



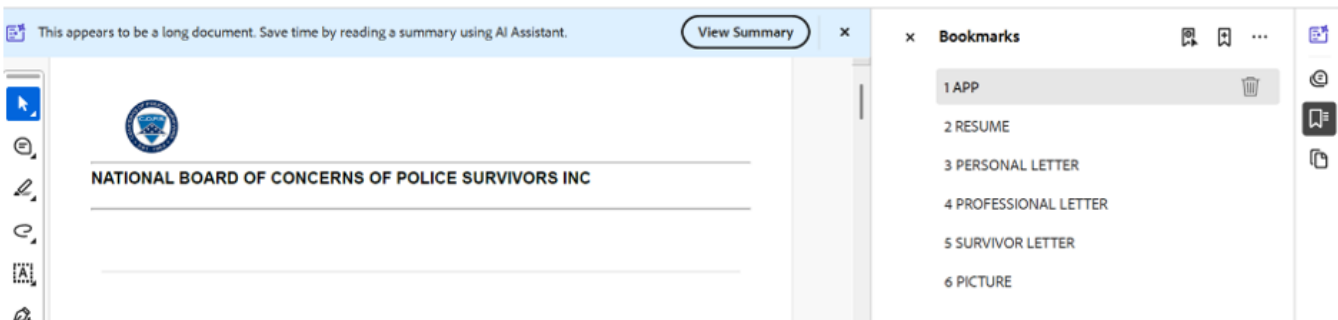
NATIONAL BOARD OF CONCERNS OF POLICE SURVIVORS INC



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Name *	Jennifer Grant-Blount
Mailing Address *	
Cell Phone *	
Best time to call *	anytime
Email *	
Fallen Officer's Name *	David Grant
End of Watch *	<u>Monday, May 31, 2004</u>
Your relationship to the Fallen Officer *	Adult Child
Office for which you are seeking nomination: *	Southwest Regional Trustee
Have you served on the C.O.P.S. National Board before? *	<input type="radio"/> 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:	Currently with my Northern Nevada COPS survivors, and working as an EMT.
Do you have any formal training in grief issues? *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No
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.	Northern Nevada C.O.P.S., President - hold monthly board meetings, maintain constant communication with board members, fundraising, supporting law enforcement agencies, officers, and survivors throughout Northern Nevada.
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.	Northern Nevada Chapter of C.O.P.S. as President and Immediate Past President providing support and ideas to board members, providing presentations to agencies, and support to fallen families, and organizing travel for survivors and conference attendees.
Do you have experience in public speaking? *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes
If yes, please explain:	I love to speak about C.O.P.S. and have experience speaking at Chiefs and Sheriffs conferences, survivors panels, Evening In Blue Gala, local tv and radio interviews spreading the mission!
Do you have certification as a "trainer" from any state law enforcement agency or commission? *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No
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"> • Full time
Describe your present/previous occupation: *	I am a country recording artist and perform throughout the country.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No

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:

I have helped our Chapter raise hundreds of thousands of dollars since it's inception in 2016 with merchandise, galas, motor competitions, and more! I love brainstorming fundraising ideas and watching them unfold and be successful.

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 possess a combination of leadership experience, crisis-management skills, and a deep, genuine commitment to serving survivors that would allow me to effectively fulfill my duties as a member of the C.O.P.S. National Board. Through my long-standing service with the Northern Nevada Chapter, including multiple terms as President, I have gained extensive experience in governance, representation, advocacy, and organizational leadership skills. I am highly effective in stressful and emotionally charged situations, particularly when survivors are navigating grief, uncertainty, or complex systems. I have consistently served as a steady, compassionate advocate - listening carefully, responding thoughtfully, and ensuring survivors feel supported, heard, and never alone.

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

I want to serve on the C.O.P.S. National Board because I am deeply committed to expanding survivor support, strengthening chapter leadership, and ensuring that no surviving family feels overlooked or unsupported - regardless of geography. My years of service with the Northern Nevada chapter have shown me how impactful strong, engaged leadership can be at both the chapter and national levels, and I am motivated to bring the same level of dedication to the Southwest Region and beyond. One of my primary goals is to help establish a C.O.P.S. Chapter in Hawaii. The state of Hawaii has lost 63 officers, yet it currently lacks a chapter to provide localized survivor support. As someone of Hawaiian descent with family ties in the islands, I have a personal connection to the community and a strong cultural understanding of the importance of family, honor, and collective support. I have already begun outreach to law enforcement supporters in Hawaii who have expressed interest and willingness to help launch a chapter, and I am committed to working collaboratively with national leadership to make this goal a reality. I also plan to be actively and consistently engaged with all chapters within the Southwest region, attending meetings, supporting chapter events, and serving as a resource for guidance, problem-solving, and encouragement.

