



# CONCERNS OF POLICE SURVIVORS

*Central California C.O.P.S. Chapter*

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## 2016 California Fallen Officer



### Deputy Sheriff Scott Ballantyne

Tulare County Sheriff's Office, CA  
EOW: Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Deputy Sheriff Scott Ballantyne and James Chavez, a civilian pilot, lost their lives in an airplane crash near Lake Success at approximately 4:15 pm, on Wednesday, February 10, 2016.

The aircraft was assisting deputies on the ground search for a subject wanted for brandishing a firearm. It was preparing to leave the area after the suspect was arrested when it suddenly lost altitude and crashed into a mountain. Deputy Ballantyne and Mr. Chavez were the only two occupants of the CTLE ultralight. Both victims were veterans in their fields and highly respected.

Deputy Ballantyne had served with the Tulare County Sheriff's Office for 27 years. Pilot James Chavez also served as a Black Hawk pilot for the California Army Reserve National Guard and both had assisted on several search and rescue missions for the county.



*Heroes Live Forever*

## 2016 California Memorial Ceremonies

May 1st - Candlelight Vigil / May 2nd - Enrollment Ceremony  
National Police Week / May 11-17, 2016 - Washington D.C.

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## President's Message

*It's hard to believe that spring is almost here. The New Year is moving quickly and May will be upon us before we know it. As May arrives, we prepare and embrace the Celebration of National Police Week. It's our dedicated time of year for our communities to remember our loved ones and all of our fallen Hero's.*

*We look forward to seeing everyone at the local memorials, the California State Memorial or at National Police Week in D.C. Watch our Facebook page for information on upcoming local Memorials and if you have an event in your area you'd like to share please email me.*

*I would also like to invite everyone to watch for our new website launching very soon: [www.cencalcops.org](http://www.cencalcops.org). Where we will share information on chapter events, family fun events, retreats and much more. This will be your new window into the activities of our Central Cal C.O.P.S. chapter.*

*Our Annual Board Meeting was held on March 3rd, 2016. The meeting was held at the Kern Law Enforcement Association Hall. I'd like to take just a moment to thank them for their hospitality!*

*The meeting Officer Elections brought a new group to our board, Newly Elected Officers are: President - Jim Howell, Vice-President - Ron Reid, Treasurer - Michelle Sigmond and Board Appointed Secretary - Marc Skidmore.*

*I'm honored to be working with such dedicated individuals that are actively working with current survivors to help make their stressful days a little easier. We are working hard to help rebuild shattered lives, one day at a time. We invite you to come out to one of our upcoming meetings, event or memorial and meet the new board. I look forward to visiting or meeting each of you.*

*My thoughts and prayers again go out to the families who's loved ones gave the ultimate sacrifice. We will Never Forget.*

Blessings to All,

*Jim Howell*

**MANY BADGES**

**ONE FAMILY**

## Thank you

to the following people and organizations for their generous donations to Central Cal C.O.P.S.



*Fallen Officers  
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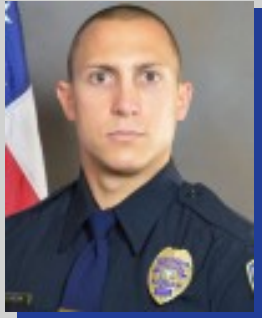


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# 2015 California Fallen Officers



**Police Officer Michael Johnson**  
San Jose Police Department, CA  
EOW: Tuesday, March 24, 2015



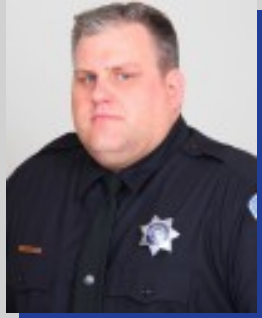
**Police Officer David Joseph Nelson**  
Bakersfield Police Department, CA  
EOW: Friday, June 26, 2015



**Sergeant Scott Lunger**  
Hayward Police Department, CA  
EOW: Wednesday, July 22, 2015



**Carlos Diamond Francies**  
Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office, CA  
EOW: Thursday, August 13, 2015



**Police Officer Bryce Hanes**  
San Bernadino Police Department, CA  
EOW: Thursday, November 5, 2015



**Ricardo Galvez**  
Downey Police Department, CA  
EOW: Wednesday, November 18, 2015



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Departments: Please Post



## MISSION STATEMENT:

Rebuilding shattered lives of survivors and co-workers affected by the line of duty deaths, through partnership with law enforcement and the community.



On behalf of all survivors and the Central California Chapter of C.O.P.S., we want to thank you for your donations.

With these donations we are able to help survivors.

If you or your group would like to provide a donation and support us supporting the survivors of Central California, you may do so by mailing your contribution to:

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**March 20, 2016**  
**Nascar – See flyer**

**March 31, 2016**  
**Last day to Register for National Police Week**

**May 1-2, 2016**  
**California Candlelight Vigil & Enrollment Ceremony - Sacramento, CA**

**May 11-17, 2016**  
**National Police Week**  
 Washington D.C.

**June 16, 2016**  
**Central C.O.P.S. Board Meeting**  
 Monterey, CA

*As you notice, in an effort to make participation in C.O.P.S. available to all survivors in our region we will be moving the meeting locations throughout the Central Cal area.*

If you have news you'd like to share with your Central Cal C.O.P.S. family, we'd love to hear from you.

Please submit your photos, event information, reflections from attending a Hands-on Program, or other information you'd like to share for future issues of our newsletter.

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# NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

MAY 11-17, 2016

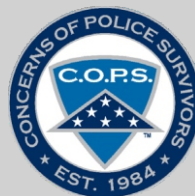
## REMEMBERING THEIR SACRIFICES



## HONORING THEIR SURVIVING FAMILIES



NATIONAL  
POLICE  
WEEK



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**Registration deadline for BOTH CURRENT and RETURNING Survivors/Co-Workers is March 31, 2016.**

*There is no on-site registration for past-year survivors at National Police Week.*

**Returning Survivors:** C.O.P.S. will not take registration forms or room reservations for past-year survivors beyond the March 31, deadline. This form, or your on-line registration form, **MUST** be received in the C.O.P.S. National Office by March 31 to ensure proper registration and participation in National Police Week 2016 activities.