



Law enforcement officers put their lives on the line daily to protect the citizens of our state and country. Unfortunately, Louisiana officers are killed in the line of duty nearly every year. The officer's family then lives on with the horrible grief of seeing a loved one buried, just for doing his or her job. The LA-COPS family helps these family members, friends and fellow officers cope with that grief. Law enforcement agencies do not fund LA-COPS. We depend solely on fund-raisers and donations. Please consider contributing to LA-COPS as a way of thanking the family members, co-workers and friends of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

How can you help COPS? If your department already has payroll deduction for LA-COPS, then please participate by authorizing a deduction each payday. LA-COPS only asks that you give \$1 each payday. Every dollar does make a difference! 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 for LA-COPS. The LA-COPS office will gladly furnish whatever information is needed. Donations are tax-deductible according to current IRS guidelines.

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.

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

Here are other ways you can help LA-COPS . . .

- Make LA-COPS the recipient of your charitable workplace payroll deductions. Does your agency participate in the **United Way Campaign** or a State Employee Charitable Campaign? Ask your campaign coordinator how you can contribute to the Louisiana Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors.
- Organize a **fundraising event** for LA-COPS. Golf tournaments, motorcycle rides and car show events, sporting events, shooting competitions, shows and entertainment, cooking and eating events. Fundraising events are held all over the state for LA-COPS.
- **Volunteer** your time and talents to the COPS organization. Participate in the Project Blue Light and Blue Ribbon Campaigns to increase community awareness of the sacrifices made by law enforcement and the need to support law enforcement.
- Do you know someone who makes decisions about **corporate/business donations**? Call the LA-COPS office and let us know so that contact can be made.
- **Tell everyone you know about COPS.** COPS is the "best-kept secret" in law enforcement. Tell your co-workers, your union leaders, other agencies, clubs and organizations, and your friends. Need some handouts? Let us know.

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

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-deductible.

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

Mission Statement

Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. 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.



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*What would happen to
your family
should you die in the
line of duty?*



Are you glad to know that
Concerns of Police Survivors
"COPS"
will be there to help your
family through a difficult
time?

*Help law enforcement
survivors rebuild
their shattered lives
through COPS . . .*