

WELCOME TO NATIONAL POLICE WEEK



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C.O.P.S. Mission Statement

Rebuilding the shattered lives of surviving family members and co-workers affected by a line-of-duty death.

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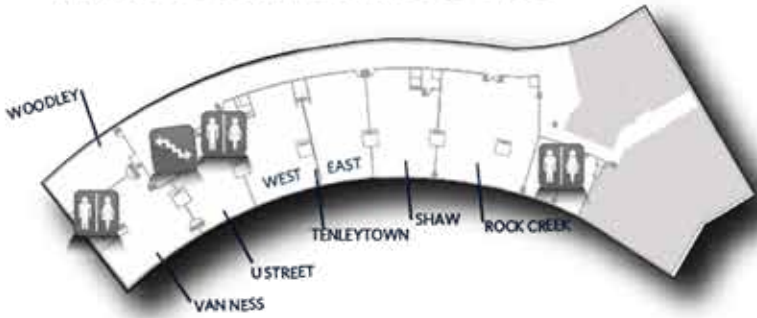
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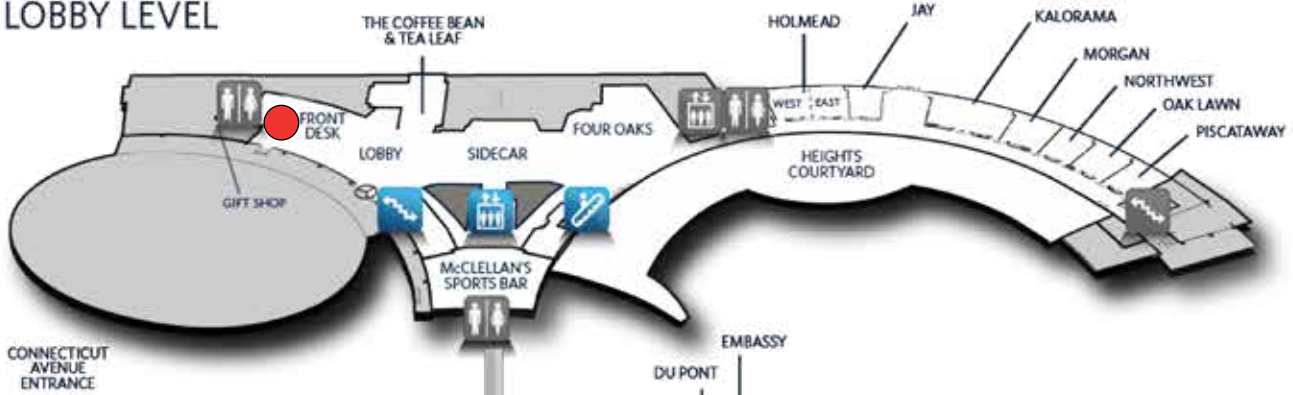
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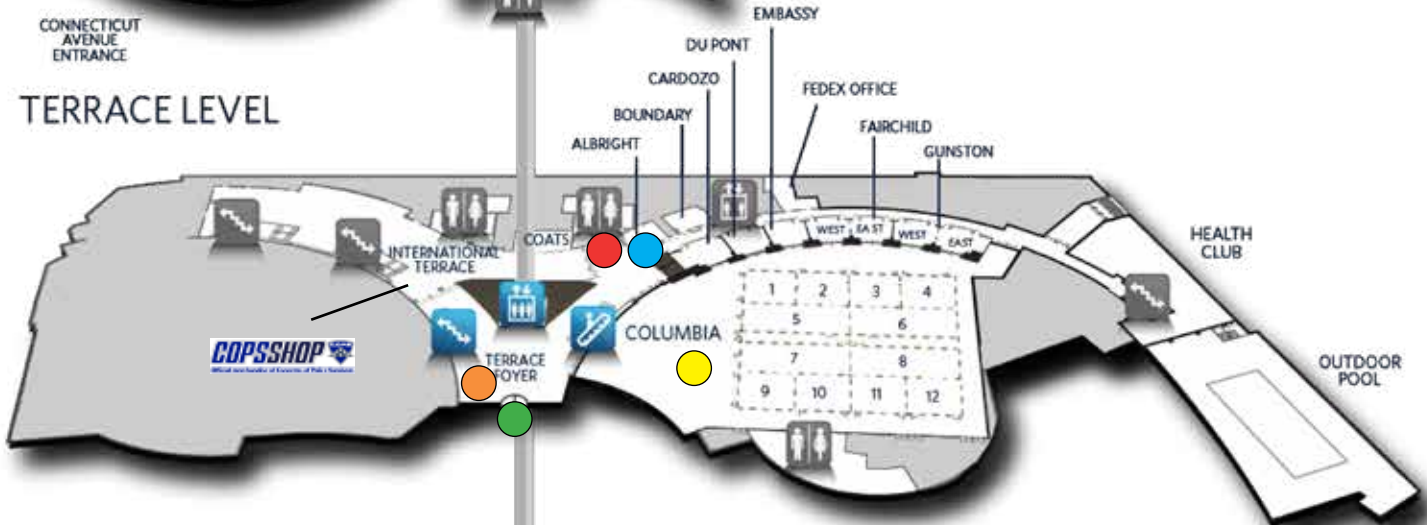


- Registration/Check-in
- Support Services (3 locations)
- Command Post
- Volunteer Check-In
- Shuttle Pick-up/Drop-off

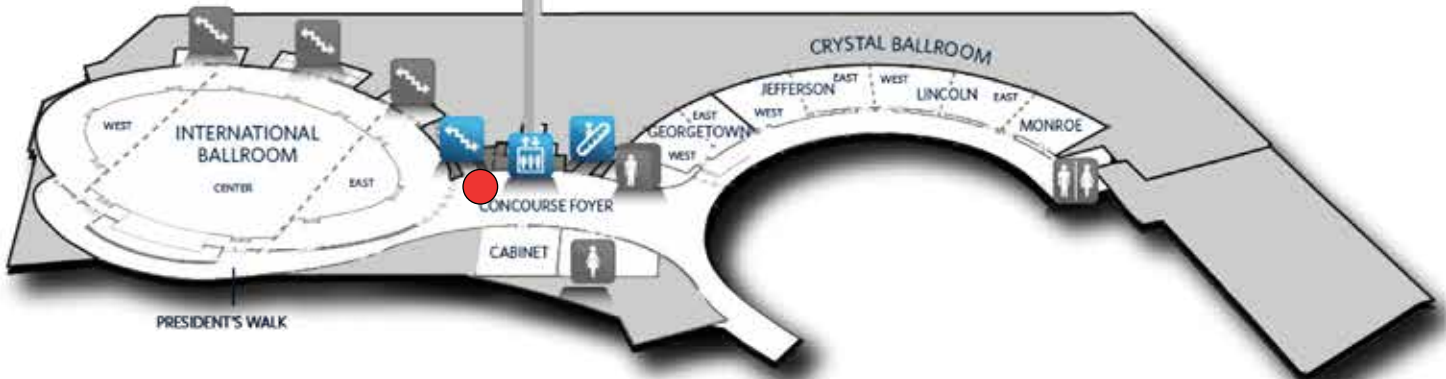
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Report any suspicious situations immediately to Security.

Security can be contacted by visiting the Command Post in the Albright Room on the Terrace Level of the Washington Hilton. Suspicious activity at your hotel should be reported to the hotel security or front desk.

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Rebuilding the shattered lives of surviving family members and co-workers affected by a line-of-duty death.

C.O.P.S. National Staff



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These are the names of officers who will be honored at the Peace Officers' Memorial Service on May 15th.

INFORMATION FOR NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Break down of colored tabs throughout this information book:

Check-in/Registration Information

Shuttle Bus Schedule

Schedule of Available Meals

Agenda by Day

Tuesday, May 12th

Wednesday, May 13th

Thursday, May 14th

Friday, May 15th

Saturday, May 16th

Thank you to all law enforcement officers volunteering to stand as honor guard at the airport as well as those on motors to escort survivors through the National Police Week motorcade.



NPW Check-In



Check-In For all surviving family members and co-workers held in the **Columbia Room** located on the Terrace Level of the Washington Hilton. On-site registration is available for current-year survivors and co-workers only. **Note: You must have your photo ID to pick up/register for your credentials**

Monday, May 11	1:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
Tuesday, May 12	9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday, May 13	8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Thursday, May 14	8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Please check-in when you first arrive at National Police Week to avoid long lines. Please do NOT wait until the last minute to check-in. Each individual attendee must be present to pick up their credentials. A photo ID will be required.

National Police Week Orientation & Memorial Service Information

Orientation is important for all first-time attendees. Orientation will provide you an overview of the week as well as important information on the May 15 Memorial Service. It is requested that all first time attendees of National Police Week attend an orientation. Orientations will be held in the **Columbia Room #3-12** located on the Terrace Level of the Washington Hilton.

Monday, May 11	2:30 P.M. & 5:30 P.M.
Tuesday, May 12	9:30 A.M., 2:00 P.M., & 4:00 P.M.
Wednesday, May 13	8:30 A.M. & 12:30 P.M.

Escort Officer Informational Meeting

The National FOP Auxiliary will conduct a brief presentation for those that are escorting the families at the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service on May 15. This presentation will be held in **Columbia Room #3-12** on the Terrace Level of the Washington Hilton. This meeting will include what is expected of the escort officer, details of May 15th from the time escorts and their families arrive to load the buses, to the walk to the wreath, and explain the terminology of participating vs. non-participating survivors. **All Escort Officers are required to attend this meeting.**

Wednesday, May 13	10:00 A.M.
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C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens & Day Care Information



C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens & Day Care Check-In

Columbia Room, Terrace Level

Monday, May 11th	1:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
Tuesday, May 12th	9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday, May 13th	8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

The C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens Program is available to surviving children, step-children and siblings ages Kindergarten-12th grade of the fallen officer. The Day Care Program is available to surviving children, step-children, siblings, nieces and nephews ages infant-preschool of the fallen officer.



