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SUBJECT TO CHANGE

BUSINESS/ PRE-ELECTION MEETING

SATURDAY, JAN 30 @ 9 AM TIL NOON

ONTARIO POLICE DEPARTMENT — COMMUNITY ROOM

CHAPTER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SATURDAY, APR 2 @ 9 AM TIL NOON

ONTARIO POLICE DEPARTMENT — COMMUNITY ROOM



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President's Message

Irma Rios

SoCal COPS Chapter - President
Surviving Spouse of LAPD Officer Joe Rios, EOW: 01-20-93

Now that the Christmas gifts are unwrapped, the lights are put away, families that traveled through the holidays are back in town and for those of us that traveled this journey for a while we probably say “WOW ANOTHER YEAR” without our husband, wife, father, mom, son, daughter, brother, sister, significant other, co-worker or just a friend. No matter how long it has been, the holidays are always a double sword of emotions! On one hand, we see the smiles of our families sharing food, laughs and, more importantly, the memories of those that are no longer here and on the other hand, the fact that we do not have them here on earth to say “*I love you ... Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*” and making plans for the next chapter ahead of us together.

And for the families that are newer and have recently started this journey as a survivor, I prayed and hoped that this Holiday Season you were able to smile, laugh and cry as you looked on the empty chair at the table or the empty space on the couch... It is a very bumpy road as the 1st, 2nd, 3rd even the 5th year could be so gloomy and foggy, especially during the during Christmas time.

With Concerns of Police Survivors SoCal Chapter, we weep and laugh together, we sometimes bear each other's burdens, we pray and encourage one another and we challenge and help each other to continue this journey as we hold our hand out to walk with you . . .

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... 

Save these Dates

MEETING NOTICES

Meeting Dates & Location Tentative
view our web site – www.SoCalCOPS.org - for any last minute changes

Regular Business/ Pre-Election Meeting

Saturday, JAN 30, 2016 at 9:00 AM 'til 12:00 PM Noon
Ontario PD – Community Room

Survivors' Informational Meeting

Sunday, MAR 13, 2016
Ontario Police Department

Annual Chapter General Membership/ Election Meeting

Saturday, APR 2, 2016 at 9:00 AM 'til 12:00 PM Noon
Ontario PD – Community Room



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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...

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Heroic Organization Helps the Families of Law Enforcement Fallen Heroes Rebuild Their Lives

A SURVIVOR'S PROSPECTIVE

Deputy Tony Tutino

Ventura County Sheriff's Department

Surviving Sibling of LASD Deputy James Tutino, EOW: 01-26-2005

Concerns of Police Survivors, known to most as "COPS," was founded April 9, 1984. The COPS organization was established to extend a helping hand to families of fallen officers. Their initial objectives was to assist with the psychological, financial and legal well-being of the fallen officers' immediate family, but they have grown into an organization that now supports the well-being of the families, the co-workers and other law enforcement personnel affected by line-of-duty loss and other line-of-duty traumas.

The family of any officer who has died in the line-of-duty in the United States or its territories may use the services of COPS. The elected Officers of the organization, which include a National President and nine Regional Trustees, all have suffered a line-of-duty loss in their immediate family. The organization has members in all states and territories who work tirelessly to see to the needs of the surviving parents, spouses, siblings, off-spring and co-workers of fallen officers with compassionate and real world advice and guidance for the healing process.

This is where the members of the COPS organization step in to assist. The members that work on behalf of the COPS organization, which include the local chapters in each state, attend training in order to address the needs of the family members and co-workers of the fallen officers. They step up to help the families make funeral arrangements, fill out the benefit paperwork so the families receive the appropriate compensation, as well as communicate to the loved ones the various hands on programs that are available to help them rebuild their shattered lives when these tragic events occur.

One of the most important events hosted by the COPS organization is the annual National Law Enforcement Memorial Day, held on May 15th of every year, in Washington, DC. Many individual states have also built their own memorials. The COPS organization assists the families in attending their state events as well.

Speaking from experience, having attended both the California State and National Memorials in honor of my brother, Los Angeles County Deputy James Tutino (EOW: 01-26-2005), the members of this organization do a tremendous job in tending to the needs of the families during these events, as well as the recovery process. They assign a liaison to meet with and personally stand by the families every step of the way to see that these weeks are as stress-free as possible.

Another one of the popular programs they provide is a series of retreats that are segmented by family role – parent, spouse, significant other, sibling, children, etc. These retreats are designed to help the loved ones rebuild their lives. They receive support from grief counselors and other families' participants in the same role. There are numerous types of retreats and all of these retreats are cost free to the surviving families and co-workers and many, if not all, get booked to capacity each year!

Another very difficult time for law enforcement line-of-duty survivors, is the trial of the accused. The overwhelming feelings of grief and having to relive the incident, often in magnified detail, can be quite an emotional rollercoaster. Support volunteers from COPS attend the trial with the family offering comfort and guidance on the rights of survivors, including advice and support for those surviving family members who wish to make an impact statement.

