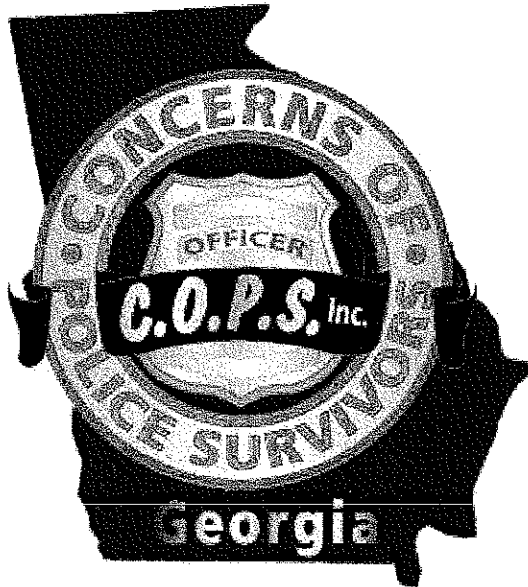




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**National Police Week**  
**Washington, DC**  
**May 10, Through May 17, 2009**



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## National Police Week 2009 Washington, D.C. May 10-17

### Schedule of events

- ◆ **Tuesday, May 12 –Early arrival day. Casual dress. Those flying only into Ronald Reagan National Airport on this day will be greeted by local law enforcement officers and volunteers, escorted to buses and transported to their Police Week hotel between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. No official activities are planned for this day. You are on your own to site see, unwind etc**
- ◆ **Wednesday, May 13 – Official arrival day – Casual dress. Those flying only into Ronald Reagan National Airport will be greeted by local law enforcement officers and volunteers, escorted to buses and transported to their Police Week hotel between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Check in registration will be from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the lower level ballroom at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel, which is the host hotel. NPW orientation will be held every hour on the hour**

- ◆ **Wednesday, May 13** – Casual dress. **Children and stepchildren of deceased officers between the ages of 5 and 19 will sign up to attend children’s activities.** Pre registration to attend these two day programs is MANDATORY. No on site registration is available. *Pre register using the form provided by National C.O.P.S. in your registration package.* Only sign in will be conducted on site, not registration. Sign in is between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and is mandatory to attend the “C.O.P.S. Kids/Teen programs. Look for the sign in table in the lobby of the Hilton Hotel. Children of fallen officers younger than age 5 can go to C.O.P.S. Childcare at the Hilton Hotel during the seminar hours on Thursday and Saturday
  
- ◆ **Wednesday, May 13**- Casual Dress. Shuttle buses begin leaving the C.O.P.S. hotels at 4:30 p.m. for the 21<sup>th</sup> **Annual Candle Light Vigil Service at Judiciary Square**, which will begin at 8:00 p.m. This event ends around 10:00 p.m. **Seating will be for surviving family members only and will be on a first come first serve basis, SO GET THERE EARLY.** Law enforcement officers attending are asked to join the ranks of officers standing and in regular uniform, since seating is exceptionally limited. This will be the only year that you will hear your officer’s name read at this memorial as a “first year survivor”. Dress for the family will be casual. **The weather may be cool, so dress in layered clothing and bring a jacket or a heavy sweat shirt and an umbrella if needed.** Shuttle buses will be available to return survivors to the official National Police Week hotels immediately following the conclusion of the candlelight vigil service at approximately 10:00 p.m.
  
- ◆ **Thursday, May 14** – Casual Dress. Continental breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m. and lunch at noon only for survivors attending conferences. First day of survivor’s and affected co-worker’s conferences sponsored by C.O.P.S. . **All survivors and affected co-workers are strongly encouraged to attend.** Free and supervised childcare will be provided for children/stepchildren under the age of 5 for parents of fallen officers attending the seminars. The seminars are great for your “healing process” and will allow you to meet other survivors in similar circumstances
  
- ◆ **Thursday, May 14** – Registration tables will be set up in the lower foyer of the Hilton Alexandria Hotel for 2008 **survivors and escort officers who did not check-in or register on May 13**
  
- ◆ **Friday, May 15** – “Church style dress.” 28th annual National Peace Officers Memorial Day Service. Survivors of 2008 gather in the lower level ballroom at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel at 8:30 a.m. Extended family members from 2008, **escort officers**, past year survivors, and other law enforcement officers will board buses at 9:00 a.m. for their trip to the U.S. Capitol for the service. Service starts at 12:00 noon and is held on the west front lawn of the U.S. Capitol. **Seating is out in open weather. Recommended dress is “church clothes”.** **Dress in layered clothing, since it may be cool or it**

may be warm. Take sunglasses and suntan screen block and maybe something to snack on for the family. Also bring an umbrella for those unexpected showers! The FOP will provide a "light fare" breakfast for immediate family members when they board the buses to the Memorial Service. You will not have an opportunity to eat lunch until after 2:30 p.m., which will be on your own. You may want to bring a camera or camcorder. The names of deceased officers for the year 2008 will be read. The primary escort officer should dress in "class A" uniform for this service

- ◆ Saturday, May 16 – Casual Dress. Second day of survivor and co-worker conferences sponsored by C.O.P.S. begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. for survivors and co-workers. 2<sup>nd</sup> day of "C.O.P.S./Teens activities. Daycare for fallen officer's children under age 5 provided again today for those survivors attending the seminars. Continental breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and lunch at noon for survivors attending the conferences only
- ◆ Saturday, May 16 – Casual dress. C.O.P.S. will host the annual "Picnic in the Park" beginning at 5:00 pm. Transportation will be provided to and from the event from 4:30 pm until 9:00 pm. A barbeque dinner, soft drinks and entertainment afford survivors a time to unwind and enjoy new friends and fellow survivors. A fun event for all. Bring your camera or camcorder!
- ◆ Sunday, May 17 – The official departure day from National Police Week. Many people will find that it is difficult to leave a place where their fallen officer was honored and remembered and where they met others who truly understand the emotions brought on by the death of their officer

## Children's Activities

- ◆ If you have children that will be taking part in "C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens" activities, please visit the "C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens check in area on Wednesday May 13 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. so counselors will know your children will be participating. Check in will be at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel lobby. There will be no check-in for the children after May 13. Must be pre-registered on C.O.P.S. registration form each survivor received in the mail
- ◆ Deceased officer's children/stepchildren between the ages of 5 and 19 can attend grief group counseling sessions and recreational activities. Both are staffed by mental health professionals and law enforcement mentors
- ◆ Children/stepchildren of the fallen officer who are younger than age 5 can go to free supervised C.O.P.S. childcare at the Hilton Alexandria Hotel during the conference hours only on Thursday, May 14 and Saturday, May 16. This will allow the parents an opportunity to attend the grief and counseling conference sessions

## Deadlines to be aware of

- ◆ March 23, 2009 is the deadline for registration. A registration fee of \$150.00 for each adult attending any of the activities on May 14 and/or 16 and a \$50.00 fee for each child attending any of the kid's activities. For "first year survivors" no registration fee is required for adults or children
- ◆ If the return registration is not received in National's office by March 23, you will not be approved to attend most of the events. There will be no on site registration for returning survivors!
- ◆ It is strongly encouraged for all survivors to return their registration packet information to National C.O.P.S. as soon as possible, but no later than the deadline dates to minimize any problems and to ensure things go smoothly for your arrival and attendance of programs

