/2002) -- New Orleans Police Department

*Heroes live forever in the hearts
of those who love them.*

COPS' Summer Camp provides surviving spouses with children the opportunity to work with professional counselors and trained mentors to improve communications within the family unit and resolve grief issues together.



Funding

There are no individual dues or fees of any kind. LA-COPS depends entirely on voluntary contributions from individuals and organizations to meet chapter expenses. Concerns of Police Survivors is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; all donations are tax-exempt.

NATIONAL COPS' PROGRAMS

- National peer-support network
- National Police Survivors' Seminars and "C.O.P.S. kids" program
- Counseling reimbursement program for surviving children
- Annual retreats for surviving spouses, parents, in-laws, siblings and adult children
- Annual summer camp for surviving children 6-14
- Annual wilderness experience for surviving children 15-21
- Scholarships for surviving spouses and children under 30

LOUISIANA COPS' PROGRAMS

- Regional survivor support
- Information and assistance with survivor benefits
- Project Blue Light and Blue Ribbon campaigns
- Support groups and social and memorial events for survivors
- Assistance with National Police Week and COPS Hands-On programs.
- Training for law enforcement agencies and reference materials to develop General Orders for a law enforcement death

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

Talk to us about

Louisiana COPS

is asking you to support "Project Blue Light" by placing a blue light in a window in your home or business. Keep the blue lights burning constantly to remind everyone that law enforcement officers serve and protect every day, every hour, and every minute of the year. Decorate in blue lights during the holiday season.



Project Blue Ribbon



Louisiana COPS

encourages the public and law enforcement personnel to tie blue ribbons to their car antennas during National Police Week. The blue ribbons are a reminder to the public that many law officers have already

paid the ultimate price and given their lives in the line of duty. It is also to honor those officers who are in our communities every day, year in and year out, putting their lives on the line for citizens of those communities. Any strip of royal blue ribbon will work or you can call the Louisiana COPS chapter for the official COPS blue ribbon.

Fly the Blue!

24-7-365

Mission Statement

C.O.P.S. provides resources to assist in the rebuilding of the lives of surviving families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty as determined by Federal criteria. Furthermore, COPS 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.

Rebuilding Shattered Lives



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