Registered participants will need to check in with the program staff to confirm their participation in the program, ensure that all required paperwork has been received, and pick up their goodie bags. **Pre-registration for both of these programs was required.** C.O.P.S. cannot take on-site registration for these programs, even if the family is a current year family whose officer is being honored this year.

C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens

Thursday, May 14th & Saturday, May 16th

8:15 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Registered participants, K-12th grade, will gather at 8:15 A.M. in the **Columbia Room** on the Terrace Level of the Washington Hilton to depart at 8:45 A.M. for the day's activities. Participants will travel to the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy in Fairfax, VA on May 14th and the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA on May 16th. Children will return between 4:45-5:00 P.M. each day dependent on traffic. Parents/Guardians will pick up their children in the same location they dropped them off in the morning.

Please be sure your children eat the breakfast provided at the Washington Hilton BEFORE being dropped off. Lunch is provided on both days of the program.

C.O.P.S. Day Care

Thursday, May 14th & Saturday, May 16th

8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Registered participants, infants-preschool, can be dropped off in the **Van Ness & Woodley Rooms** located on the 1st floor of the Washington Hilton starting at 8:30 A.M. Children can be picked up any time, but must be picked up no later than 4:30 P.M.

Please be sure your children eat the breakfast provided at the Washington Hilton BEFORE being dropped off. Lunch is provided on both days of the program.



The C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens Program is sponsored by FBI National Academy #291, McDavid Group Charities, Justice Federal Credit Union, Southeast Police Motorcycle Rodeo, Maryland C.O.P.S., Iowa C.O.P.S., and Louisiana C.O.P.S.

Testimonial from a parent of a participant:

"My child was nervous about attending the Kids/Teens program at first. There were tears before he got on the bus to leave. But when he returned, there were tears because he didn't want to leave his new friends who were just like him!"

Credentials



Credentials must be worn at ALL TIMES!

Your credentials tell so much about you!

The color at the bottom of your credentials is important:

Yellow Bar on Credentials:



Survivors and co-workers, whose officer is being honored at the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service and/or the Candlelight Vigil this year.

Blue Bar on Credentials:



Survivors or first-time attendees whose officer has been honored in a previous year.



Survivorship
Survivor Residing State/
Officer EOW Year

Officer Last Name
Memorial Service#
Officer's State

This number is assigned by the Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary to be used for the Peace Officers' Memorial Service seating on May 15.

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The individual QR code on each credential will be scanned when entering meals.



Please wear your National Police Week credentials at all times for safety and security purposes. You must wear your credentials to access C.O.P.S. transportation and be admitted into events.

Support Services



Support Services desks are located on the Lobby, Terrace, and Concourse Levels of the Washington Hilton.

Hours of Operation:

May 11th	1:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
May 12th	9:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.
May 13th	8:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.
May 14th	7:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.
May 15th	6:30 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.
May 16th	7:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

National Police Week can be emotional for survivors and at times can cause overwhelming feelings of grief and loss. The Support Services Team is made up of mental health professionals, law enforcement peer support team members, and chaplains from across the country that are prepared to help you handle these emotional feelings as they arise.

If you would like to speak with a counselor, law enforcement peer support member, chaplain, or EMDR therapist, go to the Support Services desks and let one of the Support Services team members know. **Support Services is offered at NO COST to survivors.**

For more information on Support Services, please refer to the pamphlet you received at check-in, attend an orientation session or stop by one of the Support Services desks throughout the Washington Hilton.

Services Available:

- One-on-one Grief Counseling
- Family Grief Counseling
- Group Debriefings
- Law Enforcement Peer Support
- Chaplaincy
- Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)



24-hour assistance is available during National Police Week by calling the switchboard operator at any of the official C.O.P.S. hotels. Dial "0" inside your hotel and ask for Support Services.

2026 Roll Call Shirts, Roll Call Tumblers, Customized Items, and MORE!

COPS Shop Hours for National Police Week

The COPS Shop is located in the International Terrace on the Terrace Level of the Washington Hilton.

Monday, May 11	12:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
Tuesday, May 12	8:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, May 13	8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Thursday, May 14	8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Friday, May 15	Closed All Day <i>(In honor of National Peace Officers' Memorial Day)</i>
Saturday, May 16	8:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. <i>(Closed 12:00-1:00 pm for lunch)</i>

Roll Call of Heroes memorabilia are available in the store for purchase, as well as new C.O.P.S. merchandise. Don't wait! Check out these items now before they sell out!

Please note the Roll Call of Heroes shirts only include names of officers who are honored at the FOP National Peace Officers' Memorial Service on May 15th.

Free bag from PORAC while supplies last!



Personalized Officer Shirt



Roll Call of Heroes



Challenge Coins



Engraved Bracelets



C.O.P.S. Cups



C.O.P.S. Brand Items



Shuttle Bus Schedule



Shuttles will run from the Omni Shoreham hotel to the Washington Hilton hotel and to scheduled events from May 11 through 16 throughout the day. Those staying at the Churchill hotel will take the buses that leave from the Washington Hilton hotel to the scheduled events. Please refer to the NPW app and the signs in your hotel lobby for details on times and location of loading.

Monday, May 11

12:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Shuttles from the Omni Shoreham to the Washington Hilton and back every 30 minutes.

Tuesday, May 12

8:30 A.M. - 7:30 P.M. Shuttles from the Omni Shoreham to the Washington Hilton and back every 30 minutes.

3:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. Memorial Wall Shuttle

Shuttles run from the Washington Hilton and the Omni Shoreham to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Wall. Shuttles are available on a first come first serve basis. The final shuttle from the hotels to the wall is 7:30 P.M. The final shuttle from the memorial wall back to the hotels is 8:30 P.M.

Wednesday, May 13

7:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. Shuttles from the Omni Shoreham to the Washington Hilton and back every 30 minutes.

3:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. Busing to the 38th Annual Candlelight Vigil begins

Survivors who registered to attend the Candlelight Vigil and are staying at a C.O.P.S. hotel will take buses directly from their hotels to the event site. Those staying at the Churchill hotel will take the buses from the Washington Hilton. If you are not staying at a C.O.P.S. hotel, you will need to find your own transportation to the event site. **NPW credentials are required to get into the seating at the event.**

Survivors will be given a time to report and load the buses from their C.O.P.S. hotel. Assignment times and locations will be provided in the NPW app, and on signs in the host hotel. Please do not miss your designated loading time, there will not be an opportunity to ride a later bus. Please do NOT arrive early for your designated loading time, the staging areas can get very congested. Buses will travel by motor escort to the event. Following the Candlelight Vigil, buses will be designated to return to the C.O.P.S. hotels. **Return trip information will be provided on the NPW app and will be announced at the event.**

Thursday, May 14

7:00 A.M. - 6:30 P.M. Shuttles from the Omni Shoreham to the Washington Hilton and back every 30 minutes.

8:15 A.M. Busing to the C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens Program

Registered participants will need to check-in with staff at 8:15 A.M. Buses begin loading and depart at 8:45 A.M. for C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens Program activities. Buses will return between 4:45-5:00 P.M. dependent on traffic. **Children will be dropped off and picked up in the Columbia Room of the Washington Hilton.**

3:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. Memorial Wall Shuttle

Shuttles run from the Washington Hilton and the Omni Shoreham to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Wall. Shuttles are available on a first come first serve basis. The final shuttle from the hotels to the wall is 7:30 P.M. The final shuttle from the memorial wall back to the hotels is 8:30 P.M.

6:00 P.M. - 10:30 P.M. Blue Honor Gala Shuttle

If you have purchased a ticket to the Blue Honor Gala, please note event doors open at 5:15 P.M., with the program beginning at 6:00 P.M. Shuttles will run between the Washington Hilton and the Omni Shoreham until 6:30 P.M. Shuttles will briefly pause between 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. and will run again from 8:30-11:00 P.M. back to the Omni Shoreham only.

Shuttle Bus Schedule (Continued)



Friday, May 15

There will be no continuous shuttles between hotels today, except for the early morning shuttle for participating survivors and escort officers.

Busing to the 45th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service will be provided for surviving family members, escort officers, and co-workers staying at the C.O.P.S. hotels. Please continue to monitor the NPW app and look for posted schedules at the Washington Hilton for specific times on your bus schedules.

TERMS USED FOR MAY 15

"Participating Family Members" are the survivors from each family who will take part in the flower placement at the Memorial Service.

"Non-Participating Family Members" are the survivors from each family who will not be taking part in the flower placement at the Memorial Service but will have access to seating at the event.

"Escort Officers" are the designated officers who will be escorting the family during the Memorial Service.

If you are staying at the Churchill, please walk to the Washington Hilton for your designated times.

6:45 A.M. **Participating Family Members** and **Escort Officers** staying at the Omni Shoreham load buses for the Washington Hilton. Be Prompt. ONE TRIP ONLY!

7:00 A.M. **Non-Participating Family Members**, (those not taking part in the flower placement at the Memorial Service), returning survivors, and co-workers (who are NOT escort officers) at the Washington Hilton and Omni Shoreham load buses and depart to the Memorial site. ONE TRIP ONLY! There is no alternative plan for getting late arrivals to the site. Please be prompt. If you are not staying at a C.O.P.S. hotel, you must provide your own transportation to the event.

7:30 A.M. **Participating Family Members** and **Escort Officers** report to the Columbia Room of the Washington Hilton for bus assignments. Be Prompt. ONE TRIP ONLY! Once the doors on these buses are closed, no additional entry is allowed. There is no alternative plan for getting late arrivals to the site.