## Expenses to consider

- ◆ Host hotel and overflow hotels will range from \$171.17 to \$176.70 per room per night including tax. Refer to your registration packet for list of hotels providing shuttle service to all scheduled events. A one night per room deposit, by credit card only, is required to be returned with your NPW registration form. You may stay at other hotels in the area, but be sure you have your own transportation to and from those hotels. It is not recommended that you stay at any hotel other than the Hilton Alexandria Hotel or the overflow hotels for all survivors who lost an officer in 2008. Transportation and logistics may be a problem if you do not
- ◆ Plan on paying for about half of your meals over the four-day stay. The other half is included in the scheduled activities. All evening meals are on your own
- ◆ First year survivors may be able to find help with transportation, hotel and meal expenses from their agencies or local police organizations. Ask your agency if there are any funds available for National Police Week attendance. The Georgia Chapter of C.O.P.S. will provide financial assistance to the spouses, minor children and parents of the deceased officer for hotels, transportation and meals as our treasury will allow if the agency of the officer does not pay

## Comments

- ◆ Look for the daily APB's (all points bulletins) that will tell you all the events for each day and the time of each. It is so easy and will let you know exactly where to be and what time to be there

**For the 2008 surviving families and agencies, I can't stress enough the importance of your attendance at National Police Week. This is the only year your officer will be honored! You will not want to miss this opportunity**

The benefit you will receive from attending National Police Week is invaluable. It will allow you to associate and speak freely of your loss to someone who has experienced a similar loss as yours. They can relate to your emotions and grief. You will be able to attend grief and counseling seminars in order to assist you in your journey through the healing process. Your life has forever been changed, but somehow you will find the strength and courage to go on. Your life is not over, only changed through a very traumatic experience. You will continue to forever "carry the torch" for your officer in your heart, memories and deeds you do

Our thoughts and prayers are sincerely with you, your children, family members, friends and co-workers of your officer

If you have a question, or if I may be of any additional assistance, please call me at 770-354-8771. We look forward to seeing you in Washington, DC during National Police Week

Warmest Regards,

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**Police Week Was Born on October 1, 1962**

**87th Congress of the  
United States of America**

H.J. Res. 730

October 1, 1962

Public Law 87-726

## **Joint Resolution**

76 Stat. 676.

To authorize the President to proclaim May 15 of each year as **Peace Officers Memorial Day** and the calendar week of each year during which such **May 15** occurs as **Police Week**.

*Whereas the police officers of America have worked devotedly and selflessly in behalf of the people of this Nation, regardless of the peril or hazard to themselves; and*

*Whereas these officers have safeguarded the lives and property of their fellow Americans; and*

*Whereas by the enforcement of our laws, these same officers have given our country internal freedom from fear of the violence and civil disorder that is presently affecting other nations;*

*Whereas these men and women by their patriotic service and their dedicated efforts have earned the gratitude of the Republic:*

*Now, therefore, be it*

**Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,** That the President is authorized and requested to issue proclamations (1) designating **May 15** of each year as **Peace Officers Memorial Day** in honor of the Federal, State, and municipal officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty, (2) directing the officials of the Government to display at half-staff the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on such day, as provided by section 3(m) of the Act of June 22, 1942 (Chapter 435; 56 Stat. 377; 36 U.S.C. 175), (3) designating in each year the calendar week during which such **May 15** occurs as **Police Week**, in recognition of the service given by the men and women who,

night and day, stand guard in our midst to protect us through enforcement of our laws, and (4) inviting the governments of the States and communities and the people of the United States to observe such day and week with appropriate ceremonies and activities, including the display at half-staff of the flag of the United States.

**Approved October 1, 1962.**

**Amended by Public Law 103-322 in 1994.**

***Public Law 87-726, signed by President John F. Kennedy in 1962, was amended as above by the 103rd Congress as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. President Bill Clinton signed Public Law 103-322 which directs that the flag of the United States on all Government buildings be displayed at half-staff on May 15, National Peace Officers' Memorial Day.***

### ***Brief History of National Police Week Activities***

Little did anyone know back in October, 1962, that it would take 20 years for any police group to actually celebrate National Peace Officers' Memorial Week.

In August, 1981, newly-elected National Secretary of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Auxiliary, Suzie Sawyer, made a motion at the FOP Auxiliary National Post-Conference Board Meeting to sponsor a National Peace Officers' Memorial Day Service. After much discussion about the activity being too much for this small organization to handle, newly-elected National President Trudy Chapman "vacated her position" as President and talked to the group about the need for the Auxiliary to have a national project to support the law enforcement profession. After a vote of the National Auxiliary Board at that meeting, the first National Peace Officers' Memorial Day Service was held in Washington, DC, on May 15, 1982, on Capitol Hill in the small, beautiful "Senate Park". Only 125 people attended, but the activity proved to be promising. Then FOP National President Leo Marchetti vowed the FOP's support in increasing attendance at that activity.

On the eve of the second National Peace Officers' Memorial Day Service on May 14, 1983, much to the surprise of police officers and Auxiliary members who planned to attend, ten young widows came to Washington, DC, to attend that Memorial Day Service. Once the survivors began meeting with police officers, emotions started to flow. The women from the Auxiliary were asked to serve as hostesses for these survivors and the women all left the host hotel to find a nice, quiet place where everyone could talk.

After several hours of open discussion about their new life following the traumatic death of their police officer, the surviving spouses realized they had now become "the bad reminder of law enforcement's ultimate demand." All too often, they talked about abandonment by the agency that once promised they would always be part of the police family. Following the emotional discussion, a young police survivor by the name of Lynn Bolton from Eau Claire, WI, came forward to talk with Suzie Sawyer and Trudy Chapman about what had just transpired at that meeting of survivors. "This is the greatest thing that has happened to me in the past year," the young widow said. "I have finally found people who understand what I have to deal with. Next year couldn't we have a seminar?"

Suzie Sawyer replied, "And what would we talk about -- death?"

"Yes", was Lynn Bolton's response. "Somebody needs to talk about death in law enforcement!"

So on May 14, 1984, the first National Police Survivors' Seminar was held. The luncheon was sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police. At that seminar the survivors felt such a tremendous closeness that they voted unanimously to organize their own national peer support organization. Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. was born on that day.

Now survivors had two reasons to come to Washington, DC, during National Police Week:

1. To hear the name of their fallen officer read at the National Peace Officers' Memorial Day Service on May 15, and
2. To share their burden of grief with other survivors at the National Police Survivors' Seminars.

Later that year in October of 1984, President Ronald Reagan signed into law the legislation that allowed the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund to begin raising money for an appropriate monument in Washington, DC, honoring the fallen law enforcement officers of America. That effort was spearheaded by Congressman Mario Biaggi, A Democrat from New York who was the most highly decorated police officer in the history of the New York Police Department. Senator Claiborn Pell was also offered an honorary position on that board since he was instrumental in seeing that legislation passed through the U.S. Senate.

In 1989, the first annual Candlelight Vigil was held at the site of the soon-to-be constructed National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Judiciary Square in Washington, DC. In October, 1991, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial was dedicated by President George Bush. Today that Memorial Wall carries the names of over 14,000 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

Now survivors have three reasons to come to Washington, DC, during National Police Week:

1. To hear the name of their fallen officer read at the National Peace Officers' Memorial day Service on May 15, and
2. To share their burden of grief with other survivors at the National Police Survivors' Seminars.
3. To see the name of their loved one engraved on the Walls of Remembrance at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

While police agencies may have celebrated National Police Week on the local level years ago, today there is a new heightened awareness of National Police Week. Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. distributes a half million blue ribbons for law enforcement agencies to tie to their car antennas to call national attention to this day; the U.S. Congress has passed legislation that allows the U.S. flag to be flown at half staff on May 15; numerous police organizations hold memorial services locally, regionally, and on a statewide level during that week; police departments may have open houses, SWAT team demonstrations, etc. to promote National Police Week.

