



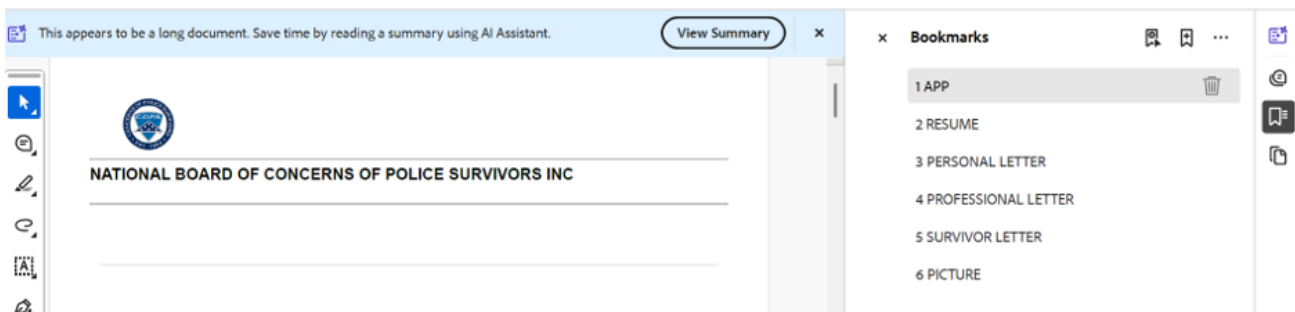
NATIONAL BOARD OF CONCERNS OF POLICE SURVIVORS INC

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Name * Matthew Bloesch

Mailing Address * 

Cell Phone * 

Best time to call * Afternoon or Evening

Work Phone 

Best time to call Afternoon or evening

Email * 

Fallen Officer's Name * James Bloesch

End of Watch * Tuesday, August 2, 1988

Your relationship to the Fallen Officer * Adult Child

Office for which you are seeking nomination: Southwest Regional Trustee

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Have you served on the C.O.P.S. National Board before? *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No
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? *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes
Do you have experience offering peer-support to grieving families? (Any type of death- does not have to be law enforcement) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes
If yes, please explain:	I have been a NorCal Chapter Board Member, COPS Kids and Young Adults Camp Mentor
Do you have any formal training in grief issues? *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes
If yes, please explain:	ICISF Assisting Individuals in Crisis, Group Crisis Intervention
Are you involved with a C.O.P.S. Chapter or other victim's organization? *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes
If yes, please give name of chapter/organization, the capacity which you served, and some of your duties/accomplishments.	NorCal COPS, Vice President, President, and Immediate Past President
If yes, is this a non-profit organization?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes
If yes, do you feel this could be a conflict of interest?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No
Have you served on the governing board of a non-profit organization? *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes
If yes, please tell us about the organization and your duties/accomplishments.	Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund, 2016-2020. Board Member. We raised a lot of money and donated it to the families of officers in crisis.
Do you have experience in public speaking? *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes
If yes, please explain:	Fairfield Police Department Public Information Officer for 12 years, Nationally recognized trainer and presenter in Police Officer Wellness
Do you have certification as a "trainer" from any state law enforcement agency or commission? *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes
If yes, please explain:	Certified "Peer Counseling" trainer for California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training
Are you currently employed? *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes
If yes, are you full time or part time?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part time

Describe your present/previous occupation: * Peer Director at Restoration First Responder Network. I build wellness teams for Public Safety Agencies.

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.) *

- 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: Small Scale fundraisers as board member for BALEAF and NorCal COPS.

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? *

I served 26 years as a police officer, retiring as a captain from my department. I led a division with 134 personnel and a \$41 million budget. I oversaw personnel investigations, including reviewing investigative reports and recommending discipline for sustained allegations. I overcame my struggles with Post-Traumatic Stress and Alcohol abuse in 2010. I continue to work a strong recovery program that includes helping others in crisis seek help and rebuild their lives.

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

Serving on the National Board, I can help shape the future of the organization. The organization is already navigating uncharted territory with the passage of the Public Safety Officers' Support Act and the addition of certain suicide survivors to our membership. We will have new leadership with the upcoming retirements of the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director. My goal is to ensure our mission, vision and values remain in line with our actions, and we maximize our ability to serve all of our survivorship in every way possible.

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 father was accidentally shot and killed by his partner in 1988, when I was 13 years old. That rocked my world, but I did not grieve his loss. I buried my emotions for years, never talking about him or the incident. I toughened up and went on with life, following his footsteps into law enforcement, getting married, and having two amazing children. The grief and numbing caught up with me in 2010. Burying my feelings left me isolated and empty. I felt like I was the only one in the world experiencing what I was experiencing. I asked for help and got it from other officers who had been through similar stuff. I started to heal and recover. I rebuilt my marriage and my relationships with my kids. In 2019 I attended the COPS Adult Children's Retreat and found other AC survivors who were experiencing the same things I was. I found my tribe. I started mentoring at COPS Kids' Camp and Young Adults' Camp, helping give hope to young survivors and showing them that we can live happy and joyous lives despite the tragedies we endured.

