



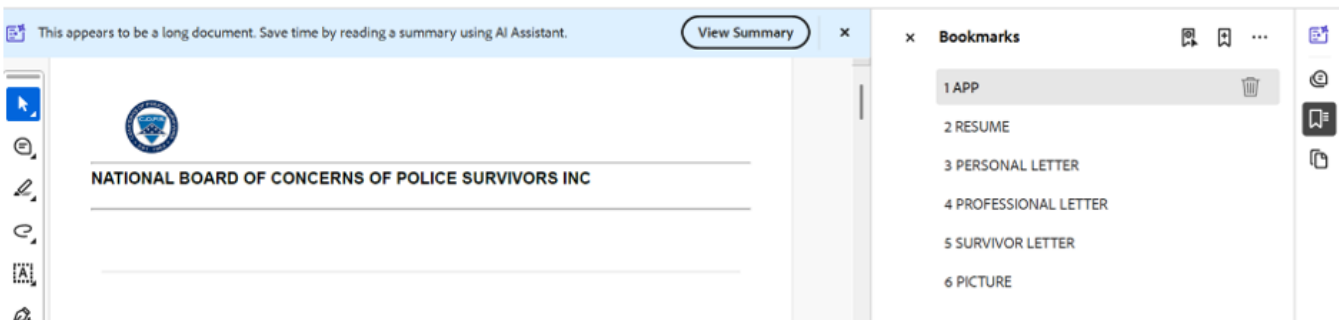
## NATIONAL BOARD OF CONCERNS OF POLICE SURVIVORS INC




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Name *	David wallace
Mailing Address *	
Cell Phone *	
Best time to call *	any time
Email *	
Fallen Officer's Name *	dennis wallace
End of Watch *	Sunday, November 13, 2016
Your relationship to the Fallen Officer *	Sibling
Office for which you are seeking nomination: *	National President
Have you served on the C.O.P.S. National Board before? *	<input type="radio"/> Yes

<b>If yes, provide dates of service and capacity:</b>	2022 — Current
<b>As a Board Member, your name, address, and phone number will be made available to the public. Do you understand that this will give anyone easy access to you day and night? *</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes</li> </ul>
<b>Do you have experience offering peer-support to grieving families? (Any type of death- does not have to be law enforcement) *</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes</li> </ul>
<b>If yes, please explain:</b>	I served 12 years in Peer Support. I've assisted multiple times with PSOB. Over 10 years assisting families for COPS
<b>Do you have any formal training in grief issues? *</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes</li> </ul>
<b>If yes, please explain:</b>	I have training in Peer Support/CISM
<b>Are you involved with a C.O.P.S. Chapter or other victim's organization? *</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes</li> </ul>
<b>If yes, please give name of chapter/organization, the capacity which you served, and some of your duties/accomplishments.</b>	Central CA COPS, Middle & East TN COPS: Ofc. Liaison, Trustee, VP, President. Modesto PD PAL
<b>If yes, is this a non-profit organization?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes</li> </ul>
<b>If yes, do you feel this could be a conflict of interest?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No</li> </ul>
<b>Have you served on the governing board of a non-profit organization? *</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes</li> </ul>
<b>If yes, please tell us about the organization and your duties/accomplishments.</b>	I served on the Modesto PD PAL Board for 22 years. I was the Board President for 12 years
<b>Do you have experience in public speaking? *</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes</li> </ul>
<b>If yes, please explain:</b>	I have given numerous speeches and conducted trainings
<b>Do you have certification as a "trainer" from any state law enforcement agency or commission? *</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes</li> </ul>
<b>If yes, please explain:</b>	CA POST: Academy Instructor, Peer Support/CISM, Field Training Ofc., Multiple others
<b>Are you currently employed? *</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes</li> </ul>
<b>If yes, are you full time or part time?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part time</li> </ul>
<b>Describe your present/previous occupation: *</b>	Present: Corporate Security, Previous: Retired Police Officer (29 Years)
<b>If nominated and elected, you will be required to attend all Board Meetings,</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No</li> </ul>