All in all it is one week during the year when law enforcement honors their fallen officers and makes the citizens of America aware that every 57 hours another law enforcement officer gives up his or her life for perfect strangers. National Police Week activities must continue to grow nationwide.

May 15 has been National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week containing May 15 has been National Police Week, since President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 on October 1, 1962.

But it was not until May 15, 1982, that the first National Peace Officers' Memorial Day Service was held. Washington, DC, activities during National Police Week now include the annual Candlelight Vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and COPS' National Police Survivors' Seminars as well as the National Peace Officers' Memorial Day Service.

## **National Police Week 2009**

**National Police Week 2009 Official Dates - May 10 - 17**

**National Police Week 2009 Activities in DC:**

**May 12 - Early Arrival Day**

**May 13 - Official Arrival Day and Check-In and the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Candlelight Vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial**

**May 14 - Opening day of C.O.P.S. Survivors' Conferences**

**May 15 – 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Peace Officers' Memorial Service sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police and its Auxiliary held at the U.S. Capitol**

**May 16 - Second Day of C.O.P.S. Survivors' Conferences**

**May 17 – Official departure date from Police Week Activities**

Registration packets for National Police Week 2009 was mailed in late January to surviving families and departments in the C.O.P.S. database. Agencies that lost an officer in 2008 will receive the same packet their surviving families receive. Participants are encouraged to respond by the deadline listed in the registration package.

Law enforcement officers who plan to attend only the Candlelight Vigil on May 13 and/or the Memorial Service on May 15 may contact **Haines Hotel Services at 301-865-1631 or email [Eileen@haineshotelservices.com](mailto:Eileen@haineshotelservices.com) or DC Accommodations for hotel rooms (800-554-2220) or email [www.dcaccommodations.com](http://www.dcaccommodations.com)** . Survivors should make hotel reservations through C.O.P.S. on the form included in the registration packet. The department head and the escort officer for the May 15 service should reserve their hotel rooms through C.O.P.S.. Transportation to and from the airport and to and from the planned activities is provided only for those staying in conference hotels. *Survivors not staying at one of the official conference hotels will find it very inconvenient and will have to secure their own transportation to and from the airport and to and from all activities.*

National C.O.P.S. sponsors the National Police Survivors' Conference, which includes some meals for participants. However, National C.O.P.S. does **not** fund air travel or hotel costs. Agencies and local police

groups are encouraged to financially assist surviving families so they can take part in the healing activities available in Washington when their officers are honored.

## **C.O.P.S. Survivor Conferences during National Police Week**

Each May during National Police Week activities in Washington, DC, C.O.P.S. hosts the National Police Survivors' Conference. Law enforcement survivors from all across the nation gather for in-depth grief work and issue-oriented information sharing.

*At the National Police Survivors' Conference, every group of survivors has access to mental health specialists and support from survivors of previous years.*

Break-out seminar sessions are offered so that survivors with like concerns and issues can work together, finding solutions to their common problems. Special sessions are offered for surviving co-workers, significant others, fiancés, and extended family members as well. Children under the age of 18 can participate in the "C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens" Program.

Examples of conference sessions include:

- *Surviving Spouses through Felonious Action, Drunk Driving Incidents, Accidental Action* (3 different sessions);
- *Surviving Mothers through Felonious Action, Drunk Driving Incidents, Accidental Action* (3 different sessions);
- *Surviving Fathers through Felonious Action, Drunk Driving Incidents/Accidental Action* (2 different sessions);
- *Surviving Siblings through Felonious Action, Drunk Driving Incidents, Accidental Action* (3 different sessions);
- *Surviving Adult Children through Felonious Action, Drunk Driving Incidents/Accidental Action* (2 different sessions);
- *Surviving Significant Others* (fiancés, intimate friends, former spouses, parent of the officer's children);
- *Survivors of Other Types of Deaths* (heart attack/natural causes, suicide, etc.);
- *Surviving Relatives and Friends*;
- *Returning survivors: A new perspective—What's it worth to you?*
- *Returning Survivors: A New Perspective--What's It Worth To You?*
- *Resolving Grief Alone – For widowed or single parents of deceased officers*
- *Making it through the first two years*
- *Forgiveness*
- *When the last memories aren't always the best*
- *Suicide: Removing the stigma and identifying the warning signs*
- *Grief in children and adolescents*
- *The Effects on Co-Workers After a Law Enforcement Officer's Death*
- *Surviving Co-Workers from Felonious Action*

- *Surviving Co-Workers from Drunk Driving Incidents*
- *Surviving Co-Workers from Accidental Action*
- *Surviving Co-Workers of Friendly Fire/Friendly Action*
- *Surviving Co-Worker guilt – Why do I feel bad about being alive?*
- *The creation of a caring agency*

National C.O.P.S. also trains volunteers in active listening, peer-support, and identifying the signs for the need of professional help. Referral listings for local psychological support are accessible through the C.O.P.S. National Office.

Survivors of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty according to Federal government criteria can contact C.O.P.S. for more information




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## Important Information for Survivor Families

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### **If you are attending the Memorial Service as a Survivor, we suggest the following:**

- Please be sure to eat a good breakfast on the morning of the Memorial Service.
- Remember to bring your Memorial Service Nametag
- Be prepared to go through the magnetometers at the hotel before you load the bus.
- Bring minimal personal belongings; you cannot leave anything on the bus.
- Cameras, camcorders, etc are okay, just be prepared to have them searched.
- If taking medication, remember to bring it with you.
- You may want to bring snacks; water will be supplied at the Memorial Service.
- Weather varies this time of year, so be prepared by bringing an umbrella and sunscreen.
- If you are given one of the flowers please make sure you are wearing it when you unload the bus at the Capitol grounds
- Law Enforcement Officers wearing a weapon **MUST** have valid department issued photo identification.

### **The Memorial Service Procession - what to expect:**

- On the morning of May 15<sup>th</sup>, participating family members will receive a bagged continental breakfast.

- At 8:30 a.m. the participating family will gather in the Hilton Ballroom. At this time, your Memorial Service nametag (that you received at registration) should be in the front of your badge holder.
- Auxiliary volunteers will assist the Family in lining up numerically. This is critical for participation in the Memorial Service. Auxiliary members will also give Primary Survivors a flower corsage.
- When everyone is lined up numerically, Auxiliary members will assist the Participating Family Members in boarding buses (keeping in numerical order) for the ride to the West Front of the United States Capitol, the site of the Memorial Service.
- Upon arriving at the Capitol, Auxiliary members will again assist the Participating Family in disembarking the buses (again, in numerical order). There will be people available to help with strollers, etc.
- During the Memorial Service, there is a Roll Call of Heroes, where the name of every Fallen Officer to be honored is read. Just before the Roll Call of Heroes begins, the Participating Family is led from their seat to the rear of the seating area to be joined with their Escort Officer.
- When the Fallen Officer's name is called, the Escort Officer will walk the Participating Family down the center aisle to the Memorial Wreath. The Primary Survivor will place the flower inside the star formation on the Wreath, while the Escort Officer renders a salute. A photo will be taken of the placement of the flower and provided the Family at a later date. The Participating Family and Escort Officer will be directed to an area by an Auxiliary member where the Primary Survivor will receive a Supreme Sacrifice Medal. The fathers of the Fallen Officers will receive a lapel pin replica of the medal.
- The Escort Officer remains with the Family, escorting them back to their seats, then proceed back to their assigned seating.

