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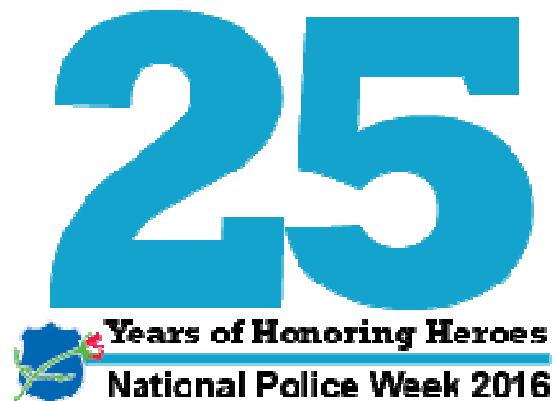
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President's Message

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Surviving Spouse of LAPD Officer Joe Rios, EOW: 01-20-93

Greetings everyone . . . as I start to type this President's

Message I am reflecting on the emotional Tribute the Board and I attended as The California Chiefs' Association and the host Agency, Ontario PD, honored the five (5) LODD (Line of Duty Death) and their families. The host Agency, Ontario PD, did an outstanding job in making sure the families felt the love and care as their loved one was honored with the outmost respect, love and care Again, thank you Ontario!

The journey continues as we prepare for the month of May May is the month when we honor those that made the ultimate sacrifice performing their duties and keeping us all safe. Throughout our Cities, Counties and States levels and in our National capital, DC, memorials will be a common factor for those of us walking this journey. It is when we meet others with a common bond that will never be broken. It is when we make long lasting friendships as we talk about our loss and how do we start the "new" normal. It is when we meet our extended family we never knew we had. It is when we cry together, and wonder "how did this happen" and what do I do now ... so please remember, for our current and past survivors, today is the beginning of a better tomorrow. There is a light at the end of the tunnel, dim, very, very, dim, but we promise there is one ... Anniversaries and Memorials remind us of important historical events and heroic deeds. It also reminds us of the pain and death of our loved one . . . and paying the ultimate sacrifice. Our promise is to love, honor and be there throughout your journey. Our promise is not an empty promise We, will always be there for you and your family. Words are the blossoms, action the fruit . . .

With your permission and acceptance, please allow us to walk with you in your journey ...

Looking forward to hearing from you on any suggestions, wants and comments that you might think you want the Chapter moving forward towards . . . Please remember, this is your Chapter and your input and comments are essential in making sure we meet your needs.

Southern California Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors is here to support you and encourage you through your journey . . . as time goes by, our needs, questions and uncertainties might change, but we will not. . . we are always here for you!

God bless you all and take care... 

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For your support...

We want to express our appreciation for the following donations from individual(s) and group(s). These contributions (financial or in-kind gifts) during this quarter are making it possible for us to provide support to our survivors.

Quarterly Donations:

- California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation
- Cristina Miscavish

If you or your group wishes to provide a donation and support us supporting the survivors, you may do so by mailing a check or go online and donate via PayPal at our web site.

<https://socalcops.org/donate/>

Again, thank you for your donation and support. 



SoCalCOPS.org

Make your charitable donation online to honor the memory of a fallen law enforcement officer from your agency, academy or community.

You may use the enclosed envelope inside this issue to donate by check or money order.

These Individuals and organizations have donated to the Chapter via our newsletter fundraiser drive. Thank you for your support...

Pat Soriero — In Memory of Jordan Corder

Daniel Brunken's Fundraiser:

Daniel's Run for Families of Fallen Officers

Hapalua Hawaii's Half Marathon — April 10, 2016

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who? if
not now,
when?*



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Always Go To The Funeral

Deirdre Sullivan

I believe in always going to the funeral. My father taught me that.

The first time he said it directly to me, I was 16 and trying to get out of going to calling hours for Miss Emerson, my old fifth grade math teacher. I did not want to go. My father was unequivocal. *"Dee," he said, "you're going. Always go to the funeral. Do it for the family."*

So my dad waited outside while I went in. It was worse than I thought it would be: I was the only kid there. When the condolence line deposited me in front of Miss Emerson's shell-shocked parents, I stammered out, *"Sorry about all this,"* and stalked away. But, for that deeply weird expression of sympathy delivered 20 years ago, Miss Emerson's mother still remembers my name and always says hello with tearing eyes.