As we near the one year anniversary of the death of Ventura County Sheriff's Deputy Eugene Kostiuchenko, I wonder how many more families of law enforcement will have to endure this tragic event. Having suffered this loss as a sibling almost eleven years ago, my parents, my sister and I all know firsthand how hard the members of this organization work to help the families regain their lives. My

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Heroic Organization - Continued from page 5.

mother, who is a Trustee for the Southern California Chapter of COPS, has helped several families in recent years who have suffered this loss.

COPS is a non-profit organization. They (National COPS) are largely funded by donations from companies like Streamlight, Motorola, Glock Perfection, Quantico Tactical and many others. COPS also looks to private individuals, such as yourselves, to make donations to the local chapters to help them continue the support services they provide to the families. The money raised goes toward the cost of grief counseling, attending the memorials, scholarship funds offered to spouses and siblings of the officers, and the cost for people who attend the retreats. For more information please visit their donation page on their web site: www.nationalcops.org/support or our local chapter's web site: www.SoCalCOPS.org/donate for secure online donation or more information about the organization.

The COPS organization's mission statement is: *"Rebuilding shattered lives of survivors and co-workers affected by the line-of-duty deaths, through partnerships with law enforcement and the community."*

From my firsthand knowledge and family involvement, as well as from the stories of others who have worked with this organization, I know they are doing what they set out to do – each and every day – helping families and law enforcement personnel in need. 



CAMARILLO — On 11-05-2015 a portion of Highway 101 was dedicated to honor Deputy Yevhen 'Eugene' Kostiuchenko.

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Penrod's BBQ & Christmas Party Photos...



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.

COPS 'Back the Blue' Carnival Cruise

FEB 12 — Sail FEB 13-20, 2016

Galveston, TX

www.Cruise800.com



Survivors Informational Meeting

MAR 13

Ontario Police Department



CPCA 39th Annual Training Symposium

MAR 13-17

Ontario — Ontario PD Host Agency

www.californiapolicechiefs.org



NASCAR 'First Responder Appreciation Package'

MAR 20

Fontana Auto Club Speedway

www.AutoClubSpeedway.com/RESPONDER

FLYER

SoCal Chapter Annual Meeting

APR 2 09:00 — 12:00 Noon

Ontario Police Department — Community Room



CA Memorial Ceremonies

MAY 1 - Candlelight Vigil

MAY 2 - Enrollment Ceremony

Sacramento

www.camemorial.org



National Police Week

MAY 15-21

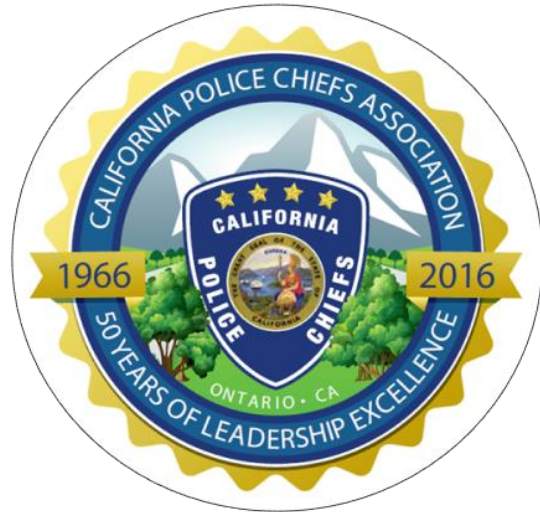
Washington, DC

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California Police Chiefs' Association 39th Annual Training Conference

MAR 13-17, 2016 | Ontario, CA

MAR 13, Sunday
Families Arrive

MAR 14, Monday
Fallen Officers' Family Breakfast
Opening Ceremony & Family Officer Tribute





Students it is time to apply for Scholarships



LAW ENFORCEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

DEPENDENTS

California Alarm Association: The 2016 CAA/ESA Youth Scholarship Program offers funds to children of active duty law enforcement and fire service personnel in the State of California who are graduating from high school. There are 11 regional awards, one statewide award, and two national awards. **Application Deadline: Possibly March 2016.**

<http://www.caaonline.org/> | No scholarship information has been posted online as of yet.

CLEA: CLEA provides four scholarships each year to high school and college students who are dependents of members who have been enrolled in the LTD Plan for at least one year. Membership required – applications and information available online. <http://www.clea.org/scholarship.html> | Scholarship application packets will be available in January 2016.

Peace Officers' Research Association of California (PORAC)

<http://porac.org/membership-information/committees/poref/?PHPSESSID=260ed037b8567e52cabebc77bf7765e3>

PORAC provides scholarships for applicants (children of PORAC members as well as In the Line of Duty dependents) who are currently attending or will be registering for college. **The Scholarship Committee will begin accepting the next round of application in early January 2016.** Use the posted link to obtain additional information.