**We want you to know that there will be Auxiliary and FOP volunteers to guide you every step of the way!** This entire procedure will be explained, in detail, to you at a Survivors' briefing, which will be held on May 14th in the Alexandria Hilton Hotel Ballroom. Please ask any questions you have at this briefing.

### **PRIMARY SURVIVOR:**

- In hierarchical order are Spouse, Children (depending on age), Parents and Siblings.
- If no Spouse, the next level of Primary Survivor is the Child. Of course a toddler or small child will not be able to physically place the flower in the Memorial Wreath, so please keep this in mind.
- If no Children, the next level of Primary Survivor is the Parent.
- If no Parents, the next level of Primary Survivor is the Sibling.
- The Primary Survivor, in most cases the Spouse, will place the flower in the Memorial Wreath at the Memorial Service on May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- However, the Primary Survivor may designate another family member to place the flower.
- The person designated to place the flower is the SOLE DECISION of the Primary Survivor.
- The Primary Survivor must notify the Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary at registration, or sometime before the day of the Memorial Service if they wish to designate another family member to place the flower
- The Primary Survivor may elect to have the department assigned Escort Officer sit with the Family; HOWEVER, this must be arranged prior to May 15.

- All Escort Officers sit in a separate reserved seating area immediately behind the Participating Family

### **PARTICIPATING FAMILY MEMBER:**

- Consist of the Spouse, Children, Parents, Spouse's Parents and Sibling(s).
- Only members in this group may participate in the Memorial Service and the placement of the flower in the Memorial Wreath.
- However, extenuating circumstances can always be discussed.

### **NON-PARTICIPATING FAMILY MEMBERS:**

- Are categorized as: aunts, uncles, grandparents, cousins, spouses of siblings, friends, co-workers, etc.
- This group does not participate in the placement of the flower in the Memorial Wreath.
- This group is transported to the Memorial Service site on the morning of May 15<sup>th</sup> on an earlier bus run from the C.O.P.S. hotels (bus departure times will be provided when you arrive at your hotel).
- This group is seated immediately behind the Participating Family. From their seats they are able to see the Family participate in the Memorial Service.

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## **Frequently Asked Questions**

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### **Should I attend the Memorial Service?**

Yes! The Memorial Service is open to everyone. We encourage anyone within the law enforcement community to attend this important event. Last year, an estimated 40,000 people attended!

### **How much does the Memorial Service cost?**

There is absolutely no charge for attending the Memorial Service.

### **How can I find a reasonably priced hotel for my stay in the Washington area?**

The Police Week committee has made arrangements with Washington DC Accommodations to provide discounted rates on hotel rooms for our Police Week attendees. If you have a group please contact Nancy Riker at 202-289-2220 Ext. 102.

### **What should I wear to the Memorial Service?**

Law enforcement attendees are encouraged to attend in dress uniform. For all other attendees, we suggest wearing business attire. If you are in plain clothes and have a "raid badge", we suggest that you wear your raid badge exposed with a black memorial band across it. Please keep in mind the prevailing weather conditions - it

can be very hot that time of year. Water is provided, however, we suggest that you consider bringing an umbrella and sun screen.

### **What is the best way to get to the Memorial Service?**

Metro! The closest Metro stop is Capitol South, which is one block away. Capitol South is located on the Orange/Blue Lines. There is no street parking anywhere near the Capitol, so please don't attempt to drive to the event. Due to security restrictions at the Capitol, we ask that everyone arrives at least one hour early.

### **What are the rules concerning weapons?**

The security at the event is handled by the Secret Service and the Capitol Police. All attendees will be required to go through metal detectors before entering the grounds of the Capitol. If you do not need your weapon, we suggest you leave it at home. Law enforcement officers with weapons **MUST** have valid photo ID's. Non-law enforcement attendees are prohibited from bringing weapons. **Remember that all armed officers MUST have valid police credentials in order to enter the site. All plain clothes officer WILL wear your departmental badge on the outside and visible.**

### **How long is the Memorial Service?**

The Memorial Service is expected to run approximately 2½ hours.

### **Are there any events planned after the Memorial Service?**

National Police Week draws in between 25,000 to 40,000 attendees. The attendees come from departments throughout the United States as well as from agencies throughout the world. This provides a unique opportunity to meet others that share a common brotherhood. In that spirit, the Fraternal Order of Police DC Lodge #1 sponsors receptions each afternoon and evening during Police Week. These events are open to all law enforcement personnel and are an experience unlike any other.

The receptions are held outside in the 700 block of 4th Street and cover a two city block area. Parking is unavailable, so we suggest you take a cab or Metro. The closest Metro is Judiciary Square (Red Line), which is only one block away. Judiciary Square also happens to be the location of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. For a map of the area, please visit the FOP web site at <http://www.dc-fop.org>.

The 21st Annual Candlelight Vigil will be held at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial on Wednesday, **May 13**. Sponsored by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), the event will begin at **8:00 p.m.** at the Memorial grounds, located at Judiciary Square, on the 400 block of E Street, NW, Washington, DC. A reading of the names newly engraved on the Memorial immediately follows the ceremony. Everyone is welcome to attend; no tickets are required.

**Please note:** This listing does not yet include all events that will take place during National Police Week 2009. Please check back for up dates, to include times & locations of all events.



## Contact Information

- **Hotel Accommodations – DC Accommodations**  
Phone: 800-554-2220  
Web Site: [www.dcaccommodations.com](http://www.dcaccommodations.com)
- **Corporate Travel - For flight & hotel arrangements**  
Phone: 800-203-6543
- **Haines Hotel Services – [www.haineshotelservices.com](http://www.haineshotelservices.com)**  
[Eileen@haineshotelservices.com](mailto:Eileen@haineshotelservices.com)  
Phone: 301-865-1631  
Fax: 301-371-7305
- **Super Shuttle - If flying into Dulles or Baltimore airports (Not recommended)**  
Phone: 800-258-3826
- **Concerns of Police Survivors – Registration and Conferences**  
Phone: 573-346-4911  
Email: [cops@nationalcops.org](mailto:cops@nationalcops.org)  
Web Site: [www.nationalcops.org](http://www.nationalcops.org)
- **Georgia Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors**  
Phone: 770-354-8771  
Email: [ajollyroge@aol.com](mailto:ajollyroge@aol.com)  
Web Site: [www.georgiacops.com](http://www.georgiacops.com)
- **National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF)**  
Phone: 202-737-3400  
Web Site: [www.nleomf.org](http://www.nleomf.org)
- **Fraternal Order of Police (FOP)**  
Phone: 202-547-1651 or 505-293-1284  
Email: [www.policeweek.org](http://www.policeweek.org)
- **Police Unity Tour**  
Web Site: [www.policeunitytour.com](http://www.policeunitytour.com)  
Email: [unitytour1@aol.com](mailto:unitytour1@aol.com)

➤ **Honor Guard Competition**

Web Site: [www.policeweekhonorguard.com](http://www.policeweekhonorguard.com)

Email: [honorguard@policeweek.org](mailto:honorguard@policeweek.org)

➤ **Motorcycle "Law Ride"**

Web Site: [www.lawride.com](http://www.lawride.com)

## **Sunday, May 10**

### **Annual Law Ride**

Line up begins at 9:00 a.m. in Lot 8 of R.F.K. Stadium in Washington, DC.

The procession will leave R.F.K. promptly at 11:00 a.m. and ride to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, located on the 400 Block of E Street, NW.

