



SoCAL CHAPTER C.O.P.S. NEWSLETTER

2017 WINTER ISSUE

HOPE: HEALING, LOVE AND LIFE RENEWED

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President's Message

Blue lights shining in the night, honoring our fallen officers and those who still serve. That was the scene at the annual Blue Light Ceremony in Riverside County. It was wonderful to see the tradition continue that Dolly Craig started almost 30 years ago in honor of her son-in-law, Officer Dan Gleason, from the Philadelphia Police Dept., EOW 6-5- 1986, and her daughter, Dan's wife Pam, who had died in an automobile accident in 1989. C.O.P.S. adopted the idea and began Project Blue Light. I was honored to know both Pam and Dolly, who has since passed away.

As the new President, I want to wish all of you Happy Holidays from your Southern California Chapter of C.O.P.S. We should remember that many of our members are not finding the holidays merry and bright. In fact, it's their least favorite time of the year. Christmas was just three months after my husband, Tim was killed. There was a great outpouring from the community, but the only reason I was celebrating was for our children. C.O.P.S. had not been in existence long, 2 years, and there was no Chapter here in California, but I had friends at that time that helped me through those days. Now we have three chapters in the state, ready to help and give advice to each other, or just to listen. All of us are from different backgrounds and circumstances, but we all share in the distinction of being Survivors. Let our chapter help you. We are always looking for ways to connect, and social media is one way to be in touch with other survivors. Check out our Facebook page.

As we start a new year, I wish blessings upon our survivors and our agencies. And let your Blue Lights shine, not just for Christmas, but all year.

God bless you all and take care... 

Barbara McMurrich

President, SoCal C.O.P.S.

Surviving Spouse of San Bernardino Police Sgt. Timothy F. Littlefield,
EOW: 09/14/86



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Southern California Information

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.

Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis. All dependents of California peace officers that have died in the line of duty, regardless of how long ago, are eligible. Approval of applications will not be based upon sex, age, race, creed, national origin, or religious preference, or restricted based upon the applicants' field of endeavor. The criteria to be used in granting scholarships may include; academic achievement, financial need, school activities, and community service.

For complete details and deadlines please go online
<https://camemorial.org/scholarship-program/>

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS:

We want to hear from you! If you have something to share with your C.O.P.S. family (a photo, an event or memorial marker honoring your fallen hero, a special way of remembering your officer, thoughts about how C.O.P.S. has helped your family, etc.) please submit it to be published in a future newsletter. We welcome contributions for the Kids/Teens Page too!

Please email your item to the Newsletter Editor, Liz White-Dibb at
LWhiteDibb.SoCalCOPS@gmail.com.

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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:

- The Blue Knights - \$2,500
- Ontario Police Museum - \$225
- Donation from PayPal - \$150
- Donations from Amazon Smiles - \$61.48
- Wicks Brewing Co - \$905.28

Amazon Shopper? By using this link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/33-0802427/> Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of ALL your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to **Concerns of Police Survivors Southern California Chapter** whenever you shop on AmazonSmile. It's the easiest way for YOU to support Southern California Chapter C.O.P.S.

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. 



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

Dedication

October 8, 2017 marked the one-year anniversary of the deaths of two Palm Springs officers killed in the line of duty. To honor these heroes a four-mile stretch of Highway 111 has been renamed in their honor. The sign dedicating Police Officer Jose 'Gil' Vega and Police Officer Lesley Zerebny Memorial Highway, which runs from Overture Drive to West San Rafael Drive, was unveiled in a ceremony at the Palm Springs Visitors Center.



Spouses 2017

HEALING THROUGH UNDERSTANDING





Registration for COPSWALK Southwest 2018 has begun! COPSWALK Southwest brings together survivors, friends and members of the law enforcement community to walk 25-miles in 2-days in honor of their fallen officer. All proceeds from this event help fund C.O.P.S. Hands-On Programs for family members and co-workers of fallen officers.