That was the first time I went unchaperoned, but my parents had been taking us kids to funerals and calling hours as a matter of course for years. By the time I was 16, I had been to five or six funerals. I remember two things from the funeral circuit: bottomless dishes of free mints and my father saying on the ride home, *"You can't come in without going out, kids. Always go to the funeral."*

Sounds simple — when someone dies, get in your car and go to calling hours or the funeral. That, I can do. But I think a personal philosophy of going to funerals means more than that.

"Always go to the funeral" means that I have to do the right thing when I really, really don't feel like it. I have to remind myself of it

when I could make some small gesture, but I don't really have to and I definitely don't want to. I'm talking about those things that represent only inconvenience to me, but the world to the other guy. You know, the painfully under-attended birthday party. The hospital visit during happy hour. The Shiva call for one of my ex's uncles. In my humdrum life, the daily battle hasn't been good versus evil. It's hardly so epic. Most days, my real battle is doing good versus doing nothing.

In going to funerals, I've come to believe that while I wait to make a grand heroic gesture, I should just stick to the small inconveniences that let me share in life's inevitable, occasional calamity.

On a cold April night three years ago, my father died a quiet death from cancer. His funeral was on a Wednesday, middle of the workweek. I had been numb for days when, for some reason, during the funeral, I turned and looked back at the folks in the church. The memory of it still takes my breath away. The most human, powerful and humbling thing I've ever seen was a church at 3:00 on a Wednesday full of inconvenienced people who believe in going to the funeral. [🦋](#)

About the Author: Deirdre Sullivan grew up in Syracuse, N.Y., and traveled the world working odd jobs before attending law school at Northwestern University. She's now a freelance attorney living in Brooklyn. Sullivan says her father's greatest gift to her and her family was how he ushered them through the process of his death.

Southern California Law Enforcement Memorials



Memorial Ceremonies in May

This is a partial list of known scheduled law enforcement memorial ceremonies in Southern California counties. If your agency is not listed please, contact them to determine if a local ceremony will be held and/or for details of it. Thank you.

May 1 Candlelight Vigil 8:00 PM
May 2 Ceremony 10:30 AM
California Peace Officers' Memorial
Sacramento, CA

May 4 Ceremony NOON
San Diego County Law Enforcement Memorial
San Diego County Administration Building – West Lawn
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA

May 5 Ceremony 11:00 AM
San Diego Police Memorial Tribute
San Diego Police Hqtrs – Memorial Monument of Heroes
1400 Broadway
San Diego, CA 92101

May 5 Ceremony 10:00 AM
LAPD Memorial to Fallen Officers
Police Administration Building Plaza
100 West First Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

May 6 Ceremony 5:30 PM
Imperial Valley Law Enforcement Memorial
Imperial County Courthouse
939 West Main Street
El Centro, CA

May 13 Candlelight Vigil 8:00 PM ^^
May 15-21 National Police Week
National Law Enforcement Memorial
Washington, DC

TBD Ceremony
Westminster Police Memorial
Westminster Civic Center Plaza
8200 Westminster Boulevard
Westminster, CA

TBD Ceremony
'Fallen Five' Police Memorial
Garden Grove Police Headquarters
11301 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, CA 92840

May 15 Peace Officer Memorial Day
United States Capitol Building – West Lawn
Washington, DC

May 23 Ceremony 6:15 PM
Riverside County Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony
'SAFE IN HIS ARMS' Memorial
Riverside, CA

May 18 Ceremony 10:00 AM
Los Angeles County Peace Officers' Memorial
STAR Center
11515 South Colima Road
Whittier, CA 90604

May 19 Ceremony 10:00 AM
Ventura County Peace Officers' Memorial
Ventura County Government Center
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA

May 19 Ceremony 10:00 AM
San Bernardino County – San Bernardino PD
Hosted by San Bernardino Police Department
San Bernardino, CA

TBD Ceremony
Candlelight Vigil
Orange County Peace Officers' Memorial
Orange County Sheriff's Academy/ Memorial Site
Tustin, CA



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Want to be there...