National Police Week, Board/Chapter Training, Board Team Building, Weekends for the Board Member's survivorship and other events as directed by the National President or the Executive Director. You will also be expected to attend various law enforcement conferences throughout the year. Will this be a problem for you? \*

Are you aware of any conflicts that may prevent you from attending any of these functions? (i.e. Children graduating, upcoming marriages, etc.) \*

- No

As a C.O.P.S. Board Member, you will have a fiduciary responsibility to the C.O.P.S. organization. You will not only be involved in the development of C.O.P.S. programs, but you will be expected to help seek funding for these programs. Do you fully understand and accept this responsibility? \*

- Yes

Do you have any fundraising experience? \*

- Yes

If yes, please explain:

As a COPS Chapter Board Member I assisted with fundraising for the chapter. I currently serve on a non-profit that raises funds for kids in memory of my brother Dennis.

As a C.O.P.S. Board Member, electronic voting on issues of importance will be required during the year. Will this be a problem for you? \*

- No

Have you read, do you understand, and are you willing to sign the C.O.P.S. Confidentiality & Nominee Pledge Information Policy? \*

- Yes

Are you aware of any possible conflicts of interest that may interfere with your duties as a member of the C.O.P.S. National Board? (i.e. involvement with another survivor organization that may be competing with C.O.P.S. for funding, receiving honorariums for speeches made in C.O.P.S. fields of interest, having a business or working for a company that does business with C.O.P.S., etc) \*

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Other than previous questions, what qualities or skills do you possess that would assist you in fulfilling your duties as a member of the C.O.P.S. National Board? \*

As a Co-worker and Sibling Survivor I have been exposed to tremendous trauma and grief. My Law Enforcement training and experience allows me to provide a unique insight into the Law Enforcement culture. I have attended numerous COPS Wellness Trainings, Weekends, TLE's, and various other programs that have given me a strong understanding of our organization. Most importantly, I have developed and fostered relationships across multiple Survivorships within this wonderful organization that have helped me shape my perspective.

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**Why do you want to be a member of the C.O.P.S. National Board? (Goals, objectives, etc.) \*** To continue serving alongside a tremendous group of dedicated people who lead this wonderful organization. To give back and help others.

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**As a C.O.P.S. Board member, you will be asked to share your personal story of loss and healing during presentations. Please share your story with us of how you became a police survivor and what coping skills you have used to help rebuild your life. \***

My brother Dennis and I were blessed to follow our hero, our dad, Dennis into law enforcement. Unfortunately we dealt with grief young. Our father was killed in an off-duty collision in 1985. Dennis was tragically killed 11/13/16. During my career I lost 8 other Co-workers, including my squad Sgt. Steve May 7/23/09. It was after losing Steve that I got heavily involved with COPS. Through my combined police training and the skills I learned through the many COPS trainings I have been able to heal and help others on their grief journey.

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**Please provide a brief biography of 50 words or less that will be used in the National Newsletter. This biography will allow survivors the opportunity to know who is being nominated for positions on the C.O.P.S. National Board. \*** I am a retired Police Detective (29 years in LE). I am married to my beautiful and supportive wife Kim, and we have 5 adult children. I am a Sibling and Co-Worker Survivor. I have been honored to serve in multiple roles at both the Chapter level and on the National Board of COPS. It is a blessing and honor to serve.

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**Are you a Trustee seeking re-election? If yes, you will be asked additional questions. \*** Yes

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**How did your last year's experience on the Board differ from your expectations?** I entered the first year as the National President with my eyes wide open. I knew that it would be busier than my experience as a Trustee. It truly has. It's not much more than I expected. But, fortunately with the assistance of a wonderful Executive Director, Dianne and Staff, along with a tremendous National Board, we are tackling the issues presented to us.

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**Do you feel like you have met the expectations of your position on the Board?**

I believe I have. There is still a lot to work on and accomplish. But, I believe we are headed in the right direction. The COPS National Board and taken on several challenges over this last year. We have been tasked with the recruitment and hiring of a new Executive Director to replace Dianne, when she retires in 2027. In addition her wonderful number 2, Barbie Squires retired in early 2026. We have guided the changes in the voting processes for the National Board, as well as making changes in by-laws governing the local chapters too.

