



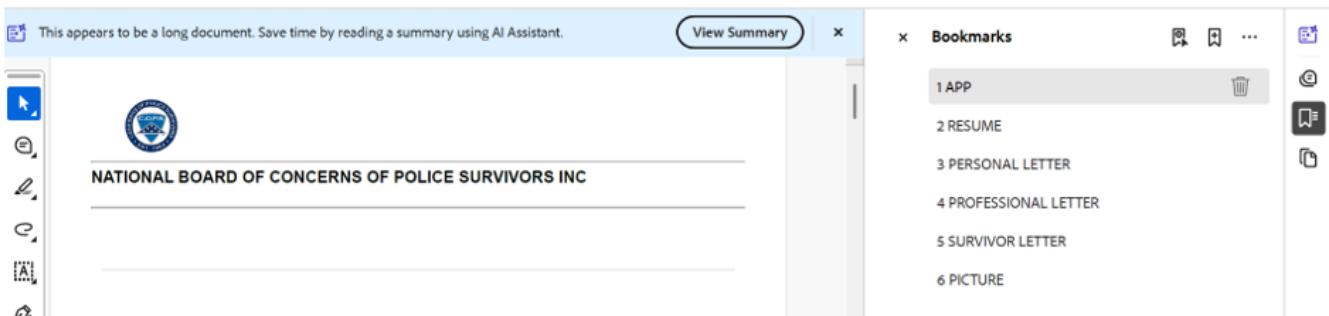
## NATIONAL BOARD OF CONCERNS OF POLICE SURVIVORS INC




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Name *	Liz White-Dibb
Mailing Address *	
Cell Phone *	
Best time to call *	Anytime
Email *	
Fallen Officer's Name *	Mark White
End of Watch *	Friday, February 10, 1995
Your relationship to the Fallen Officer *	Spouse
Office for which you are seeking nomination: *	South Central Region Trustee
Have you served on the C.O.P.S. National Board before? *	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes

If yes, provide dates of service and capacity: 09/29/25 to Current - South Central Region Trustee

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? \*

- Yes

Do you have experience offering peer-support to grieving families? (Any type of death- does not have to be law enforcement) \*

- Yes

If yes, please explain:

I try to comfort them by listening and by letting them share memories of their loved one. I also try to share I understand the feelings they are having. Anger, guilt, sadness and frustration over the loss are completely normal.

Do you have any formal training in grief issues? \*

- Yes

If yes, please explain:

I have attended a couple Traumas of Law Enforcement as well as the National Conference on Law Enforcement Wellness & Traumas.

Are you involved with a C.O.P.S. Chapter or other victim's organization? \*

- Yes

If yes, please give name of chapter/organization, the capacity which you served, and some of your duties/accomplishments.

I served on the SoCal COPS board, serving as Trustee, Secretary, Treasurer & President until I moved to NE Tennessee in December 2020. I immediately became involved with the Middle & East TN COPS as Secretary and currently serving as Treasurer.

If yes, is this a non-profit organization?

- Yes

If yes, do you feel this could be a conflict of interest?

- No

Have you served on the governing board of a non-profit organization? \*

- Yes

If yes, please tell us about the organization and your duties/accomplishments.

I served on the SoCal COPS Board from approx. 1998 to 2002 as Secretary & Treasurer. Again in approx 2016 to Dec. 2020 as Trustee, Secretary, Treasurer & President. I'm currently serving on the METN COPS board as Treasurer & Secretary before that.

Do you have experience in public speaking? \*

- Yes

If yes, please explain:

I spoke at TN Sheriff's & the Police Chief's Conference, as well as speaking at other Law Enforcement events. I've also done multiple Television & newspaper interviews for legislation and other COPS issues.

Do you have certification as a "trainer" from any state law enforcement agency or commission? \*

- No

Are you currently employed? \*

- No

Describe your present/previous occupation: Retired as Accounting Specialist from the Fire Service \*

If nominated and elected, you will be required to attend all Board Meetings, 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? \*

- No

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

- Yes

If yes, please explain:

I will be out of the Country - Australian/New Zealand Cruise Scheduled for January 22 - February 8, 2027

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:

My Biggest - I was responsible for bringing to fruition the official "Honoring the Fallen" Specialty License Plate. I was also involved with 1st Annual Hannah Ellis "Officer Down" Golf Tournament.