Contact: [www.lawride.com](http://www.lawride.com)

## **Tuesday, May 12**

### **Police Unity Tour Arrival Ceremony**

Arrival time at 2:00 p.m. in Judiciary Square of more than 1,000 bicycles honoring fallen officers, which began in 1997 and has raised in excess of \$4 million for the NLEOMF.

Contact: 973-443-0030 – Harry Phillips

Email: [info@unitytour.com](mailto:info@unitytour.com) visit [www.policeunitytour.com](http://www.policeunitytour.com)

## **Wednesday, May 13**

### **21<sup>st</sup> Annual Candlelight Vigil**

8:00 p.m. at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

400 Block of E Street, NW

(202)737-3400

It is advised that anyone attending take the Metro Red Line to Judiciary Square. However, if you are a survivor, shuttle busses will be provided at your host hotel.

Contact: [www.nleomf.org](http://www.nleomf.org)

## **Thursday, May 14**

### **National Concerns of Police Survivors' Seminars**

Concerns of Police Survivors

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Hilton Alexandria Mark Center (*Registration is Mandatory*)

Contact: 573-346-4911

Email: [www.nationalcops.org](http://www.nationalcops.org)

## **Thursday, May 14**

### **25<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner of Concerns of Police Survivors**

6:00 pm at Grand Hyatt Washington, 1000 H St., NW Washington, DC

Tickets required: Contact: 573-346-4911 or [www.nationalcops.org/anniversary.htm](http://www.nationalcops.org/anniversary.htm)

**Thursday, May 14**

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Honor Guard Competition**

Fraternal Order of Police Grand Lodge

8:30 a.m. at John Marshall Park, located on Pennsylvania Avenue, NW at 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW

Contact: Ken Roske via email: [honorguard@policeweek.org](mailto:honorguard@policeweek.org) or visit [www.policeweekhonorguard.com](http://www.policeweekhonorguard.com)

**Thursday, May 14 (Confirmed)**

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual Emerald Society & Pipe band March and Service**

National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies, Inc.

Assemble at 4:30 p.m. at New Jersey Avenue, & F Street, NW. Step-off promptly at 6:00pm. March will proceed to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

Contact: Mike Roe at 314-304-1915 or email: [mjroe@slmpd.org](mailto:mjroe@slmpd.org)

**Friday, May 15:**

**National Peace Officers Memorial Day (lower flags to half staff)**

**28th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Day Services**

Grand Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police

Grand Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary

Noon at the West Front of the United States Capitol, Washington, DC

Contact: 202-547-1651

**Friday, May 15**

**FOP/FOPA Wreath laying Ceremony**

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial – Immediately following the U.S. Capitol ceremony

3:30 p.m. at the 400 Block of E Street, NW - Located at Judiciary Square

**Saturday, May 16**

**Concerns of Police Survivors' Seminars**

Concerns of Police Survivors

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Hilton Alexandria Mark Center (*Registration is Mandatory*)

Contact: 573-346-4911 or Email: [cops@nationalcops.org](mailto:cops@nationalcops.org)

**Sunday, May 17**

**Official departure date from National Police Week activities**

# Law Ride® 2009

"IF WE DON'T HONOR THEM, WHO WILL?"

**Law Ride 2009** will take place Sunday, May 10, 2009. Thousands of motorcycle-riding law enforcement officers and their friends and supporters from across the country will ride to the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial to honor those who gave their lives in the line of duty.

The staff of the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial Fund maintains the official and complete schedule for all Police Week events on their web site. Please support them.



## **More Information**

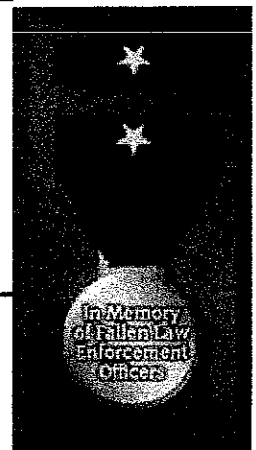
See web site at [www.lawride.com](http://www.lawride.com) to get on the list for regular updates on Law Ride 2009. Updates are by e-mail, snail mail, and/or fax.

## **Support Law Ride**

Some wants and needs for 2009 and beyond:

- You. Your participation. Ride with us.
- Encourage your Department to send Motor Units to represent your department and officers. Motors lead the procession. Units from as far away as California and Canada have participated.
- Your word-of-mouth publicity. Tell everyone who rides about this event.
- T-Shirt Info Here

All cash donations should be made to National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.



## ***Frequently Asked Questions***

1. Who Rides Where?
2. Why Mother's Day?

1) **Who Rides Where?** Participants line up in the following order:

1. Metro DC Police motors lead the procession. Their units peel off, as needed, to provide traffic control.
2. Other Police Department Motor Officers from around the country
3. Officers in uniform on privately owned motorcycles
4. Law Enforcement Motorcycle Clubs in uniform or colors starting with the Virginia, DC, & Maryland Blue Knights
5. Other motorcycles clubs in uniform or colors
6. Individual law enforcement motorcyclists
7. Other motorcyclists who want to show their support
8. 4-wheel support vehicles and units bring up the rear

### **Why Mother's Day?**

No, mom. We are not trying to ruin your day. But the first day of **National Police Week** falls on Mother's Day. Participants and others who expressed interest were surveyed. There's just no better day for **Law Ride...** so bring mom along!

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**National Police Week 2009**  
**Washington, DC**  
**May 10-17**

**Agency & Escort Material**

**I. Introduction**

**II. Handout distribution**

**III. Schedule of Events**

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|-------------------|--|
| Tuesday, May 12   | Early arrival day – no activities  |
| Wednesday, May 13 | <b>Official arrival day &amp; mandatory check-in and Candle Light Vigil at 8:00 p.m.</b>               |
| Thursday, May 14  | Survivor and <i>co worker conferences</i>  |
| Thursday, May 14  | Troopers tour of the Capital – for immediate family member survivors for 2008                          |
| Friday, May 15    | <b><u>28th Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Day Service on lawn of U.S. Capital grounds</u></b> |
| Saturday, May 16  | “Picnic in the park for surviving family members”  |
| Sunday, May 17    | Official departure day from National Police Week   |

**IV. Registration form from Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.)**

- Additional copies of the registration form are available on the web site of Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) at [www.nationalcops.org](http://www.nationalcops.org). You can also make copies of the one you will receive in the U.S. mail. On line registration is also available on the C.O.P.S. web site.
- **Deadline for returning completed registration form is March 23, 2009 for all survivors and departments**
- Indicate in officer relationship section either co-worker or escort officer

## V. Transportation

- **Fly into Ronald Reagan National Airport.** Shuttle transportation between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 12 and Wednesday May 13 to host hotel and the other C.O.P.S. overflow hotels.
- **No shuttle transportation provided by NPW from any other airport. You will be on your own but can take Super Shuttle bus**
- Department/agency should take at least one, if not two, company vehicles based on the number of family members attending. **Strongly recommend that one be a passenger van. One to be available to surviving family members at all times or as requested by them**

## VI. Hotels

- **Immediate family will be staying at the host hotel, Hilton Alexandria Hotel in Alexandria, Virginia about 9 miles from downtown DC**
- **The Primary Escort officer for the May 15 Memorial service and the department head can register to stay in one of the C.O.P.S. hotels.**

## VII. Meals

- **All officers and family survivors are on their own for all dinner meals. This is the value of the passenger van for shuttling the family members**

## VIII. Weather Conditions

- Comparable to May in Atlanta
- Varies – Rain, sunny, cloudy, windy, hot or cool