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**Have you served your entire region or just your state?** Yes. I have tried my best to serve all of our Survivors.

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**Why should you be re-elected?** While having the tremendous honor of serving as the National President of COPS, I have made it a priority to make it a team effort by encouraging and empowering my fellow board members. We are a collective group serving together. I am humbled and blessed with the opportunity to serve. We are also tremendously blessed to serve with Dianne, and the fabulous Staff of COPS. They are the true heroes behind the scenes of our wonderful organization.

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**What things do you feel can improve upon if you have one more year on the board?** I don't necessarily know of anything we need to improve upon. But, I promise to foster an environment of cooperativeness where we can help our Survivors along their grief journey. To finish and implement the new voting processes. To evaluate all programs and areas of COPS to help make the best decisions we can as we move forward.

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**Do you still feel the enthusiasm, drive, and energy that initially caused you to apply for a position on the National Board to work and make a difference in your region and for National C.O.P.S.?**

Yes. Even more so. There are some very unique opportunities and challenges on the horizon for COPS. Together we will meet and conquer them. We will do what we do best. We will collectively support each other while honoring our fallen heroes.

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# David Wallace

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## Objective:

To continue to serve as National President on the C.O.P.S. National Board, and to help further the mission of C.O.P.S. in helping Survivors restore shattered lives.

## Education:

- Vocational Degree: Basic Academy, Intermediate & Advanced Officer Certificates, Detective Certificate
- Several Advanced Officer Certificates in Training Officers and Students: Field Training Officer, Drug Recognition Expert & Instructor, DUI Investigator & Instructor, G.R.E.A.T. Instructor, Police Academy Instructor

## Experience:

**3/2010 – 7/2020**

**Peer Support/CISM Team Member** | Modesto PD | Modesto, CA

I participated in or led numerous Debriefings and Defusings related to Officer Involved Critical Incidents, shootings, Line of duty deaths, and other threshold incidents. Besides helping MPD personnel, I assisted with Debriefings of School District Employees and other Municipal Employees in the area.

**9/1999 – 7/2020**

**Honor Guard** | Modesto PD | Modesto, CA

As a member of the Modesto PD Honor Guard I attended numerous LODD funerals, NPW's, memorial services, and ceremonies. To date I have attended 87 Law Enforcement funerals

**8/2010 - 7/2020 | 12/2021 - Current | 07/2022 - Current**

**Central CA COPS Board / Middle Eastern TN COPS Board / COPS National Board**

- I served on the Central CA COPS Chapter Board as an Officer Liaison, Vice President, and President
- I served as a Trustee on the Middle & East TN COPS Chapter Board
- I served as the South Central Trustee on the COPS National Board from 2022-2025
- I currently serve as the COPS National President

## Work Experience:

- **Stanislaus Marshal's Office/Stanislaus Sheriff's Office** | Deputy | 1991-1996
- **Modesto Police Department** | Officer, Detective | 1996-2018, ( 2018-2020; Continued as Special Reserve doing Background Investigations, Honor Guard details, and on the Peer Support Team)
- **Stanislaus District Attorney's Office** | Investigator | 2019-2020

## Awards & Acknowledgements:

- Medal of Valor - 2016
- Distinguished Service Medal - 2018
- Critical Incident Awards (4)
- Multiple Team/Unit Recognition Awards & Certificates

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To Whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter of endorsement for David (Dave) Wallace for reelection to the position of Concerns of Police Survivors National President. I am once again proud to recommend Dave for this position. I have known Dave since we were in elementary school in Modesto, CA where we were both raised. During high school Dave's family moved away and we lost contact for several years. Later we reconnected as we were both beginning to raise our families. Dave and I became good friends over the years and this friendship led to my career in law enforcement where we worked together at the Modesto Police Department.

Based upon this friendship, and working relationship, I am familiar with Dave's personal and professional life. I know Dave to be a man of integrity and hard work. Dave has a unique ability to speak to literally anyone. I believe that Dave is ideally suited to represent the C.O.P.S. organization to the public, law enforcement, the media and government officials.