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) \*

- No

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? \*

Sadly, 31 years ago I was thrust into this journey. It was through my grief I discovered one organization, even one person can make a difference. COPS is that organization and I want to be that “one person” for others. I understand the incredible loss of losing someone who previously made you whole.

I have served a COPS Board, in a variety of positions for approx. 20 years, give or take a year or two. I've watched and learned this organization. I feel many things are done spot on, while other things I would love to see changed. I have ideas and would love to have a say in the direction this organization continues to move and grow. I feel having such a seasoned survivor as myself, one who has watched many years of what I feel could possibly work better, I can help moved the organization in the right direction with new thoughts and new perspective. I am not one to sit back, complain and do nothing. I'm not afraid of work. I get things done which are asked of me and I bring forward new thoughts and ideas for discussion. I believe in getting in there and make a difference.

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**Why do you want to be a member of the C.O.P.S. National Board? (Goals, objectives, etc.) \***

I have a deep passion for service and for this organization. I am very much a people person, and my desire to help others—especially in this arena—is something I can't fully put into words; it is simply a natural calling for me. I am comfortable talking with people and sharing my own experiences when I feel it may help ease their journey, but I am equally committed to listening. I truly value hearing others share stories about their Officer, and I consider it an honor to be trusted with those memories.

With my children grown and being fully retired, I now have the time and availability to focus wholeheartedly on my passion for helping others. I am easy to work with, open and honest in expressing my opinions—even when they may not be popular—and I respect differing viewpoints without taking offense.

I have been remarried for 27 years to a now-retired law enforcement officer. My husband not only fully supports me but actively encourages me in this work. His support is essential to my success and allows me to serve with confidence and commitment.

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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 journey began on a sunny Friday afternoon 31 years ago. Mark and I were high school sweethearts, I was 14 & he was 16. He was killed just 19 days shy of our 9th wedding anniversary. And we had found out just 14 days prior; I was pregnant with our 2nd child.

Mark called me about 3pm that afternoon to tell me they went on a raid, which was a bust, with his prior agency, Sutter Co Sheriff's Dept. Afterwards, they all went to lunch. Mark said it was the “best day”!!!

It was right after we hung up that a gunman, wanting to commit a Suicide By Cop, walked into the police station lobby and pointed the gun at a citizen waiting to file a police report. The station-wide call went out that there was a gunman in the lobby and he has a hostage. At this point everything happened extremely fast. Officers responded from the behind the bullet proof glass, Mark responded from his office in plain clothes from the opposite side of the lobby. When the gunman refused to put the gun down and proceeded to point the gun in the direction of the officers, they fired and hit the suspect. Mark came around another corner at about the same time. The officers, seeing a gun and a man in plain clothes, turned and fired at Mark. Mark was struck and went down. An Officer was in the process of handcuffing Mark when another Officers recognized Mark and yelled "No that's Mark... OFFICER DOWN, OFFICER DOWN". Mark died that Friday afternoon, February 10th, 1995. The day the world and the life I knew ended.

**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. \***

Liz is the surviving spouse of Roseville Police Officer Mark White, EOW 02/10/95. She's deeply passionate about the COPS organization and the survivors it serves. She is approachable, compassionate, and always makes time to listen. Through tragedy, she has chosen to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

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

Yes

**How did your last year's experience on the Board differ from your expectations?**

I have been in this position for only four months, and it has already exceeded all my expectations. I have always wanted to work with other chapters and serve as a mentor, and serving at the National level has given me the opportunity to do exactly that.

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

I feel confident that I not only meet but exceed the expectations of my position. I maintain regular contact with my chapters, consistently offering guidance and support. I strive to be fair, approachable, and focused on what is truly in the best interest of both the chapters and the survivors we serve.

**Have you served your entire region or just your state?**

I have actively served my entire region by attending events and/or meetings within each of my chapters. I maintain regular communication and ensure every chapter knows I am always available to provide support whenever needed.