Mailing Address: PORAC/Scholarships, 4010 Truxel Rd., Sacramento, CA 95834

Questions regarding the PORAC Scholarship?

E-Mail: scholarships@porac.org (applications will not be accepted via e-mail or fax. Originals must be mailed or hand delivered to be eligible). **Call:** 800-937-6722

WIVES BEHIND THE BADGE: The Wives Behind the Badge Scholarship Program offers two scholarships per year – one for the dependent children of law enforcement officers and one for the spouses of law enforcement officers. For more information go online and review their criteria. <http://www.wivesbehindthebadge.org/our-work/scholarships/>

SURVIVORS OF DUTY-RELATED DEATHS

CALIFORNIA PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL FOUNDATION JOHN F. DUFFY SCHOLARSHIP / GRANT PROGRAM:

Dependents of California peace officers who have died in the line of duty are eligible to receive annual scholarships from the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation. Dependents of California officers, who have died in the line-of-duty, regardless of how long ago, are eligible for the scholarships. **Applications must be submitted electronically or via mail postmarked by June 1 of each year.** <http://www.camemorial.org/scholarship.php>

Police Family Survivors Fund Scholarship - The American Federation of Police & Concerned Citizens through the Police Family Survivors Fund, awards hundreds of scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 per year to surviving sons and daughters of police officers killed in the line of duty. <http://www.apfh.org/scholarships.html> Email: info@apfh.org

Alan Pattee Scholarships

Through the Alan Pattee Scholarship Act (Ed Code, section 68120), children of deceased public law enforcement or fire suppression employees are not charged mandatory system wide fees at any CSU campus if their parent was a California resident and was killed in the line-of-duty. **Check with campus financial aid counsels for additional information.**

All applicants should always check with your school for additional sources of scholarships and grants that may be available. It is recommended that applicants also check with your law enforcement agency for the possibility of other scholarships, as membership may be required. Requirements may change without notice and applicant is responsible for all qualifying criteria. ⚡

San Bernardino Police Officer Bryce Hanes

Bryce E. Hanes

1975 - 2015

Bryce Edward Hanes, 39, passed away Thursday, November 5, 2015 while on duty as a San Bernardino police officer.

Bryce is survived by his wife of 16 years, Alice; his children Abby, Katy and Ben; his father Jerry; sisters Tracey and Regan and his brother Scott.

He was preceded in death by his mother Karan.

Bryce was born Nov. 17, 1975, in Redlands to Karan and Jerry Hanes.

Bryce graduated from San Bernardino High School in 1993, and served a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He received an Associates Degree from Valley College.

Bryce and Alice were married for eternity in the San Diego, California, LDS temple.

He has been a police officer with the city of San Bernardino for 12 years, and a Sunday school teacher for 8 and 9 year-olds at his church.

Bryce loved his family, faith and serving the community as a police officer. He was loved and respected by many. Bryce will be remembered and his legacy will be celebrated.

Services for family and friends were held November 12, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. A public service was held Thursday, at the National Orange Show.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at Emmerson Bartlett Memorial Chapel, in Redlands.



A memorial fund has been set up in Officer Hanes memory to assist his family, mail donations to:

San Bernardino Police Officer's Foundation
c/o Bryce Hanes
P.O. Box 2967
San Bernardino, CA 92406



Officer Bryce Hanes was a 12-year member of the San Bernardino Police Department and was killed in a traffic collision early Thursday morning (11-05-15) after an alleged drunken driver struck his patrol car in the city of Ontario.

Hanes, a 40-year-old Redlands resident, had just dropped off an inmate at the West Valley Detention Center in Rancho Cucamonga.

At a celebration of his life held at the Shamrock Bar and Grill in Corona on Friday, November 6, Hanes was described as "... a humanitarian, an amazing man, an outstanding officer and a friend to everyone."

Hanes, a devout member of the Latter Day Saints, never drank alcohol and was toasted with his beverage of choice – Dr. Pepper. 



2015 California's Fallen Law Enforcement Officers

♥ | CPOMF – Line-of-Duty Death

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Line-of-Duty Deaths



♥ **Officer Michael Johnson**

San Jose PD
EOW: 03-24-15



♥ **Officer David Nelson**

Bakersfield PD
EOW: 06-26-15



♥ **Sergeant Scott Lunger**

Hayward PD
EOW: 07-22-15



♥ **Officer Bryce Hanes**

San Bernardino PD
EOW: 11-05-15

Other



K9 Sultan

Riverside SD
EOW: 01-21-15



K9 Nitro

Stockton PD
EOW: 06-30-15

2016 Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremonies

CALIFORNIA

May 1 - Candlelight Vigil | Sacramento
May 2 - Enrollment Ceremony | Sacramento

NATIONAL

May 13 - Candlelight Vigil | NLEOM Judiciary Square
May 15 - National Peace Officers' Memorial Day
May 15-21 - National Police Week | Washington, DC



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