Through the years working and being friends with Dave, I've known him to be passionate about law enforcement and in particular, law enforcement survivors. From Dave's early days being associated with the C.O.P.S. organization in California, to his serving on the National Board, I have seen his desire to serve others and represent the C.O.P.S. organization in a professional manner. Dave is an incredibly hard worker and is always on top of current events related to law enforcement.

Over the years working with Dave, I have had the opportunity to review many of his police reports and other communications. I know Dave to be an excellent writer and communicator. In addition, Dave is well organized and ensures tasks are completed in a timely manner.

In summary, I know Dave will continue to do excellent work for the C.O.P.S. organization. Please feel free to reach out to me if you need any further information.

Respectfully,

Randy Davis, Sergeant (Retired)



# Modesto Police Department

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## Office of the Chief

January 10, 2026

RE: Letter of Support for the Reelection of Dave Wallace, President, Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS)

I am writing this letter in strong support of the reelection of Dave Wallace for the position of President of Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS).

Dave Wallace is a retired Modesto Police Officer with more than 29 years of distinguished law enforcement service. Throughout his career, Dave consistently demonstrated a deep commitment to service, integrity, and compassion. He served on the Honor Guard for over 20 years, honoring fallen officers and their families with dignity and respect, and dedicated more than 11 years to Peer Support, where his empathy and ability to connect with others made a meaningful difference during some of their most difficult moments.

Beyond his professional service, Dave brings an invaluable personal perspective to COPS as a surviving family member of a brother who was killed in the line of duty. This lived experience gives Dave a profound understanding of the mission of COPS and the needs of surviving families, allowing him to lead with authenticity, humility, and genuine compassion.

I had the privilege of working alongside Dave for over 15 years and can personally attest to his exceptional character. Dave is defined by his care for people, his passion for helping others, and an unwavering work ethic. He leads with heart, listens with intention, and follows through with action. These qualities have made him an outstanding president and a trusted representative of the organization.

Dave Wallace embodies the values and mission of COPS. I am confident he will continue to serve with honor, integrity, and dedication, and I am proud to offer my full support for his reelection as President.

Sincerely,

Brandon Gillespie  
Chief of Police

TO: Nominations/Elections Committee

What joy it is to promote the re-election of Dave Wallace as National President of Concerns of Police Survivors! As Central Plains Region Trustee from 2018-2023, I had the pleasure of working with Dave as a fellow trustee on the National Board. His big heart for *all* survivors of a Line of Duty Death was and is apparent in every step he takes in his role as a leader of our beloved C.O.P.S. organization. A short personal story here that I feel shows his heart, and desire to help. As fellow trustees, we were introduced to the current year survivors at NPW during Orientation. As I introduced myself, if I did not mention my dad's name, Dave would remind me to do so. In one of our breaks between Orientations I spoke to Dave privately to ask him to please not do that, as to me my dad was "Daddy", and I didn't always feel compelled to say his name. Dave was more than gracious and apologized for making me uncomfortable. We ended that conversation with a hug, and a close and respectful friendship blossomed from that experience. One of trust and one of truth, where we can speak freely and honestly and always end with a hug and an "I love you, Friend!" whether we agree on the topic or not. This, to me, shows a willingness to not only hear, but truly *listen* to what is being said. More recently, I had the distinct honor of running for National President along with Dave and two other candidates. Having four candidates made this an unprecedented election, with opportunities for negativity to invade. Dave was very graceful and encouraging to each of the candidates, wishing everyone well in the election, and letting us know he was honored to have worked with all of us as fellow trustees on the National Board. He didn't have to do this, but he did. And his heart was in it.

In January, had the pleasure to attend the National Board meeting in San Diego, CA. As an observer, it struck me that as a surviving sibling and surviving coworker in a C.O.P.S. leadership role, Dave has strong convictions on how C.O.P.S. can continue to support LODD survivors; and how we can further enhance that support as we grow in numbers. Those convictions, however, do not dissuade him from requesting and giving consideration of other perspectives, which is truly what is needed from the President of the C.O.P.S. National Board.

Respectfully,



Dana Evans

Central Plains Region Trustee 2018-2023

Surviving Adult Child of Sgt. Dave L. Sandler, Indianapolis Police Department