**Why should you be re-elected?**

I feel deeply humbled and honored to serve at the National level, and I also feel that I have only begun to serve at the capacity to which I aspire. Serving at the National level allows me the opportunity to mentor other chapter leaders and support them in meaningful ways. COPS saved my life, and giving back to this organization is both personal and purposeful for me. As a seasoned survivor, I believe I bring a perspective that is valuable and helpful to many.

**What things do you feel can improve upon if you have one more year on the board?**

While I am proud of the work accomplished so far, I feel that I have only just begun to serve in this role, having been appointed at the end of September. There is still much work to be done, and I am in the early stages of building strong, meaningful relationships with my seven chapters. I believe this is just the beginning of working closely with them to provide consistent support and guidance.

**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.?**

I am as enthusiastic as I have ever been. These past four months have only heightened my excitement and strengthened my desire to serve in this capacity. I truly value the relationships I've begun to build and am committed to nurturing and growing them. In addition, I serve on three committees, where I offer a unique perspective that contributes to our collective success. Being retired and having the full support of my husband allows me the freedom to fulfill my responsibilities without constraints.

# ***Elizabeth White-Dibb***

## **Objective:**

To continue to serve as the South Central Trustee for the National Board of C.O.P.S. and continue to help Survivors rebuild their lives after a Line of Duty Death. I am committed to the mission and working with the National Board of C.O.P.S.

## **Skills:**

- \*Team Player
- \*People Person
- \*Completes Projects
- \*Accepts Criticisms
- \*Empathetic to those in pain

## **Training:**

- \*Traumas of Law Enforcement
- \*National Wellness and Law Enforcement Traumas
- \*Public Safety Officers Benefits Training
- \*Chapter Board Training

## **Experience:**

\*Southern California C.O.P.S. Board from approx. 1998 to 2002 - Served as Secretary and Treasurer.

\*Southern California C.O.P.S. Board from approx. 2016 to December 2020 – Served as Trustee, Secretary and President.

\*Middle & East Tennessee C.O.P.S. Board from April 2021 to Current – Served as Secretary and Treasurer.

\*C.O.P.S. National Board from September 2025 to Current – Served as South Central Region Trustee.

## **Accomplishments:**

\*I, with the help of the Middle & East Tennessee C.O.P.S. Board, were responsible for bringing to fruition, the official Tennessee “Honoring The Fallen” Specialty License Plate ‘on the road’ for the state of Tennessee.

\*Working with PORAC and other Surviving Spouses in California, we pushed legislation, which ultimately was Chaptered into law, to Remove the Remarriage Penalty in California.

\*Working with other Surviving Spouses in California, we pushed legislation, which ultimately was Chaptered into law, to Recognize our husbands did not retire, they were killed in the line of duty. As such, Survivors received all pay raises and benefits the working Officers negotiated for up until the time our Spouses would be of retirement age in California. This bill also removed the Adoption penalty.

January 10, 2026

Re: Liz White Dobb

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing this letter about one of the finest people I have ever known. No matter the task in front of her, you may rest assured that Liz will face it with determination, strength and compassion. The story of our relationship is one that is long and complex. Put simply, Liz has allowed me to be part of her family and I now view her as one of my own children. Let me explain how that happened.

On February 10, 1995 I was working as the Police Chief in Roseville, California. It was a quiet Friday afternoon and I was working at the station and gunshots rang out, followed by screaming and the smell of expended ammunition. Along with others, I rushed to the department lobby where we found Liz' husband, Officer Mark White, laying on his back with a gunshot wound to the chest. First aid and CPR were quickly administered and he was transported to the nearest Emergency Room.

I arrived at the ER a few minutes later and learned that Mark had died of his injuries and there was nothing the staff could do to save him. I waited at the ER with a Police Chaplain while Liz was driven to Roseville from her home in Yuba City, a 45-minute drive away. When Liz burst through the ER doors she took one look at my face and exclaimed, "He is dead, isn't he?"

Later that night the criminal investigation into the shooting continued. An armed young man had brought a pistol into the lobby and threatened to kill anyone who came close. Responding officers engaged him in a gun battle that ended with the suspect suffering a gunshot wound to the abdomen. We quickly learned that his gun wasn't loaded and Officer White had been killed accidentally by "friendly fire."