Our Hands-On Programs would not be successful without the support of folks like you that participate and support this event! We hope that you will join us for a fun and rewarding experience on February 9-11 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Registration is free, however, all participants are asked to choose a fundraising package, which includes hotel, meals, and a t-shirt. See below for more details.

Option 1: The "Original" Package - \$1,000 Raised

2-Day, 25-Mile COPSWALK

Includes 2 Night Stay, 2 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches & 2 Dinners

Option 2: The "Crawler" Package - \$1,000 Raised

2-Day, 12.5-Mile COPSWALK (*6.25 miles each day*)

Includes 2 Night Stay, 2 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches & 2 Dinners

Option 3: The "No-Stay" Package - \$750 Raised

2-Day, 25-Mile COPSWALK

Includes 2 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches & 2 Dinners

Option 4: The "1/2 COPSWALK" Package - \$500 Raised

1-Day, 12.5 Mile COPSWALK

Includes 1 Night Stay, 1 Breakfast, 1 Lunch & 1 Dinner

Questions about the walk? Please contact Lori Matthes at the C.O.P.S. National Office [573-346-4911](tel:573-346-4911).



Chapter Calendar

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 - TBA



SoCal Chapter Quarterly Meeting

Mar 10 09:30 – 12:00 Noon
Ontario Police Department – Community Room

CA Police Chief's Association Training Conference

Mar 18 – 22, 2018
The Westin Long Beach

CA Memorial Ceremonies

MAY 6, 2018 - Candlelight Vigil
MAY 7, 2018 - Enrollment Ceremony
Sacramento
www.camemorial.org



National Police Week

MAY 12-16, 2018
Washington, DC
www.nationalcops.org



US Police & Fire Championships

JUNE 2-9, 2018
San Diego
www.uspfc.org



EVENT INFO WANTED

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National Police Week Activities

Law Enforcement United Arrival Ceremony
Saturday, May 12, 2018

Police Unity Tour Arrival Ceremony
Saturday, May 12, 2018
"We ride for those who've died."
Washington, DC



30th Annual Candlelight Vigil
Sunday, May 13, 2018
National Mall
Located between 4th & 7th Streets

C.O.P.S. Kids/Teen Activities
Monday, May 14, 2018
FBI Academy
Quantico, VA

National Police Survivors' Conference – 1st Day
Monday, May 14, 2018 at 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel
Alexandria, VA

37th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service
Tuesday, May 15, 2018
West Front of the United States Capitol
Washington, DC



C.O.P.S. Kids/Teen Activities
Wednesday, May 16, 2018
Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel
Alexandria, VA

National Police Survivors' Conference – 2nd Day
Wednesday, May 16, 2018
Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel
Alexandria, VA

Picnic on the Patio at the Hilton
Wednesday, May 16, 2018
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'

California In the Line of Duty 2017



Officer Gerardo Silva
Redwood City
Police Department
EOW: January 20, 2017



Officer Keith Boyer
Whittier Police Department
EOW: February 20, 2017



Officer Lucas Chellew
California Highway Patrol
EOW: February 22, 2017



Deputy Sheriff Michael Foley
Alameda County
Sheriff's Department
EOW: February 23, 2017



Deputy Sheriff Jason Garner
Stanislaus County
Sheriff's Department
EOW: May 13, 2017



Deputy Sheriff Robert Rumfelt
Lake County
Sheriff's Department
EOW: August 22, 2017



Deputy Sheriff Robert French
Sacramento County
Sheriff's Department
EOW: August 30, 2017



Officer Andrew J. Camilleri, Sr.
California Highway Patrol
EOW: December 24, 2017



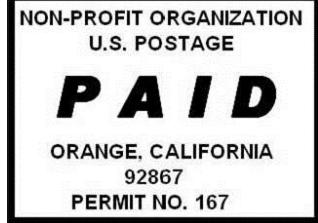
K9 Officer Jax
Milpitas Police Department
EOW: October 31, 2017

"It's not how these officers died that made them heroes, it's how they lived."



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