## IX. How to dress

- ***Take full “class A” dress uniform for the May 15 Memorial Service at the U.S. Capitol. Standard uniform is acceptable for the candlelight vigil on May 13. Look sharp and represent your department and Georgia extremely well***
- All other activities will be optional civilian casual attire or uniform
- All civilian clothing can be casual. Jeans, Bermudas, T- shirts, tennis shoes, etc. are acceptable
- Due to variable weather, dress in layered clothing- sweatshirts; jacket, etc

## X. Department/agency responsibilities

- Stay in **close communication with the surviving spouse and parents** of the officer being honored so they will know what to expect from your department. **Communicate-Communicate-Communicate**
- **Provide transportation** in DC for surviving family members as needed. **Taking a company passenger van is highly recommended**
- **All escort officers for May 15 Capital Memorial Service must register at the Hilton Hotel on May 13 or 14 . Very important. If not, a substitute will be assigned**
- Department should pay all travel related expenses of escort officers representing their departments on behalf of the surviving family. Hotel, transportation and meals
- Expectations of immediate surviving family members are that the Chief or Sheriff of their department will go to DC
- **The department should assign one officer to the deceased officers spouse and another to the deceased officers parents during National Police Week**
- **Get family members on first shuttle bus to candlelight vigil service. Limited seating and available on first come first serve basis.** Officers that are not assigned as the primary escort officer for May 15 will be in ranks of all other officers around the perimeter on May 13 and May 15
- **Co-workers of deceased officer are strongly encouraged to attend the C.O.P.S. co-workers conferences geared specifically toward law enforcement officers**
- Assigned officers be on standby or hang with family as their wishes may dictate. Give them their “space” if they desire, and play off your instincts. Survivors will be doing a lot of interacting with other survivors attending DC

## XI. Blue Ribbon Campaign

- Affix blue ribbons to all department cruisers during National Police Week
- Distribute to officers for family, friends and acquaintances to put on personal and department vehicle antennas

## **XII. Fundraising activities for 2008 surviving families**

- If the department does not, the Georgia Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors (GA-C.O.P.S.) will provide financial assistance to the spouse, parents and minor children of the deceased officer who go to DC and participates in the seminar programs as their treasury permits
- *The department of the officer being honored should also organize some type(s) of fundraising activities to assist in financial assistance to year 2008 survivors. This will be used for hotel, transportation and meals.*
- Georgia C.O.P.S. will act as a clearinghouse for these funds and disburse on an as needed basis. If department distributes directly to the officer's family, let Roger know how much for planning purposes

## **XIII. Helpful web sites**

- [www.nationalcops.org](http://www.nationalcops.org)
- [www.georgiacops.com](http://www.georgiacops.com)
- [www.nleomf.org](http://www.nleomf.org)
- [www.odmp.org](http://www.odmp.org)
- [www.policeweek.org](http://www.policeweek.org)
- [www.haineshotelservices.com](http://www.haineshotelservices.com)
- [www.dcaccommodations.com](http://www.dcaccommodations.com)
- [www.enterprise.com/car\\_rental/home.do](http://www.enterprise.com/car_rental/home.do)
- [www.lawride.com](http://www.lawride.com)
- [www.policeunitytour.com](http://www.policeunitytour.com)

## Miscellaneous Tips for Departments



- The primary survivor of the deceased officer should decide who they want their escort officer to be. Department should honor their request if at all possible
- Department should financially assist with immediate family's expenses to Washington if at all possible. If not from their budget, find sponsors, donations, fundraisers etc. in the local community. Request additional emergency funding from your local government
- **Department should take a passenger van to Washington in order to transport the family members for dinner in the evenings and as needs arise for the family**
- Be on time for all functions. **Look sharp, wear full uniform for May 13 candlelight vigil memorial and "class A" uniform for the May 15 Memorial Service at the U.S. Capital**
- Officers attending may want to take a supply of department's uniform shoulder patches, pins, etc for swapping with other departments
- If driving a company car or have a personalized license plate you will want to remove it after you arrive in DC

# ESCORT OFFICER INSTRUCTIONS

## TO BE GIVEN TO THE OFFICIAL ESCORT OFFICER

**ALL ESCORT OFFICERS MUST** check-in and receive their instructions for participation in the May 15 Memorial Service. Additional instructions will be given at the Escort Officer briefing meeting. The **ESCORT OFFICER REGISTRATION TABLE** will be located at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel (C.O.P.S. host hotel) **in the main ballroom**. Check-in will be on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and Thursday, May 14, 2009 from 7:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. These are the same dates and times posted for survivor check-in. *There will be an Escort Officer briefing conducted on the lower level of the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel. Get the date and time at the time of registration.*

For the May 15 participation in the National Peace Officers Memorial Day Service, **escort officers are required to wear "Class A" uniforms with weapon and official law enforcement photo identification on your person. Non uniformed officers are requested to wear business attire and if carrying a concealed weapon, you must have official law enforcement photo identification on your person.**

**All shields/badges are to be covered with a black mourning band.**

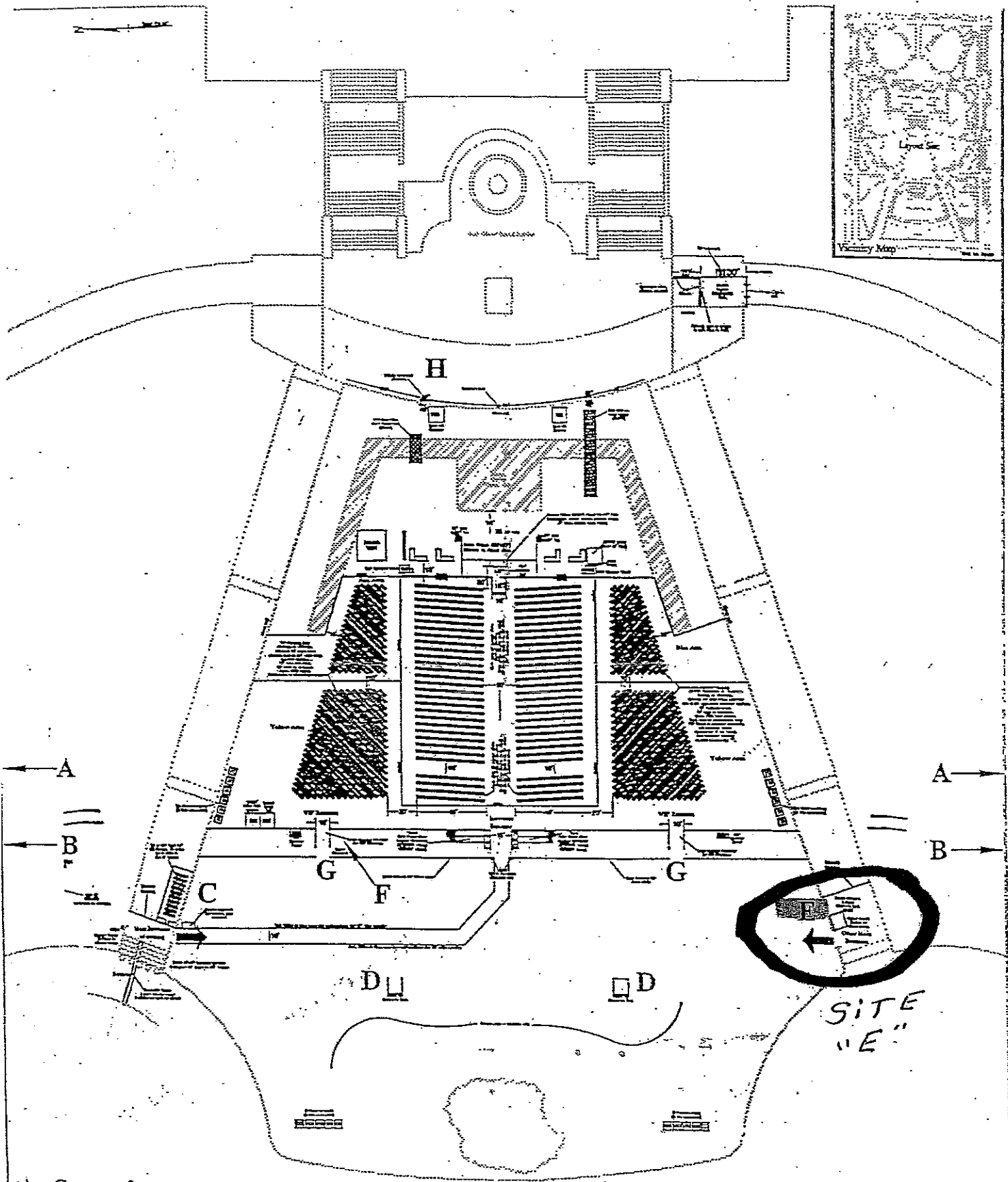
*Escort officers arriving on May 15th who are participating in the Memorial Service, must report directly to the Memorial Service Site (West Front of the United States Capitol) no later than 10:00 a.m. for instructions and assembly.*