I made the drive to Yuba City to be with Liz and her family and give her the terrible news that her husband was killed by a fellow officer. Almost immediately after giving her this news her first question was "How are the officers doing?" That reaction typifies the underlying character of Liz and how she deals with tragedy. She was contacted soon after by representatives from COPS and that began the long journey of reaching out to survivors to share her experiences of overcoming grief and sorrow.

Throughout the past 30 years Liz has always embraced the men and women of the Roseville Police Department as family and they have reciprocated as evidenced by the large contingent from RPD that joined Liz at this year's National Police Week. There were tears and there was laughter all from the shared love of Officer Mark White and his service and sacrifice for his community. I personally saw her comfort many surviving spouses, friends and co-workers. She doesn't hesitate to open her arms and embrace them in their time of sorrow.

Liz tackles every project with conviction and is never afraid to do the hard work. She is a tremendous advocate for survivors of all survivorships, and her compassion shines through in everything she does. You will not find a more dedicated servant to the COPS organization—it is clearly the work she was meant to do, carried out with heart, conviction, and unwavering passion.

Please contact me at any time to discuss how my dear friend, Liz White Dibb, can help your organization serve those in need. Sincerely,

Tom Simms  
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Troy Bergstrom, Chief of Police

January 20, 2026

**Letter of Recommendation for Liz White-Dibb**  
**National Board of Trustees**  
**Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.)**

To the Members of the National C.O.P.S. Board,

I am honored to recommend Liz White-Dibb for appointment to the National C.O.P.S. Board of Trustees as the South Central Region Trustee. I have had the privilege of knowing Liz for many years, and without question, I believe she embodies the compassion, integrity, and commitment to service that define C.O.P.S. I am confident she will continue to be a strong and thoughtful voice for survivors in the years to come.

As a survivor herself, Liz brings a personal understanding of the challenges faced by families after a line-of-duty death. She leads with empathy, authenticity, and respect, and her ability to connect with others comes naturally. Liz balances compassion with sound judgment, making her especially well-suited for the responsibility and trust placed in a trustee.

Through her continued involvement with C.O.P.S., Liz has gained an appreciation for the responsibility of representing survivors at the board level. She approaches this role thoughtfully and with genuine care for others, guided by her own lived experience and a sincere respect for the mission of C.O.P.S. Her perspective as a survivor would be a meaningful asset to the South Central Region in a permanent trustee role.

Liz's resilience and dedication to honoring the fallen while supporting survivors make her exceptionally well-suited for this role. I am confident she would represent Concerns of Police Survivors and the South Central Region with care, credibility, and commitment, and I strongly support her appointment.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Beigh". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jeff Beigh  
Police Captain  
Roseville Police Department

January 8, 2026

Concerns of Police Survivors  
PO Box 3199  
Camdenton, MO 65020

Dear National COPS Nominations/Elections Committee,

I am honored to write this letter of recommendation for Liz White-Dibb, who is running for the position of National COPS South Central Trustee.

I have known Liz since the 1990's, as we are both surviving spouses from California. Liz is one of the most thoughtful and compassionate people you'll ever meet or work with. She is genuinely friendly, smart, caring, and honest.

Liz is a great motivator and mentor. She has held several positions within the COPS organization; including president and board member for Southern California and Middle & East Tennessee COPS chapters. Most recently, she is currently serving as the interim South Central Trustee. At the local and national levels, Liz has actively served seven chapters and motivated her boards as they reached out to provide exceptional care for many survivors.

Liz worked closely with me to successfully pass a bill (AB2621) that gives surviving spouses the same raises that their fallen officer would have received until they would've turned 50 years old (retirement age). This bill also allows California surviving children to be adopted without penalty of losing their pension benefit. Liz was one of the survivors who testified at the State Capitol. She also worked with PORAC, with other survivors, to successfully remove the remarriage penalty, which was chaptered into law. These laws have been a true blessing to many.

Liz has my unqualified endorsement, both personal, and as a past chapter president, trustee, and national president of COPS. She has my deepest respect.

Please feel free to call if I can be of further assistance (951) 515-3356.

Best regards,



Linda (Hintergardt) Soubirous

Past National President

Surviving Spouse of Deputy Kent Hintergardt, EOW 05/09/1993