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. *

Matt Bloesch is the surviving Adult Son of San Francisco Police Officer James W. Bloesch, EOW 08/02/1988. He is married with two adult children. Matt served 26 years in law enforcement, retiring as a captain in 2025. Matt has been a mentor at COPS Kids' Camp and Young Adults' camp since 2022. He enjoys his time camping, mountain biking, and mentoring future leaders.

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

No

Matthew J. Bloesch

POLICE CAPTAIN (RETIRED) | MENTOR | RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

A multifaceted law enforcement leader with proven track record of innovation and success in leading all aspects of crisis management, employee wellness, and community collaboration.

Collaborative and dynamic executive leader with a passion for people, an evolving legacy of relationship building across all aspects of the community. Passionate about inspiring people to rise above their hurdles to succeed and thrive. A proven leader who leads from the front, is transparent with past and current challenges, and is compassionate while holding people accountable.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Led a neighborhood transformation project, coordinating multiple organizations to come together and build relationships in a crime-ridden neighborhood to bring people together, establish understanding, reduce crime, and increase safety.
- Built a successful Peer Support and Wellness program for 200 employees. Incorporated a Clinical Contract that resulted in a 30% usage rate amongst employees, established quarterly training for Peer Support Team members, and introduced wellness training for all employees that included Suicide Awareness and Prevention, Financial Stability, Strengthening Law Enforcement Families, and Resiliency.
- Introduced a Wellness Canine Program, selecting two canine handlers, acquiring two therapy canines, and writing a policy to govern the program.

Areas of Expertise

- Organizational Wellness
- Employee Safety
- Community Collaboration
- Relationship Building
- Employee Accountability
- Crisis Communication
- Critical Incident Stress Management
- Crisis Management
- Personnel Investigations
- Public Speaking
- Instructing
- Leadership

Professional Experience

CITY OF FAIRFIELD – POLICE DEPARTMENT *(December 2004-June 2025)*

Police Captain | Operations Bureau (December 2022 – June 2025)

- Oversee Patrol, Investigations, Youth Services, and Traffic Divisions
- Managed 134 personnel and \$41,500,000.00 Budget
- Final Level of Review for dozens of Personnel Investigations
- Managed multiple Officer Involved Shooting incidents

Police Lieutenant | Investigations Division, Patrol Division (July 2019 – December 2022)

- Managed Investigations Division overseeing all criminal investigations in the city.
- As a Patrol Watch Commander, responsible for the safety of 120,000 residents and actions of 20+ Police Officers on duty
- Crisis Negotiations Team Commander, approved Operations Orders, managed several negotiations deployments including High-Risk Search Warrants and Hostage / Barricade Incidents.
- Peer Support / Wellness Team Manager, coordinated Critical Incident Stress Debriefings

Police Sergeant | (May 2008 – July 2019)

Units Supervised:

- Special Operations Team
- Gang Investigation Unit
- Traffic Unit
- Crime Prevention Unit
- Honor Guard
- Peer Support / Wellness Team

Police Officer | (December 2004 – May 2008)

- Violent Crime Suppression Unit

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- Quality Neighborhoods Team

MARIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, SAN RAFAEL, CA *(June 1999-December 2004)*

Deputy Sheriff (June 1999-December 2004)

- Worked a variety of assignments including Patrol Deputy, Field Training Officer, and Open Space District Contract Deputy
- Instructor: Law Enforcement Response to Weapons of Mass Destruction
- Patrol Rifle Instructor
- Honor Guard Team Member

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.)

- Presenter, National Conference on Law Enforcement Wellness and Trauma
- Instructor, Traumas of Law Enforcement Training
- Mentor, Kids' Camp and Young Adults' Camp
- National Strategic Planning Committee
- National Training Committee

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)

- Facilitator, Officer Safety and Wellness Online Learning Collaborative, 2023
- Panelist, 2023 General Conference, "Maximizing Engagement in your Wellness Program"
- Panelist, 2025 Officer Safety and Organizational Wellness Conference, "The Impact of Lived Experience in Suicide Prevention: Empowering Officers to Share Their Stories"

Education

Union Institute and University, Cincinnati, OH
Bachelor of Science – Criminal Justice Management

Training & Certifications

California POST Management Certificate | Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute | Group and Individual Crisis Intervention

Professional Awards & Honors

2021 Tri-Cities NAACP Presidential Medal of Freedom | Fairfield Police Lifesaving Medal

Letter of Reference for Matt Bloesch

January 15, 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of Matt Bloesch and his consideration for a position on the National Board.