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<http://www.nleomf.org/candle-light-vigil-wall/>



RIDE TO REMEMBER



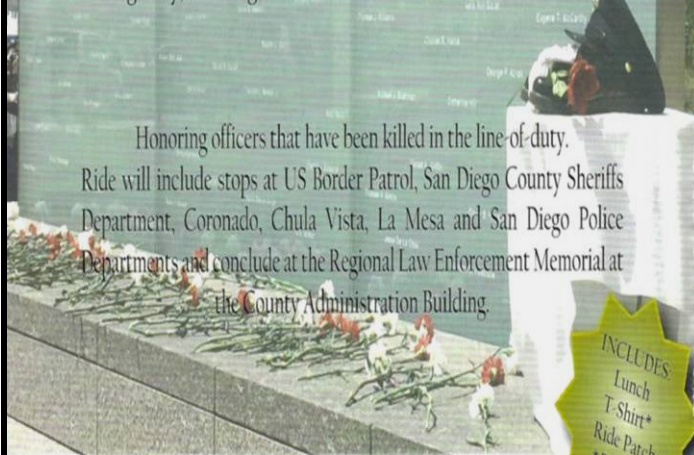
MOTORCYCLE POKER RUN

BENEFITTING THE MEMORIAL FUND OF
THE SAN DIEGO POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Saturday, April 30, 2016

Registration 7:00 AM / Rider Brief 8:30 AM

Staging Location: San Diego County Law Enforcement Memorial
1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego



Honoring officers that have been killed in the line-of-duty.

Ride will include stops at US Border Patrol, San Diego County Sheriffs Department, Coronado, Chula Vista, La Mesa and San Diego Police Departments and conclude at the Regional Law Enforcement Memorial at the County Administration Building.

INCLUDES
Lunch
T-Shirt*
Ride Patch
*Rider only

REGISTRATION: \$40 Rider / \$20 Passenger

EARLY REGISTRATION: \$35 Rider / \$15 Passenger (received before 4/18/2016)

Information, Donations or Sponsorship:

www.SDPOA.org or www.SDCMOA.com

SDPOA: 8388 Vickers Street, San Diego, CA 92111

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Blue Knights CA VI

Benefit Poker Ride

Saturday, June 11, 2016



Ride Proceeds to Support C.O.P.S

Single Rider \$20 | Passenger \$10 | Additional Hands \$5

High Poker Hand - \$200

Low Poker Hand - \$100

50-25-25 Drawing

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from 8:00 - 10:00 A.M.

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Ramona, CA 92065

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<http://mkt.com/blueknightscavi/benefit-ride>

Please print information and sign liability waiver:

Rider: _____ Passenger: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Club Name: _____

Liability waiver: I hereby agree to conform with all state, county and municipal regulations as well as the rules of the Blue Knights CA VI and further agree to hold harmless the Blue Knights International, Blue Knights CA VI, the officers and agents of the Blue Knights for any accidents which may be involved in or injuries sustained while on route to, during and after the event. If I am under 18 years of age, I have received my parent/guardian's permission to enter this event under this agreement.

Please Sign:

Rider: _____ Passenger: _____

Age: _____ Age: _____

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EITHER EVENT:

<http://mkt.com/blueknightscavi/benefit-ride>
www.SDPOA.org or www.SDCMOA.com

Important Events and Activities

Mark Your Calendars



Here are some upcoming law enforcement events. If you know of any other events, please email us with the information so others may attend and support these events as well.

Local Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremonies

During the Month of May

Southern California - See *Listings on Page 6*



SoCal Chapter Annual Meeting

APR 2 09:00 – 12:00 Noon

Ontario Police Department – Community Room



SDCMOA 'Ride to Remember'

APR 30

San Diego

www.SDPOA.org or www.SDCMOA.com



CA Memorial Ceremonies

MAY 1 - Candlelight Vigil

MAY 2 - Enrollment Ceremony

Sacramento

www.camemorial.org



National Police Week

MAY 15-21

Washington, DC

www.nationalcops.org



Blue Knights CA VI 'Benefit Poker Ride'

JUNE 11

San Diego

<http://mkt.com/blueknightscavi/benefit-ride>



US Police & Fire Championships

JUNE 18-25

San Diego

www.uspfc.org



EVENT INFO WANTED

Email us: JFAnewsletter@aol.com

National Police Week Activities

Law Enforcement United Arrival Ceremony

Thursday, May 12, 2016

"The Ride to Hope"

Marine Memorial - Washington, DC

Police Unity Tour Arrival Ceremony

Thursday, May 12, 2016

"We ride for those who've died."