12:00 P.M. The 45th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service

Immediately Following the Service:

Busing will be provided from the Memorial Service to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial for those wishing to view the laying of the wreaths. Please board the buses designated for the Memorial Wall.

Busing will be provided from the Memorial Service to C.O.P.S. hotels for those that wish not to view the laying of the wreaths. Please check the signs in the bus windows to ensure you are boarding the correct bus.

Shuttle Bus Schedule (Continued)



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Saturday, May 16

7:00 A.M. - 9:30 P.M. Shuttles from the Omni Shoreham to the Washington Hilton and back every 30 minutes.

8:15 A.M. Busing to the C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens Program

Registered participants will need to check-in with staff at 8:15 A.M. Buses begin loading and depart at 8:45 A.M. for C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens Program activities. Buses will return between 4:45-5:00 P.M. dependent on traffic. **Children will be dropped off and picked up in the Columbia Room of the Washington Hilton.**

Sunday, May 17 (Official Departure Day)

6:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Airport Shuttle (Limited availability)

Shuttles run from the Washington Hilton and the Omni Shoreham to the Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA). Shuttles are available on a first come first serve basis. Lines for shuttles are expected to be long. If shuttle service is not available, attendees will need to arrange their own transportation to the airport. Neither C.O.P.S. nor the hotels can provide or arrange transportation to Dulles or Baltimore-Washington International Airports.



Metrorail Information for the D.C. Area

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Finding the Metro Station

Look for tall columns with a large "M" identifying the station entrances. Colored stripes around the column show which lines serve the station.

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The Red Line will take you to the Judiciary Square stop, which is right by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Wall.

Rail Hours

Monday - Thursday	5:00 A.M. until 12:00 A.M.
Friday	5:00 A.M. until 2:00 A.M.
Saturday	6:00 A.M. until 2:00 A.M.
Sunday	6:00 A.M. until 12:00 A.M.

For more information or to purchase tickets, you can call (202) 637-7000 or visit wmata.com.

Passes will be available to pre-purchase in the Terrace Lobby of the Washington Hilton on the following dates and times:

Tuesday, May 12	9:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M.
Wednesday, May 13	9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.



Schedule of Available Meals and Refreshments

Tuesday, May 12 - There are no planned meals today.

Wednesday, May 13 - There are no planned meals today.

Thursday, May 14

7:30 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.
Concourse Foyer

Survivors Breakfast

Grab and go breakfast in the Concourse Foyer of the Washington Hilton.

Parents of kids attending C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens or Day Care, please make sure your kids eat breakfast before going to their program.

11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
Concourse Foyer

Survivors Luncheon

This luncheon is a time for survivors to get to know each other. Buffet stations are located on the Concourse Foyer and seating is available in the Crystal Ballroom and Georgetown.

Friday, May 15

Today will be a long day. Please pack snacks for your family, especially if you have young children in your group.

Participating Family Members and Escort Officers: A light-fare breakfast sponsored by the Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police will be provided to all **participating family members** and **escort officers** while being transported on the buses to the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service. Refer to pg. 26 for details.

Non-Participating Family Members, returning survivors, and co-workers who are NOT escort officers: These individuals will need to make arrangements for their own breakfast before leaving their hotel to go to the Memorial Service. There are no food vendors on site.

Saturday, May 16

7:30 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.
Concourse Foyer

Survivors Breakfast

Grab and go breakfast in the Concourse Foyer of the Washington Hilton.

Parents of kids attending C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens or Day Care, please make sure your kids eat breakfast before going to their program.

12:00 P.M. - 1:45 P.M.
International Ballroom

Survivors Luncheon & Closing Session

This luncheon will provide a light-hearted closing to the conference. Join us for a sit-down luncheon with award presentations, raffle drawings, and speakers.

6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
International Ballroom

Blue Family BBQ

Come have a BBQ dinner, relax and enjoy activities such as critters for C.O.P.S. Kids, temporary tattoos, photo booth, and music/dancing. There is something for everyone to enjoy! Dinner is served from 6:00-7:30 P.M.

Sunday, May 17 - There are no planned meals today.

Meals are not paid for by the cooperative agreement provided by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice.

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Blue Family BBQ

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AGENDA BY DAY FOR MAY 12-17

TUESDAY, MAY 12TH

8:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. COPS Shop

International Terrace // Terrace Level

Visit the COPS SHOP to get the latest in C.O.P.S. apparel, roll call of heroes merchandise, customized engraved bracelets, and other custom items!

Please check-in when you first arrive at National Police Week to avoid long lines. Please do NOT wait until the last minute to check-in. Each individual attendee must be present to pick up their credentials. ID will be required.

9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. Check-In/Registration

Columbia Room // Terrace Level

National Police Week check-in for all survivors and co-workers. On-site registration is available for current year survivors only.

Kids/Teens and Day Care check-In for those who have pre-registered to attend the program. There is no on-site registration for these programs.

9:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. Support Services

Washington Hilton // Terrace & Concourse Levels

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Orientation & Memorial Service Information

Columbia Room #3-12 // Terrace Level

9:30 A.M., 2:00 P.M., AND 4:00 P.M.

Orientation is necessary for all first-time attendees. Orientation will provide you an overview of the week as well as important information about the May 15 Memorial Service.

11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. Law Enforcement United Bicycle Ride Arrival Ceremony

Washington Hilton Front Circle & International Ballroom

Law Enforcement United (LEU) is a group of law enforcement officers (active and retired) and survivors who have made it their mission to honor the fallen and support their survivors. These men and women ride their bicycles 250+ miles into Washington, D.C. Proceeds raised by LEU benefit C.O.P.S., Spirit of Blue, and the Officer Down Memorial Page.

LEU members will ride into the front circle of the Washington Hilton between 10:50 and 11:00 A.M. Survivors are encouraged to support and cheer on the riders in front of the Washington Hilton as they finish their long journey! Please allow for push notifications on the NPW app to be notified of the exact arrival time. Following their arrival, riders will gather in the International Ballroom to present bicycle flags to one surviving family member and address the survivors.

3:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. Memorial Wall Shuttle

Outside Hotels

Shuttles run from the Washington Hilton and the Omni Shoreham hotels to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Wall. Shuttles are available on a first come first serve basis. The final shuttle from the hotels to the wall is 7:30 P.M. The final shuttle from the memorial wall back to the hotels is 8:30 P.M.



TUESDAY, MAY 12TH

Please check-in when you first arrive at National Police Week to avoid long lines. Please do NOT wait until the last minute to check-in. Each individual attendee must be present to pick up their credentials. ID will be required.

8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. Check-In/Registration

Columbia Room // Terrace Level

National Police Week check-in for all survivors and co-workers.

On-site registration is available for current year survivors only.

Kids/Teens and Day Care check-In for those who have pre-registered to attend the program. There is no on-site registration for these programs.

8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. COPS Shop

International Terrace // Terrace Level

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8:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M. Support Services

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Orientation & Memorial Service Information

Columbia Room #3-12 // Terrace Level

8:30 A.M. AND 12:30 P.M.

Orientation is necessary for all first-time attendees. Orientation will provide you an overview of the week as well as important information on the May 15 Memorial Service.

9:00 A.M. - 9:45 A.M. Friends of Bill W. Meeting

Piscataway // Lobby Level

This is a 12 step meeting for those in recovery from anything they are powerless over.

10:00 A.M. Escort Officer Informational Meeting

Columbia Room #3-12 // Terrace Level

The Grand Lodge Auxiliary will conduct a brief presentation for those that are escorting the families at the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service on May 15. This presentation will include what is expected of the escort officer, details of May 15th from the time escorts and their families arrive to load the buses, to the walk to the wreath, and explain the terminology of participating vs. non-participating survivors. **All Escort Officers are required to attend this meeting.**

3:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. Busing to the 38th Annual Candlelight Vigil

Refer to the NPW app for your bus loading time and location.

Survivors registered to attend the Candlelight Vigil and are staying at a C.O.P.S. hotel will take buses directly from their hotels to the event site to be greeted by an honor guard cordon. Those staying at the Churchill hotel will take the buses from the Washington Hilton. If you are not staying at a C.O.P.S. hotel, you will need to find your own transportation to the event site. **This event is open to the public, however, only those who have registered through C.O.P.S. and have their NPW credentials visible will be permitted in the seating area.**

In previous years, the number of attending guests overwhelmed the available seating. In an effort to ensure that all first-year survivors are able to sit, **the NLEOMF is asking that only the agency head and/or a single escort officer accompany surviving families into the seating area.** All additional officers are welcome in the public area, directly behind the seating area.

Survivors will be given a time to report and load the buses from their C.O.P.S. hotel. **Assignment times and locations will be provided in the NPW app or signs in the host hotel.** Due to the large increase of attendance, please do not miss your designated loading time, there will not be an opportunity to ride a later bus. Please do NOT arrive early for your designated loading time, the staging areas can get very congested. Buses will travel with a motor escort to the event.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH

Packing snacks is suggested as there are no meals provided. Please dress for appropriate weather, as the vigil is held outdoors, rain or shine.