**Any escort officer NOT reporting to site "E" by 10:00 a.m. at the U.S. Capitol on May 15 for issuance of passes and final instructions will be replaced – No exceptions.**

All commands for movement will be voiced by the officer in charge of the United States Capitol Police Ceremonial Unit.

The May 15 Memorial Service is not a social function. There will be no movement during the Memorial Service except by the survivors, escorts and the committee members. Any person or group of people creating a disturbance during this solemn time will be asked to leave. Remember, the Memorial Service is not over at the end of the speeches or roll call of heroes. Please remain in place until the end of "taps."

While your agency may send as many officers as it cares to send to National Police Week 2009, there will be only one official representative, the Escort Officer, actively participating in the May 15 Memorial Service. All other officers from your agency are expected to join the ranks of other officers outside the inner-perimeter.



- A- Screening
- B- Information
- C- On-Site Check-in for current-year survivors
- D- VIP Check-in
- E- Escort Officer Check-in
- F- Media Check-in
- G- Entrance
- H- Chief's Breakfast Participant's Entrance

**National Peace Officers' Memorial Service**

# MEMORIAL SERVICE ESCORT OFFICER RESPONSE FORM

**Return to:**

**National Peace Officers' Memorial Service Committee**  
4101 Honeybrook Ave.  
Dayton OH 45415-1442 or  
Fax to (937) 898-3322

**This form MUST be returned as soon as possible.**

**Agency:**

**Deceased Officer:**

**AGENCY INFORMATION**

Memorial Service Escort Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please supply the following information about the contact officer for your agency. The contact person must be reachable during daytime hours. If any questions arise about your agency participation, we must be able to contact this person.**

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions concerning National Police Week may be directed to National Police Week Hotline (202) 547-1651. A committee member will return your call as soon as possible.

## VIP SEATING INFORMATION

Information is requested on VIPs traveling to Washington, D.C., for attendance at the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service on ~~Thursday~~<sup>Friday</sup>, May 15, 2008. VIPs would be the agency administrator (chiefs, sheriffs, colonels, commissioners, etc.), mayor, councilperson, state congressional members, and national congressional members, etc.

There is reserved seating available for VIPs. There may also be special events to which they may be invited.

Please return the completed form below to:

Return to: Amy Spear  
National Peace Officers' Memorial Service Committee  
14035 GA Hwy. 219  
West Point GA 31833

or

Fax: (706) 494-3391

or

E-mail: [npoms\\_vip@mindspring.com](mailto:npoms_vip@mindspring.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Served: \_\_\_\_\_

VIPs Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Should you have any questions regarding the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service, please call the National Police Week Hotline at (202) 547-1651. A committee member will return your call as soon as possible.

This form must be returned no later than April 15, ~~2008~~<sup>2009</sup>.





### From the Law Enforcement Profession on COPS:

*"COPS has developed into the ultimate peer-support organization. Survivors and agencies NEED COPS."*

-Supervisory Special Agent (Ret.), James J. Horn  
Behavioral Science Unit, FBI Academy  
Quantico, Virginia

*"I've been associated with COPS since its beginning and kept that close association. And, yes, in 1991 in Florida, my department did need to use its services. The organization has proven invaluable."*

-Former Chief of Police Gil Kerlikowski  
Community Oriented Policing Services  
US Department of Justice

### Comments on COPS' Training:

*"I learned that my department has some work to do. Thank you."*

*"It is a topic that needs to be addressed in all departments."*

*"This helped identify weaknesses in our own human nature which will cause us to change our department's response to these types of situations."*

*"Course content was excellent. I'm recommending the course to my partner and supervisor."*

*"I highly recommend this course to ALL police officers."*

**No Agency wants to face a  
Line-of-Duty Death.**

**The only thing worse than  
the death itself is  
being unprepared to  
handle the chaos.**



Concerns of Police Survivors  
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Camdenton, MO 65020

### Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. wants to know . . .



Photo by Matthew West of the Boston Herald.

## HOW CAN WE ASSIST YOUR AGENCY?

- ✓ Agency/Officer Preparedness
- ✓ Support Services
- ✓ Dealing with Line-of-Duty Death
- ✓ Reference Materials
- ✓ Family and Survivor Issues
- ✓ Grief Issues
- ✓ The Survivors' Perspective
- ✓ National Police Week



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### Departmental Level In-Service Training Session

*Deals primarily with Law Enforcement family issues and is appropriate for all agencies. Topics covered can include:*

- ◆ Myths vs. facts about coping with the loss of a law enforcement officer.
- ◆ "Support" issues for the surviving family, the agency, agency personnel and their families.
- ◆ Being prepared with a General Orders for line-of-duty death.
- ◆ Individual officer/family needs in a high-risk profession.
- ◆ Regular up-dating of family information and beneficiary cards.
- ◆ Discussion of state/local benefits.
- ◆ Organizing financial matters.
- ◆ Officer safety issues.
- ◆ Symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- ◆ Psychological/critical incident stress debriefing teams to address the needs of affected co-workers and co-workers' families.
- ◆ Spouse seminars and employee assistance programs.
- ◆ The survivors' perspective.
- ◆ Question and answer period.

### State-Wide/Regional Full Training Session

*Geared toward officers who deal with the survivors, ie. administrators, personnel managers, police chaplains, CISD teams, authors of General Orders, law enforcement labor groups. Topics can include:*

- ◆ Myths vs. facts about coping with the loss of a law enforcement officer.
- ◆ "Support" issues for the surviving family, the agency, agency personnel and their families.
- ◆ Being prepared for line-of-duty death.
- ◆ Death notification: injury vs. critical vs. death.
- ◆ Cultural differences among law enforcement funerals.
- ◆ Assisting the family at the hospital.
- ◆ Support for the family during the wake and funeral.
- ◆ Providing information and assistance on benefits to the surviving family.
- ◆ Continued follow-up with the family.
- ◆ Department support for the surviving family awaiting trial.
- ◆ National Police Week activities.
- ◆ Individual officer/family issues the agency should address.
- ◆ Officer safety issues.
- ◆ The survivors' perspective.
- ◆ Question and answer period.