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. *

I became a police survivor on May 31, 2004, when my father, Deputy David Grant, was killed in the line of duty. He was responding Code 3 to a plane crash, traveling up Highway 49, when a local utility driver pulled out onto the highway and struck his patrol car. The impact caused his vehicle to cross the highway and collide with two trees. My father was transported via air transport but went into cardiac arrest, so he was rerouted to our local hospital, where he passed away. In the years following, I was angry, lost, and overwhelmed by unresolved grief. I carried my pain silently and struggled to cope, often feeling stuck in survival mode without the tools to rebuild my life. After meeting my husband in 2010, who is a law enforcement officer, and later moving to Reno, I became aware that Nevada did not have a C.O.P.S. Chapter. In 2016, I helped establish the chapter so survivors in our state would not have to grieve alone. In 2019, I attended my first COPS AC weekend. Although hesitant at first, it became a turning point in my healing. For the first time, I openly shared my story with fellow survivors who understood and did not judge my grief. Through counseling, EMDR Therapy, retreats, and national conferences, I gained coping skills that allowed me to process my trauma, find strength, and move forward. Today, I am honored to represent my father's legacy by turning tragedy into purpose and supporting fellow survivors on their path from surviving to thriving.

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. *

Jennifer Grant-Blount is a police survivor, President of Northern Nevada COPS, and a longtime advocate for surviving families. After losing her father, Deputy David Grant, on May 31, 2004, she helped establish Northern Nevada COPS and turned her grief into purpose through leadership, outreach, and music, including her original song "In Another Life," written in her father's honor.

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

No



SURVIVING DAUGHTER
DEPUTY DAVID GRANT
E.O.W. 5/31/2004

Jennifer Grant-Blount

CONTACT



LEADERSHIP & BOARD EXPERIENCE

President - Northern Nevada Chapter of C.O.P.S. 2016-2020 / 2024-Present

Immediate Past President - Northern Nevada Chapter of C.O.P.S. 2020-2024

- A Founder of the Northern Nevada Chapter of C.O.P.S. in 2016.
- Serve as the spokesperson of the chapter, fostering strong relationships with law enforcement agencies, civic leaders, survivors, and business partners throughout the region.
- Provide strategic leadership and governance oversight to ensure alignment with National C.O.P.S. policies, mission, and standards.
- Lead and manage a volunteer board, ensuring accountability, engagement, and clear delegation of responsibilities.
- Drive fundraising initiatives, donor engagement, and community partnerships to support police survivors and chapter sustainability.
- Collaborate closely with National C.O.P.S. leadership to ensure compliance, best practices, and coordinated support for survivors nationwide.
- Support surrounding chapters by offering guidance, mentorship, and shared resources.
- Oversee planning and execution of Evening In Blue gala, our largest annual fundraising event, drawing hundreds of attendees and generating critical mission support.
- Advocate nationally and locally for fallen officer survivors, ensuring access to peer support, resources, and long-term care.

PROFESSIONAL & ADVOCACY BACKGROUND

- Built the Northern Nevada Chapter of C.O.P.S. from the ground up.
- Maintain ongoing communication with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to strengthen collaboration and survivor outreach.
- Actively engage in public speaking with chiefs, sheriffs, law enforcement academies, survivors, and community organizations, sharing both personal experience and the broader mission of C.O.P.S.
- Provide peer support and outreach to law enforcement officers and survivor families during times of crisis.
- Cultivate relationships with local business owners and community partners to expand donor support and mission visibility.
- Champion survivor-centered leadership while empowering board members to lead initiatives and grow professionally within the organization.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

- Associates of Arts - Criminal Justice (Law Enforcement Emphasis, Honors) - Truckee Meadows Community College - 2016
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certification - Columbia Junior College - 2005
 - Professional experience working on ambulances, in emergency departments and in trauma centers (2005-2008, 2012-2016)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Civilian Academy Graduate, Reno, Nevada, 2018

CORE SKILLS & COMPETENCIES

- Leadership Skills
- Strategic Planning and Organizational Growth
- Fundraising and donor relations
- Policy Compliance
- Community and Law Enforcement Relations
- Survivor Advocacy and Peer Support
- Public Speaking
- Trustworthy and hard-working

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Northern Nevada C.O.P.S. has been recognized for continued commitment to supporting law enforcement and survivors throughout Northern Nevada.

- Local law enforcement agencies
- Professional Associations
- City of Reno
- City of Sparks
- SF Giants Anthem Singer - L.E.A.D. 2024/2025
- Nashville Recording Artist - loves spreading the mission of C.O.P.S. at shows
- Work with local radio and TV to promote C.O.P.S. Mission

January 6th, 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to offer my strongest personal recommendation for Jennifer Blount. Jennifer and her family have been our neighbor for many years, and during that time I have come to know her as one of the most responsible, hardworking, and genuinely generous people I have ever known.