I have known Matt for several years. We first met during C.O.P.S. National Chapter training, and over time our professional relationship developed into a trusted friendship. Through our shared work and continued connection, I have come to know Matt as a person of integrity, compassion, and deep commitment to serving others who have experienced loss and trauma.

Matt brings a rare and invaluable combination of perspectives. He is both an adult child survivor and a coworker survivor, which gives him a unique understanding of grief, resilience, and the long-term impact of line of duty loss. These lived experiences allow him to connect authentically with others while keeping insight into the broader needs of survivor communities.

On a personal level, Matt has been a trusted sounding board for me through multiple traumatic events in my own life. He consistently shows empathy, emotional intelligence, and the ability to listen without judgment qualities that are essential for leadership, especially within organizations serving survivors and first responders.

I wholeheartedly recommend Matt Bloesch for the National Board. His diverse perspectives, personal experience, and unwavering dedication to supporting others would be a significant asset. I am confident that he will serve with integrity, compassion, and purpose.

Please feel free to contact me if more information is necessary.

Respectfully,

John "Blu" Blumenthal

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January 12, 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in strong support of **Matt Bloesch** as a candidate for the **COPS Southwest Regional Trustee position**.

I have had the privilege of working closely with Matt in a professional capacity during his tenure as second in command with the Fairfield Police Department, when his agency contracted with Restoration for behavioral health and wellness services. Through this professional relationship, I observed Matt's leadership, integrity, and consistent commitment to serving others.

Upon his retirement, Matt partnered with Restoration and now serves as our Peer Director, providing guidance to peer support teams throughout Northern California and sharing his extensive leadership experience and expertise. In this role, he continues to demonstrate a people-centered approach grounded in accountability, sound judgment, and deep respect for those affected by trauma and loss.

Matt has a strong understanding of law enforcement culture and the long-term impacts of critical incidents on personnel, survivors, and families. He approaches leadership with steadiness, humility, and professionalism, particularly in high-stress and sensitive situations.

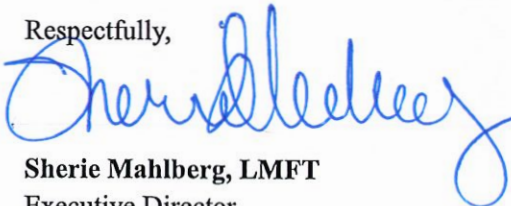
In addition to his operational leadership experience, Matt demonstrates a clear understanding of organizational governance and the responsibility that comes with serving in a trustee role. He is thoughtful, mission-driven, and committed to ensuring that survivor-centered values remain at the forefront of decision-making.

Matt has consistently made the care of others his priority. I am confident he would bring integrity, compassion, and credibility to the National COPS governing board and serve the Southwest Region with distinction.

I give Matt my highest professional recommendation for the COPS Southwest Regional Trustee position.

Please feel free to contact me if additional information is needed.

Respectfully,



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January 3, 2026

Selection Committee
Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.)

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

I am writing this letter as a personal reference in strong support of Matt Bloesch as a candidate for the position of Southwest Regional Trustee for Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.). I have known Matt for many years, both personally and within the C.O.P.S. community, and I can confidently say that he is exceptionally qualified for this role.

Matt and I share a deeply personal connection as adult child survivors, having both lost our fathers at a young age. Through our shared experiences, we have been able to support one another and learn together how to navigate grief, loss, and healing. This shared journey has strengthened Matt's empathy, understanding, and commitment to serving other survivors within the C.O.P.S. organization.

Matt recently retired from the Fairfield Police Department, concluding a career rooted in service and dedication. Beyond his law enforcement career, Matt has demonstrated outstanding leadership within C.O.P.S., having served on the Board of Northern California C.O.P.S., including roles as President, Vice President, and Immediate Outgoing President. His leadership has been thoughtful, survivor-focused, and deeply aligned with the mission of C.O.P.S.

In addition to his board service, Matt is actively involved in hands-on programs. He consistently volunteers his time and energy at Kids Camp, Young Adults Camp, and the Adult Children Hands-on Program. His willingness to show up, listen, and support survivors at all stages of their journey speaks volumes about his character and dedication. Giving back in such meaningful ways clearly demonstrates his commitment to the C.O.P.S. mission.

Matt is deeply rooted in peer support and mental health advocacy. Drawing from his personal experiences, professional background, and extensive volunteer service, he brings a compassionate, informed, and balanced perspective to survivor representation. These combined experiences make him more than qualified to serve as a regional trustee and a strong voice for survivors.

Without hesitation, I recommend and fully endorse Matt Bloesch for the position of Southwest Regional Trustee for C.O.P.S. I am confident that he will serve with integrity, compassion, and unwavering dedication to survivors and their families.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Randi Nannini



BLOESCH

POLICE
FAIRFIELD
CAPTAIN