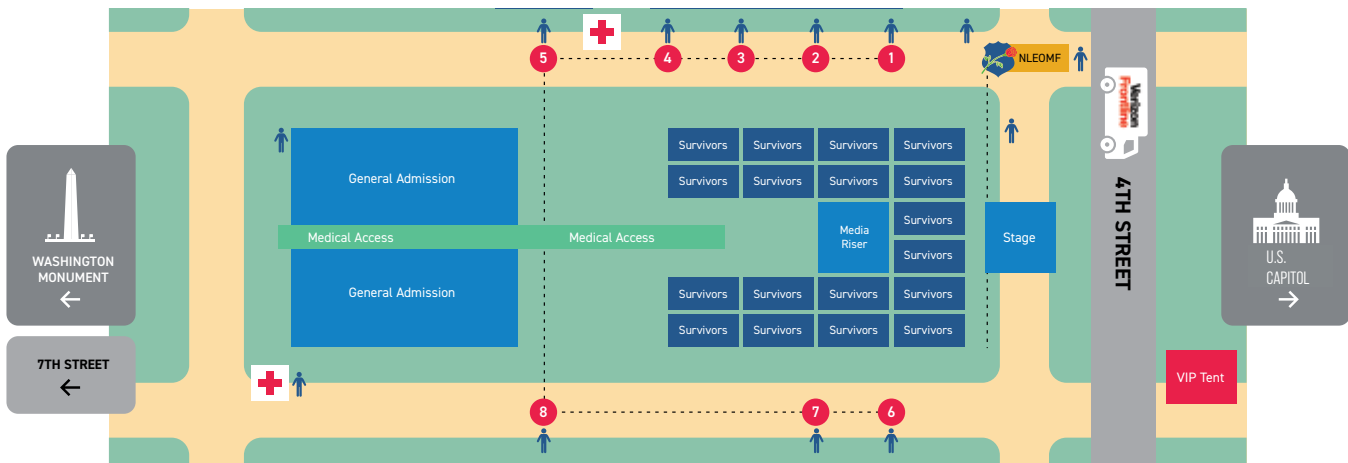
8:00 P.M.
38th Annual Candlelight Vigil Begins
National Mall (4th and 7th Streets)



WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH

Immediately following Vigil

Return Busing: Buses will stage on 4th and 7th Streets for attendees who wish to return to their C.O.P.S. hotel. Buses on both streets will stop at ALL C.O.P.S. hotels, so you do NOT need to get on a specific bus to return to a specific hotel. Please refer to the NPW app for more information regarding the location of staged buses returning to the C.O.P.S. hotels. Please anticipate delays to board and return via the buses. The buses will cycle between the National Mall and the C.O.P.S. hotels, as there are not enough buses to accommodate everyone in a single trip. You will almost certainly avoid the crowds and return to your hotel faster if you are able and willing to take the Metro, a taxi, or ride share transportation back to your hotel.





7:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M. Support Services

Washington Hilton // Terrace & Concourse Levels

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7:30 A.M. - 8:30 A.M. Survivor Breakfast

Concourse Foyer // Concourse Level

Grab and go breakfast on the Concourse Level of the Washington Hilton.

7:45 A.M. - 8:15 A.M. All Faith Devotional Service *(Bring Your Breakfast With You)*

Holmead // Lobby Level

Join our chaplains for a morning all faith devotional service.

7:45 A.M. - 8:30 A.M. Friends of Bill W. Meeting *(Bring Your Breakfast With You)*

Piscataway // Lobby Level

This is a 12 step meeting for those in recovery from anything they are powerless over.

8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Check-In/Registration

Columbia Room // Terrace Level

National Police Week check-in for all survivors and co-workers. On-site registration is available for current year survivors only.

8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. COPS Shop

International Terrace // Terrace Level

Visit the COPS SHOP to get the latest in C.O.P.S. apparel and roll call of heroes merchandise.

8:15 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens Program

Columbia Room // Terrace Level

Registered participants will gather for the day's activities at 8:15 a.m. in the Columbia Room of the Washington Hilton to depart for the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy at 8:45 a.m. Please be sure your children eat the breakfast provided on the Concourse Level of the Washington Hilton BEFORE being dropped off. Lunch is provided at the program. **Attendees MUST be pre-registered to attend this program.**



8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. C.O.P.S. Day Care

Van Ness & Woodley Rooms // 1st Floor

Registered participants can be dropped off starting at 8:30 a.m. The Day Care Room is located on the 1st floor of the Washington Hilton. Please be sure your children eat the breakfast provided on the Concourse Level of the Washington Hilton BEFORE being dropped off. Lunch is provided at the program. **Follow the directional signs down the hallway. Attendees MUST be pre-registered to attend this program.**

9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. Welcome Session of the C.O.P.S. National Police Survivors' Conference

International Ballroom // Concourse Level

Presentation of Colors: Metropolitan (D.C.) PD

National Anthem: Kenyatta Gaines, Chicago PD

Welcome to D.C.: Interim Chief of Police Jeffery Carroll, Metropolitan (D.C.) PD

Welcoming Comments: Dave Wallace, C.O.P.S. National President

Guest Speaker: Sam Glenn, Award-Winning Motivational Speaker and Artist

11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. Survivors Luncheon

Concourse Foyer & Crystal Ballroom // Concourse Level

This luncheon is a time for survivors to get to know each other. Buffet stations are located in the Concourse Foyer and seating is available in the Crystal Ballroom and Georgetown Room.



Sam Glenn

11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program Information Table

Concourse Foyer // Concourse Level

The Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program at the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice provides death, disability, and educational benefits to those eligible for the program. Visit the information table to learn more and talk directly with the PSOB Director about the claim submission and review process.

1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. Support Sessions

Current year survivors and co-workers are encouraged to attend their support session specifically designed for their survivorship and type of loss. Below is a list of the available support sessions along with their corresponding meeting room location. **Refer to page 3 in your Information Book for a map of the meeting room locations.**

Some survivorships will have Post 9/11 specific sessions. For Post 9/11 survivors that do not have a specific session, you are encouraged to choose the group you feel comfortable attending (i.e. Felonious or Medical).

Surviving Spouses

All spouses sessions will be held in meeting rooms on the Terrace Level.

Spouses of Felonious Loss	Fairchild West
Spouses of Felonious Loss	Fairchild East
Spouses of Post 9/11 Loss	Embassy
Spouses of Accidental Loss	Gunston West
Spouses of Medical Loss	Gunston East

Surviving Mothers

All mothers sessions will be held in meeting rooms on the Terrace Level.

Mothers of Felonious Loss	Columbia #2
Mothers of Felonious Loss	Columbia #3
Mothers of Accidental & Medical Loss	Columbia #4

Surviving Fathers

All fathers sessions will be held in meeting rooms on the Terrace Level.

Fathers of Felonious Loss	Columbia #5
Fathers of Accidental & Medical Loss	Columbia #6

Surviving Adult Children

All adult children sessions will be held in meeting rooms on the 1st floor.

Adult Children of Felonious Loss	Tenleytown East
Adult Children of Felonious Loss	Tenleytown West
Adult Children of Post 9/11 Loss	Shaw
Adult Children of Accidental & Medical Loss	Rock Creek

Surviving Siblings

All sibling sessions will be held in meeting rooms on the Terrace Level.

Siblings of Felonious Loss	Columbia #9
Siblings of Felonious Loss	Columbia #10
Siblings of Accidental Loss	Columbia #11
Siblings of Medical Loss	Columbia #12

Surviving Fiances & Significant Others Columbia #7

This session will be held in the meeting room on the Terrace Level.

Survivors of Suicide

All suicide survivor sessions will be held in the meeting rooms on the Terrace Level.

Spouses, Fiances, Significant Others, Adult Children, Mother-In-Laws, Father-In-Laws, Spouses Siblings, and Grand Children of Suicide Loss Dupont

Parents, Step-Parents, Siblings, Grand Parents, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces and Nephews of Suicide Loss Columbia #1

Surviving Former Spouses Columbia #8

This session will be held in the meeting room on the Terrace Level.

Surviving Extended Family Members

All Extended Family sessions will be held in meeting rooms on the Lobby Level.

Extended Family of Felonious Loss Oaklawn
 Extended Family of Accidental & Medical Loss Piscataway

Co-Workers

All Co-Worker sessions will be held in meeting rooms on the Lobby Level.

Co-Workers of Felonious Loss Jay
 Co-Workers of Felonious Loss Kalorama
 Co-Workers of Felonious Loss Morgan
 Co-Workers of Accidental & Medical Loss Holmead West
 Co-Workers of Accidental & Medical Loss Holmead East
 Co-Workers in Leadership Positions Northwest
 Co-Worker Spouses/Significant Others Executive Lounge

1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. Breakout Session for Seasoned Returning Survivors

The breakout sessions listed below are not intended for current year survivors. These sessions are planned for seasoned returning survivors attending the conference.

The Heart of a Chapter: Connecting Survivors

Laurie Putnam // C.O.P.S. Chapter & Survivor Support Director // Camdenton, MO
Cabinet Room // Concourse Level

This session explores the heart of every chapter—peer support. Through a brief, engaging video demonstration of the C.O.P.S. Portal and Community, participants will see how these tools can help strengthen connections among members. We will also discuss why chapters need multiple ways to support survivors, practical ideas for engaging members, and how chapters can create meaningful opportunities for peer connection. Attendees will leave with simple strategies to help ensure their chapter continues to fulfill its most important purpose: supporting survivors.

Let's Just Talk: Returning Survivors

Cardozo Room // Terrace Level

As a returning survivor who is attending NPW to support others, you can often forget that you are a survivor too. This session offers an open form for returning survivors to gather and talk about where they are on their grief journey and any challenges they are facing. It will give returning survivors the opportunity to express how they are feeling in a safe environment and be supported by others.

3:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. Memorial Wall Shuttles

Outside Hotels

Shuttles run from the Washington Hilton and the Omni Shoreham hotels to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Wall. Shuttles are available on a first come first serve basis. The final shuttle from the hotels to the wall is 7:30 P.M. The final shuttle from the memorial wall back to the hotels is 8:30 P.M.

4:30 P.M. C.O.P.S. Day Care Closes

Van Ness & Woodley Rooms // 1st Floor

Children can be picked up at any time from the Day Care room. They must be picked up no later than 4:30 p.m.

4:45 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens Return

Columbia Room // Terrace Level

All program participants will return to the Washington Hilton between 4:45-5:00 p.m. depending on traffic. Please pick up your children at the Columbia Room of the hotel where you dropped them off in the morning.