*Please send a complimentary copy of the items marked below:*

- "Support Services to Surviving Families of Line-of-Duty Death", a 16-page Public Safety Agency Handbook
- Samples of General Orders dealing with line-of-duty death
- Research in Brief, "Line-of-Duty Deaths: Survivor & Departmental Responses"
- "Better Not Bitter", 113-page paperback telling the story of Concerns of Police Survivors
- Helpful Grief Material:
  - Female Grief
  - Male Grief
  - Family Grief
  - Child Grief
  - Co-worker Grief
- Benefits available to surviving families of line-of-duty death in my state
- COPS informational brochure
- Put me on COPS' mailing list for regular up-dates

Requested items should be sent to (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY):

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, if a state/regional training session is held near us, we'd be interested in attending. Please keep us informed.

Name of Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, we would like more information on in-service training for our agency.

Name of Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

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# Concerns of Police Survivors

Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. is dedicated to helping the surviving families of America's fallen law enforcement officers rebuild their shattered lives through hands-on programs based on strong peer-support...survivors helping other survivors.

## COPS' programs for survivors include-

- Camp
- Ships
- Parents' Retreat
- Seminars
- Wilderness Experiences
- Surviving Spouses' Getaway

## Summer Camp-

Introduced in the summer of 1994, COPS' Annual Summer Camp is for surviving spouses or guardians with children ages 6-14.

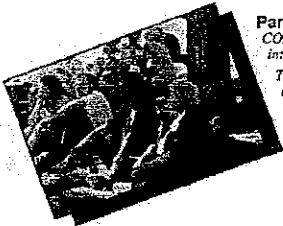
Camp activities are combined with grief counseling, team-building activities and shared fun in a camp atmosphere teach the family that teamwork is essential for coping with grief.

COPS' Annual Summer Camp is held on the shores of Lake of the Ozarks. The only cost to participants is their travel to Missouri.



## Scholarships-

Since December 1991, COPS' Scholarship Program has awarded over \$200,000 to surviving spouses and children under age 30. To date, no application has been denied because of insufficient funding.



## Parents' Retreat-

COPS' Annual Parents' Retreat was introduced in the fall of 1996.

The retreat is held on the beautiful shores of Lake of the Ozarks and supplements the grief support parents receive at the National Police Survivors' Seminars. The only cost to participants is their travel to Missouri.

## Surviving Spouses' Getaway-

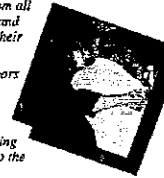
The fear of raising children alone, coping with trials, and attempting to find a "new normal" in life are frequent topics of discussion at the Spouses' Getaway. COPS provides surviving spouses an opportunity to network with other surviving spouses away from children, other family members, and the intrusions of daily life.

## Seminars-

The National Police Survivors' Seminars provide the first exposure to other survivors from all across the nation who understand how the line-of-duty death of their officer has affected their lives.

These Seminars provide survivors with tools needed to begin rebuilding their lives.

COPS provides meals, local transportation, tours and evening events that bring survivors into the "COPS FAMILY".



## Wilderness Experience-

In the summer of 1998, COPS initiated an annual Wilderness Experience for surviving children from ages 13 to 21.

White-water rafting, mountain climbing, rappelling and backpacking help participants discover their own capabilities.

The only cost to participants is their travel to the major airport nearest the site of the Wilderness Experience.



## General Support of COPS-

Survivors who participate in COPS' hands-on programs talk about the unique, strong bonds they make with other survivors. The newly-bereaved learn from other survivors and mental health professionals grief techniques that will help them rebuild their shattered lives following the line-of-duty death of their officer.

Survivors often say that keeping a connection with their fallen officer's law enforcement agency is important to coping with their loss. COPS works with law enforcement agencies to help agencies understand and fulfill that need for the fallen officer's family.



## History-

Organized in May 1984 by a unanimous vote of 110 police survivors, Concerns of Police Survivors' membership now totals almost 10,000 families. There is no membership fee—the price paid is already too high.

## Other Programs for Survivors-

- A National Peer-Support Network
- Support from Local Chapters
- Reimbursement for Children's Psychological Counseling
- Quarterly Newsletters
- Benefits Assistance
- Trial and Parole Support

## COPS' Programs for Law Enforcement-

- Regional Training on "The Trauma of Law Enforcement Death"
- State and Federal Death Benefit Information
- Semi-Annual Newsletters
- Resource and Reference Materials

Concerns of Police Survivors asks hundreds of thousands of Americans to support its public awareness campaigns. These campaigns are-

- Project Blue Light during the Christmas Holiday Season
- The Blue Ribbon Campaign during National Police Week each May

COPS is a 501(c)(3) corporation. Donations are tax-deductible according to current IRS guidelines.



## Mission Statement-

COPS 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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# GEORGIA POLICE MEMORIAL RIDE

18th Annual ride for Fallen Officers in Georgia

Saturday April 25th, 2009

"We ride to Remember" "We will never forget them"

**Officer Eric Cecil Barker Sr**  
**Dekalb County Police Department**

**Officer Ricky Lamar Bryant Jr**  
**Dekalb County Police Department**

**Deputy Robert Armand Griffin**  
**Decatur County Sheriffs Office**

**Deputy Michael Sean Thomas**  
**Bibb County Sheriff's Office**

**Ordinance Officer Kathy Ann Cox**  
**Gordon County Sheriff's Office**

**Deputy Sheriff David Gilstrap**  
**Oconee County Sheriff's Office**








**Officer James Frederick Norman**  
**Cobb County Police Department**





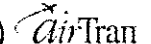


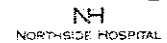

This is a ride for motorcycle enthusiasts who want to show to the people of Georgia that support and recognition of fallen Law Enforcement Officers is important to everyone. In year 2008, Georgia lost 6 Law Enforcement officers while serving the public. Bring all your friends and join in the parade of honor as we ride the streets of Georgia. The ride will be a safe Police escorted ride through honor guards from many of the participating agencies. The ride will end at Peachtree City, Falcon Field Airport. We will have lunch followed by the program of honor for Officers and families. Stay for the Aviation and Law Enforcement display.

- \*NEW\* Turner Field SAM Honor Guard competition
- \*NEW\* Aviation and Law Enforcement Display Falcon Field

Registration opens at 8:00 AM and ride departs at 11:00 AM from Turner Field  
 Costs: \$35.00 entry rider - \$15.00 Passenger, includes ride pin, shirt and Lunch

Atlanta Metropol Inc.       

Northside Towing     

Falcon Field  

All Police agencies are invited to participate with marked bikes, cars and honor guards Information call 770-719-8306 also on website: [blueknightsgavii.org](http://blueknightsgavii.org)

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# Blue Knights GAVIII

**2009 RUN FOR CONCERNS OF POLICE SURVIVORS**

**"WE RIDE TO REMEMBER"**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH 2009**

**START AT JOHN'S V-TWIN**

**(ACROSS FROM K MART ON MONTGOMERY CROSSROADS)**

**FIRST BIKE OUT AT 10 AM**

**FINISH AT THE ISLAND GRILL**

**(I-95 AND HIGHWAY 21, PT WENTWORTH)**

**LAST BIKE IN AT 1 PM**

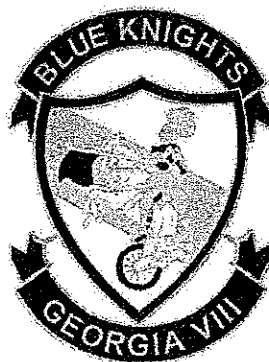
**FIRST HAND \$20**

**ADDITIONAL HANDS \$5**

**FREE MEAL!**

**AND**

**RIDE PIN!**



**50/50 DRAWING**

**DOOR**

**PRIZES!**