Jennifer is the kind of person who never hesitates to step in and help when someone is in need—no matter how big or how small the situation may be. Her kindness and willingness to serve others is not occasional; it is simply who she is. I have personally seen Jennifer go far out of her way, even in the middle of the night, to help neighbors during difficult or stressful times. She does not seek recognition or praise—she helps because she truly cares about the people around her.

In addition to her generosity, Jennifer is dependable, trustworthy, and takes responsibility seriously. She follows through on what she commits to and can always be counted on to do the right thing. Anyone who has the opportunity to work with or rely on Jennifer will quickly see that she is a person of strong character and integrity.

I give Jennifer my highest recommendation without hesitation. If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me (775-229-1693).

Sincerely,



Monica Copple

JESSE J. WATTS

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January 15, 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

Since 2020, I have had the privilege of working closely with **Jennifer Grant-Blount**, first as a survivor supported through Northern Nevada C.O.P.S., and now in my role as Vice President while she serves as President of the organization. It is with the utmost confidence and respect that I offer my full support for Jennifer as she seeks election as **Regional Trustee for C.O.P.S.**

Jennifer's leadership is grounded in lived experience, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to survivors and the mission of C.O.P.S. She leads with integrity, humility, and a deep understanding of the responsibility entrusted to those who serve in leadership roles. Her decisions are thoughtful, mission-focused, and always guided by what is best for survivors, families, and the organization as a whole.

As President of Northern Nevada C.O.P.S., Jennifer has demonstrated exceptional organizational leadership, strong advocacy skills, and the ability to navigate complex and emotionally charged matters with clarity and resolve. She fosters collaboration, builds trust, and consistently elevates those around her. Her leadership has strengthened our organization and expanded its ability to serve survivors with dignity and respect.

Jennifer possesses the vision, experience, and character essential for a Regional Trustee. She understands both the grassroots needs of local chapters and the broader responsibilities of regional and national governance. Her voice is steady, informed, and deeply rooted in service.

I offer my strongest recommendation for Jennifer Grant-Blount without hesitation or reservation. I am confident she will serve as an outstanding Regional Trustee for C.O.P.S. and will continue to uphold the highest standards of leadership, advocacy, and stewardship.

Please feel free to contact me should you require any additional information.

Respectfully,

Jesse J. Watts

Vice President - Northern Nevada C.O.P.S

Executive Director - The Wounded Blue Sheriff-Coroner (Retired)

January 6, 2026

Re: Survivor Reference Letter for Jennifer Grant-Blount

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Christa Swanger, and I am the surviving spouse of Officer Jason Swanger of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, who died in the line of duty on June 24, 2021.

I first met Jennifer Grant-Blount in Reno while attending our state ceremony and the Hoff ceremony in honor of Jason in May of 2022. As we did not have anyone from our chapter of COPS present, Jennifer introduced herself and immediately stepped in to guide us. She explained how the ceremony would proceed and provided helpful information about the Hoff ceremony scheduled for the following day.

We were surprised—and relieved—to see Jennifer again when we traveled to Washington, D.C. for National Police Week. Amid the overwhelming emotions and the chaos of such a significant event, seeing a familiar face brought us comfort. If it had not been for Jennifer, we would have been even more confused and lost. She took us under her wing, helping us navigate where we needed to be and when. This particular Police Week occurred during COVID, and attendance was larger than usual, making everything even more hectic.

One moment that stands out clearly is the Candlelight Vigil. Our bus did not have an escort, so it was rerouted and did not receive Honor Guard assistance upon arrival. No one on the bus knew where to go. Jennifer immediately stepped up, directing everyone and ensuring we all found our way. Without her leadership, we would have been completely lost.

Throughout Police Week, Jennifer continued to check on me and my family. We shared meals with her and members of the NNVCOPS board, and my son Noah connected with her right away—something that is rare for him. Our friendship with Jennifer, her family, and the NNVCOPS board has continued ever since. They have become our family. I know I can call Jennifer whenever I need support, and I have reached out to her in tears more than once.

It is very rare to meet people with such deep passion and commitment that, even years after their own suffering, they continue to show up for others who are enduring a horrific loss. Jennifer is one of those rare people. A lot of people don't realize that a role like this is not only completely voluntary and carried out in addition to the demands of everyday life, but it is also emotionally taxing.

Jennifer has also been a mentor to me and a tremendous source of support in my role as President of SNVCOPS. Her compassion, leadership, and unwavering dedication to survivors make her an invaluable asset to the COPS community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Christa Swanger Noah Swanger

Christa and Noah Swanger