6:00 P.M. - 10:30 P.M. Blue Honor Gala Shuttle (Tickets must be pre-purchased.)

Washington Hilton

If you have purchased a ticket to the Blue Honor Gala, please note event doors open at 5:15 P.M., with the program beginning at 6:00 P.M. Shuttles will run between the Washington Hilton and the Omni Shoreham until 6:30 P.M. Shuttles will briefly pause between 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. and will run again from 8:30-11:00 P.M. back to the Omni Shoreham only.

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45th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service

There are three terms used for the May 15th Memorial Service:

"Participating Family Members" are the survivors from each family who will take part in the flower placement at the Memorial Service.

"Non-Participating Family Members" are the survivors from each family who will not be taking part in the flower placement at the Memorial Service, but will have access to seating at the event.

"Escort Officers" are the designated officers who will be escorting the family during the Memorial Service.

Dress For The Day: Today is a little more formal than previous days. Wear either business attire or clothes you would wear to church. Women should wear low heels or flats as you will be walking on grass. **Please plan for the weather; i.e., umbrellas if cloudy, sunscreen if hot and sunny, jacket/coat if cold, etc. There are no shaded areas at the Memorial Service. Bring any necessary medications, bottled water, or snacks as needed, especially for children. There are no food services available during the service. Today will be a long day.**

Participating Family Members and Escort Officers:



A light-fare boxed breakfast sponsored by the National Fraternal Order of Police will be provided to all Participating Family Members and Escort Officers while being transported on the buses to the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service. The breakfast will be given to each person as they board the bus. There will be time for survivors to enjoy their breakfast before arriving at the Memorial Service. An FOP Auxiliary member will be on each bus to assist if needed. The empty containers from the breakfast will be collected when survivors leave the bus so they will not have extra items to carry into the Memorial Service site. Name badges are required.

Non-Participating Family Members, returning survivors, and co-workers who are NOT escort officers:

These individuals will need to make arrangements for their own breakfast before leaving the various hotels to go to the Memorial Service. There is no food available on site.

NOTICE: Police vehicles, personal vehicles, and other vehicles that are not part of the official motorcade from the Washington Hilton to the Memorial Service will NOT be allowed to join the motorcade. Motor officials have been instructed to remove these vehicles from the motorcade.

6:30 A.M. - 9:00 P.M. Support Services

Washington Hilton // Terrace & Concourse Levels

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Please Note: **Participating Family Members** and **Escort Officers** MUST get to the Washington Hilton to be placed in order. If you arrange your own transportation to the Memorial Service, the FOP/Auxiliary will NOT be able to place you in line on-site.

If you are a participating family member not staying at a C.O.P.S. hotel, you must provide your own transportation to the Washington Hilton.

Please Note: **Non-Participating Family Members**, past year survivors and co-workers staying at the Churchill hotel should take the buses from the Washington Hilton.

6:45 A.M. Participating Family Members and Escort Officers staying at the Omni Shoreham load buses for the Washington Hilton. Be Prompt. ONE TRIP ONLY!

7:00 A.M. **Non-Participating Family Members** (those not taking part in the flower placement at the Memorial Service), returning survivors, and co-workers (who are NOT escort officers) at the Washington Hilton and Omni Shoreham load buses and depart to Memorial site. **ONE TRIP ONLY!** There is no alternative plan for getting late arrivals to the site. Please be prompt. If you are not staying at a C.O.P.S. hotel, you must provide your own transportation to the event.

7:30 A.M. **Participating Family Members** and **Escort Officers** report to the Columbia Room of the Washington Hilton for bus assignments. Be Prompt. **ONE TRIP ONLY!** Once the doors on these buses are closed there is no additional entry. There is no alternative plan for getting late arrivals to the site.

12:00 P.M. - 3:15 P.M. **The 45th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service**
Sponsored by: The National Fraternal Order of Police and its Auxiliary



Immediately Following the Service:

Busing will be provided from the Memorial Service to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial for those wishing to view the laying of the wreaths. Please board the buses designated for the Memorial Wall.

Busing will be provided from the Memorial Service to C.O.P.S. hotels for those that wish not to view the laying of the wreaths. Please check the signs in the bus windows to ensure you are boarding the correct bus.

Approximately 30 Minutes Following the Memorial Service:

Memorial Wreaths are ceremoniously moved from the Memorial Service site to the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial.

4:00 P.M. - 12:00 A.M. **Honor Guards stand watch over Memorial Wreaths**
Wreaths will be moved to the Washington Hilton lobby at 12:00 A.M.

4:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. **Busing to C.O.P.S. Hotels from Wreath Laying**
Buses depart from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial to the C.O.P.S. hotels. Please check the signs in the bus windows when loading. **If you are not staying at a C.O.P.S. hotel, you must secure your own transportation.**





7:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Support Services

Washington Hilton // Terrace & Concourse Levels

National Police Week and the activities surrounding it can be emotional. If you need someone to talk to, do not hesitate to visit our Support Services team.

7:30 A.M. - 8:30 A.M. Survivor Breakfast

Concourse Foyer // Concourse Level

Grab and go breakfast on the Concourse Level of the Washington Hilton.

7:45 A.M. - 8:15 A.M. All Faith Devotional Service *(Bring Your Breakfast With You)*

Holmead West // Lobby Level

Join our chaplains for a morning all faith devotional service.

7:45 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Friends of Bill W. Meeting *(Bring Your Breakfast With You)*

Piscataway // Lobby Level

This is a 12 step meeting for those in recovery from anything they are powerless over.

8:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. COPS SHOP

International Terrace // Terrace Level

Last chance to visit the COPS SHOP to get the latest in C.O.P.S. apparel and roll call of heroes merchandise.

The store will be closed from 12:00-1:00 p.m. for lunch.

8:15 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens Program

Columbia Room // Terrace Level

Registered participants will gather for the day's activities at 8:15 a.m. in the Columbia Room of the Washington Hilton to depart for the FBI Academy at 8:45 a.m. Please be sure your children eat the breakfast provided on the Concourse Level of the Washington Hilton BEFORE being dropped off. Lunch is provided at the program.

Attendees MUST be pre-registered to attend this program.

8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. C.O.P.S. Day Care

Van Ness & Woodley Rooms // 1st Floor

Registered participants can be dropped off starting at 8:30 a.m. The Day Care

Room is located on the 1st floor of the Washington Hilton. Please be sure your children eat the breakfast provided on the Concourse Level of the Washington Hilton BEFORE being dropped off. Lunch is provided at the program. **Follow the directional signs down the hallway. Attendees MUST be pre-registered to attend this program.**

9:00 A.M. - 10:15 A.M. Breakout Sessions

Choose ONE of the following sessions to attend that best fit your needs. If you do not find a breakout session that you would like to attend or you would like to talk to someone one-on-one, please visit the Support Services desks located on the Terrace and Concourse Levels of the Washington Hilton. **Refer to page 3 in your Information Book for a map of the meeting room locations.**

Decision Fatigue: A Values-Based Decision Making Solution

Constance Geerhart, LCSW-S // Austin, TX

Cardozo Room // Terrace Level

For all surviving family members and co-workers

Have you found yourself feeling overwhelmed by having to decide what to do next, from the small things like what to eat for dinner to the big things? Do you find yourself putting off decisions or even avoiding them altogether? Maybe you are experiencing more irritability or impulsivity. These are normal responses to decision fatigue. In this interactive session, we'll explore how to use our values to make meaningful decisions about all the things that matter in your life.

Finding Steady Ground: Coping with Grief, Distress, and Triggers

Melissa Atwood, LCSW // Georgetown, TX

*Embassy Room // Terrace Level**For all surviving family members and co-workers*

The session offers practical, trauma-informed tools to help participants understand and manage waves of grief, emotional distress and trauma triggers. Through discussion, guided reflection, and skills practice, participants will learn how trauma affects the nervous system, how to recognize personal triggers, and how to respond with greater self-awareness and care.

Growing Forward While Holding On

Stephanie Williams, LPC // Edmond, OK

*Holmead East Room // Lobby Level**For young adults ages 18-25*

This is a supportive session for young adult survivors of fallen officers who are navigating adulthood alongside grief and trauma. This gathering creates space to acknowledge the unique challenges of life transitions (careers, relationships, independence, identity) while carrying the loss of a loved one killed in the line of duty. Participants will gain validation, practical coping tools and a renewed understanding that moving forward is not forgetting but it is learning how to carry their presence, values and legacy into who they are becoming.

Healing from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

Sheila Russell, LISW & CADC // West Des Moines, IA

*Fairchild Room // Terrace Level**For co-workers, co-worker spouses/significant others and agencies*

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is a psychological injury that can develop after experiencing or witnessing a traumatic event or series of traumatic events. It may affect how a person thinks, feels, and reacts, often causing symptoms such as intrusive memories, heightened anxiety, emotional numbness, or avoidance of reminders of the trauma. With understanding, appropriate treatment, and support, individuals with PTSD can heal and may also experience post-traumatic growth—positive psychological change that includes increased resilience, deeper relationships, and a renewed sense of purpose.

Honoring Loss, Strengthening Life: How Survivors Carry Forward After Line-of-Duty Death

Jina Daigle, MS // Winnie, TX

*Jefferson East Room // Concourse Level**For all surviving family members and co-workers*

Grief changes over time, but it never disappears. During NPW, emotions often resurface- sometimes unexpectedly. This workshop offers survivors a place to pause, breathe, and reflect on how you are carrying your loss and your love forward. Together we will explore the shared survivor journey you are on after a line of duty death including grief shifts, identity challenges, maintaining connections and reclaiming life without leaving your loved one behind. You will leave with a deeper understanding of yourself as a survivor, renewed permission to live fully, and a sense of connection to others walking a similar path.