Washington, DC

28th Annual Candlelight Vigil

Friday, May 13, 2016 at 8:00 pm

National Mall

Located between 4th & 7th Streets



C.O.P.S. Kids/Teen Activities

Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 8:15 am – 4:30 pm

FBI Academy

Quantico, VA

National Police Survivors' Conference – 1st Day

Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel

Alexandria, VA

22nd Annual Emerald Society & Pipeband March and Service

Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 4:30 pm

Judiciary Square

National Law enforcement Officers' Memorial

35th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service

Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 11:00 am

West Front of the United States Capitol

Washington, DC



C.O.P.S. Kids/Teen Activities

Monday, May 16, 2016 at 8:15 am – 4:30 pm

Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy

Chantilly, VA

National Police Survivors' Conference – 2nd Day

Monday, May 16, 2016 at 9:00 am

Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel

Alexandria, VA

Hoedown at the Hilton

Monday, May 16, 2016 at 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel

Alexandria, VA

For any last minute changes please
check in the lobby of your hotel for a copy of
C.O.P.S. 'All Points Bulletin'

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

April 10 - 16, 2016

C.O.P.S. Receives \$50,000 Grant from Chris Kyle FROG Foundation

Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) is excited to announce they have been chosen as a recipient of a \$50,000 holiday grant from the Chris Kyle FROG Foundation. The mission of this foundation is “to serve those who serve us by providing meaningful interactive experiences that enrich family relationships.”

“We recognize the complexity and range of issues that military and first responders face,” said Taya Kyle, Executive Director of the Chris Kyle Frog Foundation. “Our hope with these grants is to make a positive impact for these like-minded organizations so that together, as a community, we can provide real solutions that make a long-term difference.”

The money from this grant will go towards C.O.P.S. Hands-On Programs that provide peer support and counseling to the surviving family members and affected co-workers of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. Programs are provided at no cost to survivors as the price they have paid is already too high.

“C.O.P.S. appreciates the generosity of the Chris Kyle FROG Foundation and shares in their focus on the struggles and the successes of families,” said Dianne Bernhard, Executive Director of C.O.P.S. “C.O.P.S. honors the sacrifice each officer made by keeping the promise to support their survivors and rebuild their shattered

lives. We are able to do that through our Hands-On Programs.”

C.O.P.S. is a nationwide not-for-profit organization with 49 chapters across the nation that assists survivors at the grass roots level. Members of C.O.P.S. are always prepared to help survivors when they need it, where they need it.

For more information on C.O.P.S. programs and services, please visit www.nationalcops.org. You can also follow C.O.P.S. on Facebook at www.facebook.com/nationalcops, or Twitter by searching @nationalcops.



40th Annual
**CALIFORNIA PEACE OFFICERS'
MEMORIAL CEREMONIES**

☞ **HONORED OFFICERS** ☞

Officer Michael J. Johnson
San Jose Police Department
EOW: March 24, 2015

Officer David J. Nelson
Bakersfield Police Department
EOW: June 26, 2015

Sergeant Scott P. Lunger
Hayward Police Department
EOW: July 22, 2015

Officer Bryce E. Hanes
San Bernardino Police Department
EOW: November 5, 2015

ENROLLED FROM PRIOR YEARS

Officer William H. Waggoner
Long Beach Police Department
December 18, 1954



MAY 1 & 2, 2016 • 10TH STREET AT CAPITOL MALL • SACRAMENTO



2016 California's Fallen Law Enforcement Officers

♥ | CPOMF – Line-of-Duty Death

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Line-of-Duty Deaths



♥ **Deputy Scott Ballantyne**

Tulare County SD

EOW: 02-10-16



♥ **Officer Nathan Taylor**

CHP – Gold Run Area

EOW: 03-13-16

Other

K9 Jojo

San Bernardino SD

EOW: 01-06-16

K9 Jag

Twin Rivers Unified School District PD

EOW: 01-20-16

2016 Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremonies

CALIFORNIA

May 1 - Candlelight Vigil | Sacramento

May 2 - Enrollment Ceremony | Sacramento

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May 13 – Candlelight Vigil | John Marshall Park

May 15 - National Peace Officers' Memorial Day

May 15-21 – National Police Week | Washington, DC



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RIVERSIDE COUNTY
PEACE OFFICERS'

Memorial Ceremony

Please join us to show your support for all Law Enforcement Officers who
have lost their lives protecting the citizens of Riverside County.

May 23, 2016

"Safe in His Arms Memorial"

4102 Orange Street · Riverside, California

Memorial Run will begin promptly at 5:45 PM

The memorial run is a moderate jog, for all ages, approximately
2 miles long. Early arrival is encouraged. All participants are asked to
meet in front of the "Safe in His Arms" statue.

The ceremony will begin immediately following the run.

Memorial Ceremony - 6:15 PM

The ceremony will include a multi-agency helicopter fly-over
and a fallen officer tribute.

Flier designed by: Riverside County Sheriff's Department