Left Behind After Suicide

Ann Ashmead, LCSW // Colleyville, TX

*Piscataway Room // Lobby Level**For survivors of suicide*

This session offers a compassionate space for those left behind after suicide to explore grief, love, and the complicated stories that follow loss. We will reflect on how love continues, how suicide reshapes relationships, and how stigma often silences or distorts these experiences- making conversations about love, regret, guilt, and suicide especially difficult.

Living Our Best with an Attitude of Gratitude

Dr. Patricia Bach // Roseville, CA

*Lincoln West Room // Concourse Level**For all surviving family members and co-workers*

Gratitude is one of the seven virtues and is described by Cicero as “not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others”. It involves a sense of thankfulness or appreciation for the goodness, kindness, benefits or ‘gifts’ we’ve received from others, as well as the benefit of goodness from the world outside our own lives. Gratitude helps us move forward and connect at a much deeper and more meaningful level with others, particularly in times of challenge. The goal of this interactive session is to discuss the role of gratitude in our lives, share helpful ‘take home’ resources, and identify strategies to strengthen our ‘attitude of gratitude’ in moving forward.

Managing Survivor Guilt

Rev. Dr. Chuck Lorrain // Destin, FL

*Holmead West Room // Lobby Level**For all surviving family members and co-workers*

When someone experiences a traumatic loss, it is common for them to second-guess themselves and develop beliefs that there might have been something that could have been done to prevent the situation. Survivors are vulnerable to feelings of guilt based on what they believe they were unable to accomplish or on the fact that they simply “survived” when others did not. This session will focus on identifying factors that contribute to survivor guilt, as well as ways to overcome this guilt.

My Department is Falling Apart: Why?

Cathy Bustos, LPC-A // Buda, TX

*Morgan Room // Lobby Level**For co-workers and agencies*

This session will effectively connect the abstract notions of "soft" wellness with the concrete operations of a police department, illustrating to line officers, supervisors, command staff, and internal affairs personnel the profound impact of grief and trauma on a department following a line-of-duty death.

Navigating & Normalizing Grief: Understanding Loss, Milestones, and the Healing Process

Miranda DiBenedetto, LPC // Bellaire, TX

*Georgetown East Room // Concourse Level**For all surviving family members and co-workers*

Grief is complex and unpredictable, affecting emotions, thoughts, the body, relationships, and daily life. Milestones such as anniversaries, birthdays, and holidays can intensify feelings of loss. This session explores common grief responses, the difference between healthy and complicated grief, and introduces EMDR as a gentle, evidence-based approach to support healing. Participants will also learn practical ways to cope with waves of grief as they arise.

Navigating Difficult Family Dynamics

Rebel Buersmeyer, MS // Oklahoma City, OK

*Northwest Room // Lobby Level**For all survivors and co-workers*

Grieving can intensify family conflicts due to heightened emotions, differing coping mechanisms, and complex dynamics. In this session, we will focus on relationships that promote understanding and healthier connection by discussing common sources of conflict, such as communication breakdowns, differing values, and boundary violations. We will conclude with actionable steps to help navigate difficult family interactions.

Post 9/11 Losses: The Journey Forward

Irene Hajisava, LCSW // Garden City, NY
DuPont Room // Terrace Level
For Post 9/11 survivors and co-workers

This session is an opportunity for 9/11 family members and co-workers to share their stories with one another. There is healing in community support as well as help in developing resilience.

Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program

Hope Janke // Director, Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program
Georgetown West Room // Concourse Level
For all surviving family members and co-workers- Suggested for board/chapter representatives

Enacted in 1976, the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program at the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice is a collaborative effort of local, state, federal and tribal public safety agencies; and national organizations like the Concerns of Police Survivors. PSOB provides death, disability, and educational benefits to those eligible for the program. This session will provide a comprehensive overview of the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program and how to apply.

Reaching Out to the Newly Bereaved

Dr. Nancy Bohl-Penrod, Ph.D. // San Bernardino, CA
Jefferson West Room // Concourse Level
For seasoned survivors who are ready to reach out and help others

This session is for anyone who has had a traumatic loss and wants to give back by helping others. Many survivors want to be there for the next surviving family; however, there are considerations and techniques that should be used when making contact with a newly bereaved family. In this session, you will hear their concerns and learn the techniques that should be followed so as not to cause additional pain to a newly bereaved family.

Surviving Siblings Only

Rixie Albright, LCSW // Baton Rouge, LA
Oaklawn Room // Lobby Level
For surviving siblings

Siblings share a special bond and often are the "forgotten mourner". Siblings have their own unique experience with grief and need to feel supported throughout their journey. This session is for surviving siblings only to connect and support each other. Seasoned surviving siblings will join the session to offer support and share insight from their journey. The goal of this session is to let you, the sibling, know you are not forgotten and supported throughout your journey.

Understanding Grief in Children and Teens

Angie McCown, MFT // Austin, TX
Kalorama Room // Lobby Level
For all surviving family members and co-workers

It is common for a young child to not fully comprehend death and have difficulty understanding that their parent cannot come back. It is also difficult for school aged children to process death and loss. This session will explore how children from birth to 13 years of age experience loss and express grief. We will also discuss ways to talk about the loss with surviving children and support them in their grief.

What to Say When Others Don't Know What to Say: Navigating Unhelpful Comments After Loss

Jill Newman, LPC-S // Shawnee, OK

*Gunston Room // Terrace Level**For all surviving family members and co-workers*

After a loss, survivors often encounter well-intended but painful statements such as, "Everything happens for a reason," or "At least they're no longer suffering." While meant to comfort, these responses can leave grieving individuals feeling misunderstood, minimized, or alone. This interactive session explores why people struggle to respond to grief and how survivors can protect their emotional well-being during difficult conversations. Participants will learn practical strategies for responding to unhelpful comments, setting boundaries, and guiding others toward more meaningful and supportive communication.

Where Do We Go from Here?

Nikki Penn, LPC-S, LMFT-S // Batesville, AR

*Jay Room // Lobby Level**For all surviving family members and co-workers*

This session is a compassionate discussion on grief, healing, and growth after a line-of-duty death, designed for fellow officers, family, and friends. It explores the unpredictable nature of loss, the markers of recovery, and how the intensity and frequency of grief evolve over time. This session emphasizes post-traumatic growth, offering ways to find meaning, strengthen connections, and move forward without forgetting. Through personal reflection and shared experience, attendees will gain insight and practical strategies to navigate their new reality with resilience and purpose.

10:30 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. Breakout Sessions

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A Survivor's Guide to Dealing with Difficult People

Dr. Patricia Bach // Roseville, CA

*Lincoln West Room // Concourse Level**For all surviving family members and co-workers*

The aftermath of an officer's death is fraught with emotion and support from a variety of individuals. Though well intended, some communication and behaviors are less than helpful. The goal of this interactive session is to identify options and resources for dealing with difficult people, as well as provide focus on self-awareness, behavior, and communication strategies that will best support and empower survivors in moving forward.

Embracing the Shadow: Resilience and Wholeness

Nikki Penn, LPC-S, LMFT-S // Batesville, AR

*Jay Room // Lobby Level**For all surviving family members and co-workers*

This presentation explores the often-unseen challenges public safety professionals face, including moral injury, cumulative stress, and the impact of traumatic events. Participants will learn how these experiences shape the mental and emotional health of individuals and teams, as well as how to address them through practical tools and strategies for resilience. By embracing the "shadow"—the difficult emotions and unspoken struggles—public safety professionals can move toward a deeper sense of wholeness and purpose in their work. This session is designed to provide insight, build understanding, and equip attendees with actionable steps to support themselves and their peers in navigating the unique demands of their profession, especially after a loss.

Healing Trauma Through Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)

Sheila Russell, LISW & CADC // West Des Moines, IA

*Fairchild Room // Terrace Level**For all surviving family members and co-workers*

EMDR psychotherapy is one of the most effective forms of trauma treatment. Learn about how trauma affects the brain and nervous system and deepen your understanding of how EMDR heals trauma that is often experienced by survivors. No EMDR will be performed as part of this psychoeducation group.

Healthy Sleep: Restoring a Foundation for Well-Being

Melissa Atwood, LCSW // Georgetown, TX

*Embassy Room // Terrace Level**For all surviving family members and co-workers*

Sleep is a vital foundation of overall wellness, yet it is often disrupted during periods of grief and intense stress. Ongoing sleep deprivation or poor-quality sleep can significantly affect emotional regulation, physical health, and cognitive functioning. In a culture that frequently treats sleep as a luxury rather than a daily health priority, many people struggle to give rest the attention it deserves. This session explores the science of healthy sleep, identifies unhelpful sleep patterns, and supports participants in creating a realistic, personalized sleep action plan to promote more restorative rest.

How to Make it Through the Milestones

Constance Geerhart, LCSW-S // Austin, TX

*Cardozo Room // Terrace Level**For all surviving family members and co-workers*

Milestones are a part of our lives, some joyful and some challenging or painful. When grieving the loss of a loved one those milestones can take on more significance than we might have imagined before the loss. This session is for any survivor who is thinking about how to move forward through those milestones in a way that goes beyond "just getting past it". Participants will have the opportunity to share with and learn from others in this interactive session.

It's How I'm Wired: Learning, Sharing and Understanding Different Personality Styles

Jina Daigle, MS // Winnie, TX

*Jefferson East Room // Concourse Level**For all surviving family members and co-workers*

In this interactive workshop, you will learn the four DISC behavior styles, their preferences, and key similarities and differences. Participants will then gather in small groups to explore how our natural wiring influences the way we live, grieve, cope, and connect with others. The goal of this session is to build understanding and compassion—for yourself and for others—to support healing and connection while gaining insights that bring clarity, connection, and hope.

Making Sense of Trauma Triggers

Rebel Buersmeyer, MS // Oklahoma City, OK

*Northwest Room // Lobby Level**For all surviving family members and co-workers*

Trauma triggers are reminders of past experiences that cause the nervous system to react as if danger is happening now. When triggered, the body may move into fight, flight, freeze, or shutdown, making it difficult to think clearly or feel safe. Learning to recognize triggers and respond with grounding and regulation skills can help bring the body back into the present moment. With practice, compassion, and support, the nervous system can relearn safety and reduce the intensity of trauma responses over time.

Mindfulness: Befriending Fear and Anxiety

Ann Ashmead, LCSW // Colleyville, TX

*Piscataway Room // Lobby Level**For all surviving family members and co-workers*

In this session we'll discuss how mindfulness can turn fear and anxiety into allies. Mindfulness helps us meet fear and anxiety not as enemies but as signals to understand. By gently noticing our present-moment experience, we create space between ourselves and anxious thoughts. In that space, fear becomes useful information-guiding us toward what matters and allowing us to respond with clarity instead of reactivity.

Navigating the Loss of a Loved One to Medical or Natural Causes

Dr. Nancy Bohl-Penrod, Ph.D. // San Bernardino, CA

*Jefferson West Room // Concourse Level**For survivors of medical or natural causes*

This session offers a supportive space for survivors grieving the loss of a loved one due to medical or natural causes, focusing on the challenges that often follow. Participants will gain insight into common grief responses and gentle strategies for coping, healing, and moving forward.

Preparing for Trial and Post Conviction Rights

Angie McCown, MFT // Austin, TX

*Kalorama Room // Lobby Level**For all surviving family members and co-workers*

Defendants are not the only ones with rights; victims have rights too. However, the criminal justice system does not always provide these rights equally. If you have a case in the criminal justice system or if you are assisting a survivor with their case, this session will give you the necessary tools to exercise crime victims' rights. You will receive specific information on how to prepare for trial, what happens during the trial, and what happens after the defendant is sentenced.

Releasing Survival Mode

Stephanie Williams, LPC // Edmond, OK

*Holmead East Room // Lobby Level**For all surviving family members and co-workers*

Our brains were made to keep us safe and alive, not happy, calm or regulated. While fight or flight can get us through the difficult situations, staying there too long can quietly take a toll on the body, mind and relationships. In this experiential session, participants are invited to safely shift out of survival mode and reconnect with a sense of calm, control and resilience. Through guided breathing practices, body-based regulation and Emotional Freedom Technique, participants will learn how stress and trauma are stored in the nervous system and how to use practical and accessible skills to let their bodies stand down when the threat has passed. These techniques can be used to improve sleep, reduce tension and restore balance.

Surviving Spouses Only

Rixie Albright, LCSW // Baton Rouge, LA

*Oaklawn Room // Lobby Level**For surviving spouses*

Everyone's grief experience is unique. This session is solely for surviving spouses to join other surviving spouses in focusing on you. This will be a time for you to reflect on your emotions. Seasoned surviving spouses will also join the session to offer support and provide insight from their journey. The goal of this session is for you to leave feeling more empowered and supported.

Sustaining the Caregiver: Preventing Burnout While Supporting the Grieving

Jill Newman, LPC-S // Shawnee, OK

*Gunston Room // Terrace Level**For all surviving family members and co-workers*

Caregivers and peer supporters are the foundation of survivor support, offering compassion during times of profound loss. However, walking alongside others in grief can lead to compassion fatigue, secondary trauma, burnout, and guilt. This session provides practical strategies to help caregivers protect their well-being while continuing to serve effectively. Participants will learn how grief exposure affects the nervous system, recognize early signs of fatigue, and build sustainable resilience practices.

Toxic Stress and Trauma in Law Enforcement: What Happens to Your Brain and what Actually Helps

Miranda DiBenedetto, LPC // Bellaire, TX

*Georgetown East Room // Concourse Level**For co-workers, co-worker spouses/significant others and agencies*

Every law enforcement officer, regardless of rank or assignment, will encounter toxic stress and traumatic events during their career. Research shows law enforcement officers may experience 400–600 traumatic or critical incidents in the span of their career, compared to the average civilian who will experience fewer than 4 in their lifetime. This session breaks down what toxic stress and trauma really are, how they affect the brain and nervous system, and why many common coping strategies stop working over time. Participants will learn to recognize trauma responses in themselves and others, understand the neurobiology behind them, and explore practical, realistic ways to rest, reset, and protect long-term health in a profession that rarely slows down.

We are Designed to Heal

Irene Hajisava, LCSW // Garden City, NY

*DuPont Room // Terrace Level**For all surviving family members and co-workers*

This is a hands-on session that will teach different techniques to reduce stress and anxiety and are used by mental health professionals to work with trauma and increase resiliency. Included are guided imagery, Tapping Techniques and Havening Techniques.

When Your Faith Crashes

Rev. Dr. Chuck Lorrain // Destin, FL

*Holmead West Room // Lobby Level**For all surviving family members and co-workers*

The loss of a loved one is traumatic on many levels. People with a faith background often underestimate what this impact can have on them spiritually. They may become mad at God, the church, clergy, or may no longer desire to participate in church services, all while feeling isolated and alone. This session allows people of faith to discuss their faith issues, their questions, and traumas in a safe, non-judgmental atmosphere in an effort to understand their journey.

You Don't Have to Carry This Forever: Understanding and Healing from Police Line-of-Duty Death Trauma

Cathy Bustos, LPC-A // Buda, TX

*Morgan Room // Lobby Level**For all surviving family members and co-workers*

The primary theme of this discussion is one of optimism and empowerment, focusing on the significant psychological repercussions encountered after a police officer's line-of-duty death. Let us delve into long-term healing through practical coping strategies you can implement right away, offering you a guide to recovery that honors both your sorrow and your resilience.

SATURDAY, MAY 16TH

SURVIVORS' CONFERENCE AGENDA

12:00 P.M. - 1:45 P.M. Survivor Luncheon & Closing Session

International Ballroom // Concourse Level

Join us for a sit-down luncheon that will provide a light-hearted closing to the National Police Survivors' Conference.

Raffle Item Winners Announced

Presentation of 2026 C.O.P.S. Awards

Musical Performance by Rob Costelow - Sanford, NC

Remarks from Dianne Bernhard, C.O.P.S. Executive Director

4:30 P.M. C.O.P.S. Day Care Closes

Van Ness & Woodley Rooms // 1st Floor

Children can be picked up at any time from the Day Care room. They must be picked up no later than 4:30 p.m.

4:45 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens Return

Columbia Room // Terrace Level

All program participants will return to the Washington Hilton between 4:45-5:00 p.m. depending on traffic. Please pick up your children at the Columbia Room of the hotel where you dropped them off in the morning.

6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. Blue Family BBQ

International Ballroom // Concourse Level

Join us for a BBQ style dinner, relax, and enjoy activities such as critters for C.O.P.S. Kids, airbrush temporary tattoos, photo booth, music/dancing and more! Dinner will be served from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

The Blue Family BBQ is sponsored by the Blue Knights COPSRun, Justice Federal Credit Union, Iowa C.O.P.S., Louisiana C.O.P.S., and Northern Nevada C.O.P.S. Critters for Kids is sponsored by South Florida C.O.P.S. and Northeast Florida C.O.P.S.



SUNDAY, MAY 17TH

6:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Airport Shuttles

Outside Hotels

Shuttles run from the Washington Hilton and the Omni Shoreham to the Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA). Shuttles are available on a first come first serve basis. Lines for shuttles are expected to be long. If shuttle service is not available, attendees will need to arrange their own transportation to the airport. Neither C.O.P.S. nor the hotels can provide or arrange transportation to Dulles or Baltimore-Washington International Airports.

The programs presented by C.O.P.S. through the National Police Survivors' Conference and our C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens Program are part of a comprehensive critical incident stress management program which relies on and emphasizes the validity and effectiveness of peer support as being the number one resource for coping with trauma.



SATURDAY, MAY 16TH

10:30 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. Breakout Sessions

Thank You for Making National Police Week 2026 Possible!

National Police Week would not be possible if it weren't for the agencies listed below and their personnel who make up the **National Police Week Planning Committee**. Please join us in thanking them for their efforts.

Alexandria (VA) Police Department	National Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.)
Arlington County (VA) Police Department	National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF)
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)	National Police Dog Foundation
Fairfax County (VA) Police Department	New York City (NY) Police Department (NYPD)
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)	Officer Down Memorial Page (ODMP)
Fraternal Order of Police (FOP)	TCS Transportation
Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary (FOPA)	U.S. Capitol Police
Law Enforcement United (LEU)	U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
Latimore Township (PA) Police Department	U.S. Marshals Service (USMS)
Metropolitan (DC) Police Department (MPD)	U.S. Park Police (USPP)
Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWWA)	U.S. Secret Service (USSS)
Montgomery County (MD) Police Department	Warrior's Rest Foundation

Thank you to the agencies and groups providing support services personnel:

Alexandria (VA) Police Department	Harris County (TX) County Sheriff's Office
Arizona C.O.P.S.	How 2 Love our Cops
Arkansas Game & Fish Commission	Muskogee (OK) Police Department
Baytown (TX) Police Department	Nikki Penn Counseling & Consulting
Billy Graham Evangelistic Association	Placer County (CA) Law Enforcement Chaplaincy
Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse (OK) Police	Saline (AR) Law Enforcement Chaplains Association
Dept of Health & Human Services/Office of Inspector General	Spotsylvania (VA) County Sheriff's Office
Dept of Homeland Security	Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Edmond (OK) Police Department	Texas Department of Public Safety
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)	Texas Municipal Police Association
Fairfax County (VA) Police Department	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Family Solutions Counseling	The Counseling Team International
Federal Air Marshals Service (FAMS)	U.S. Department of Transportation
Fire Cam	U.S. Marshals Service (USMS)
Front Line Therapy	Warrior's Rest Foundation

Partners in Law Enforcement - Agencies Contributing \$250+*

Apache Junction Police Foundation	Lexington Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association
Bakersfield Police Officers Association	Louisiana Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, Inc.
Baltimore County FOP Lodge #4	Maywood Police Officer's Association
Baltimore County FOP Lodge #4	New Hampshire Law Enforcement Cancer and Charitable Foundation
Broward Sheriff's Office Retiree Association	New York Fraternal Order of Police Surgeons and Associates
California Police Chiefs Association	Officer Survival Training, LLC
Chris Kelley Foundation	PORAC Peace Officers Research Assoc. of CA
Covington Rescue Squad	Project Peacekeeper LLC
CT Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Run	Reading F.O.P. Lodge #9
FBI NAA Charitable Foundation	S.O.L.E./Mossy Oak
FBI National Academy - Wisconsin Chapter	Southeast Police Motorcycle Rodeo
FBI vs USSS Lacrosse	St Tammany Deputy Sheriff Assn
FLEOA Foundation	State Troopers Fraternal Association of NJ - STFA Foundation
FOP Lodge 18 Auxiliary	State Troopers NCO Association of NJ, Inc.
Fort Worth Police Officers Association	State Troopers Superior Officers Association
Fraternal Order of Police	Trooper Rougeau Memorial Golf Tournament
Fraternal Order of Police Blue Grass Lodge #4	U.S. Secret Service-ERA
Friends Signal 30 Troopers Benefit Fund Inc.	Ulster County Deputy Sheriff's PBA
Gainesville Hall County Fraternal Order of Police Foundation	Virginia Sheriffs' Institute, Inc.
Glendale Police Officers Association	

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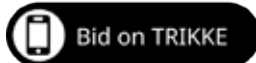
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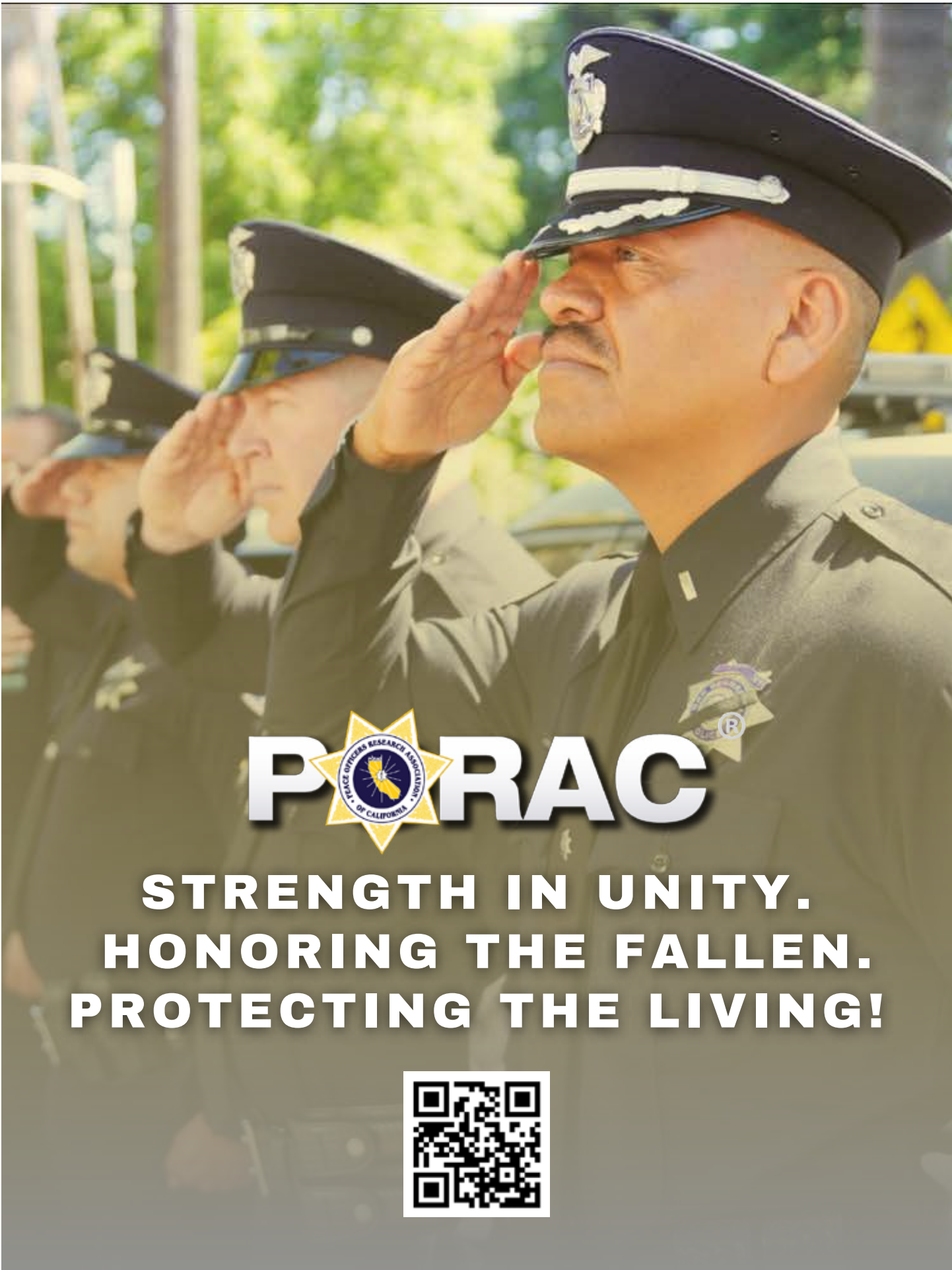


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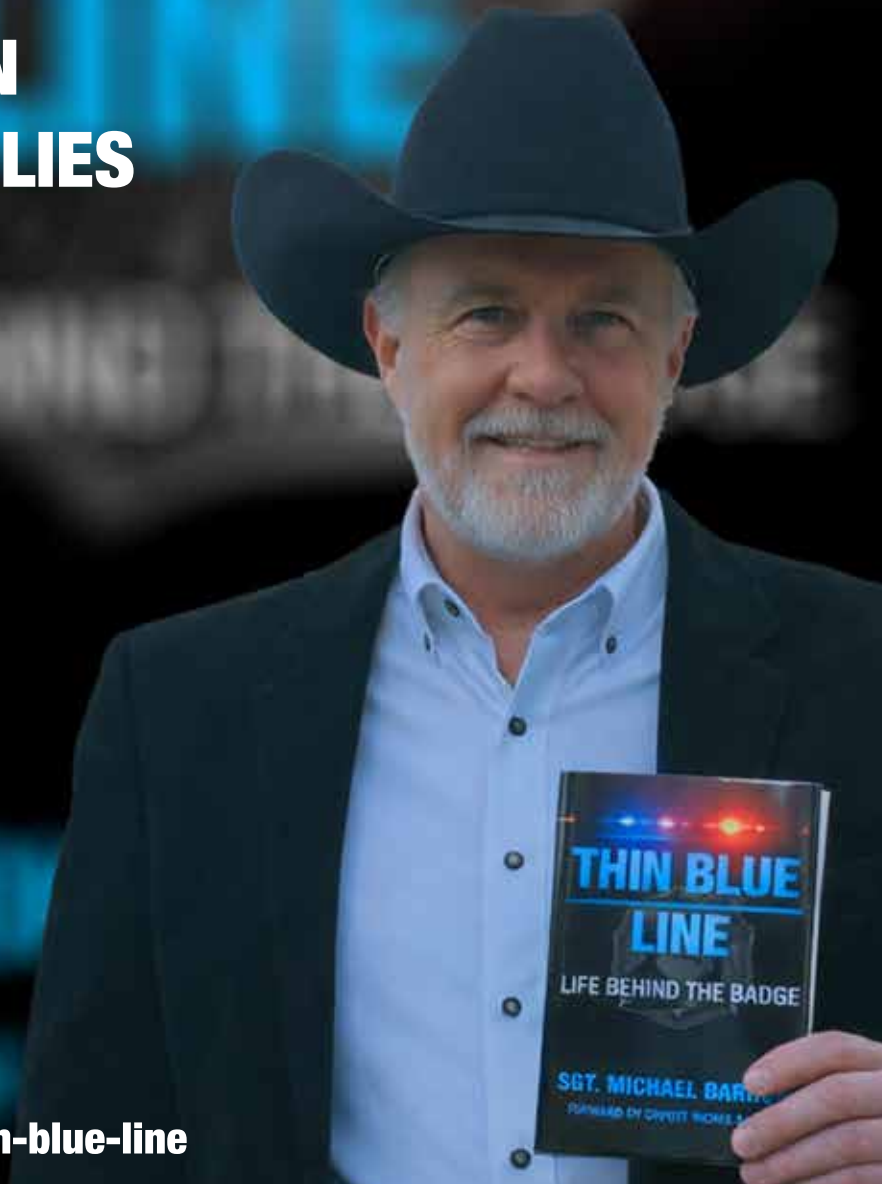
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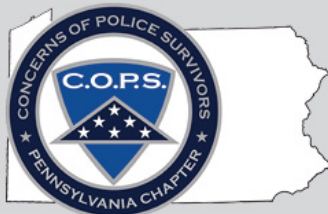
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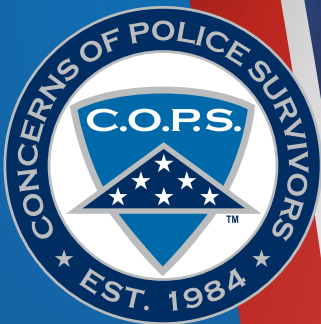
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