



CONCERNS OF POLICE SURVIVORS

Central California C.O.P.S. Chapter

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2016 California Fallen Officers



Scott Ballantyne

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



Nathan Taylor

California Highway Patrol
EOW: March 13, 2016



Michael Jason Katherman

San Jose Police Dept.
EOW: June 14, 2016



Jonathan M DeGuzman

San Diego Police Dept.
EOW: July 28, 2016



Sergeant Steve Owen

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept
EOW: October 5, 2016



Lesley Zerebny

Palm Springs Police Dept.
EOW: October 8, 2016



Jose Gilbert Vega

Palm Springs Police Dept.
EOW: October 8, 2016



Jack Hopkins

Modoc County Sheriff's Office
EOW: October 19, 2016



Alfonso Lopez

Los Angeles County Sheriff Dept.
EOW: October 24, 2016



Rod Lucas

Fresno County Sheriff Dept.
EOW: October 31, 2016



Dennis Wallace

Stanislaus County Sheriff Dept.
EOW: November 13, 2016

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Vice President's Message

Over the years several of my friends and coworkers have been killed in the line of duty. I have seen how each one of these tragedies has affected those in our local extended law enforcement family. After twenty-seven years at both the Modesto and Turlock Police Departments, I am no longer a sworn officer, having retired as a lieutenant in 2016. I now serve as a board member of the Central California chapter of COPS.

Along with many COPS chapters across the nation, our three California COPS chapters are busy assisting those left behind through their grieving processes. We do what we can to lessen the burden while preparing them for the local, state, and national memorials. Although the memorial process can be exhausting emotionally, these very important remembrances can help with the healing process.

I am proud to be part of COPS and encourage anyone interested to call or email us. We can use the assistance to spread the word and help the survivors left behind. For those serving in any capacity with COPS already, I sincerely thank you.

Ron Reid, Vice President

Central California Chapter – COPS



Roll Call T-Shirts & California C.O.P.S. Challenge Coin

**Coins \$10
Donation**



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**SAT
April
29**

Location Jensen Sports Complex 1707 W Jensen Ave, Fresno, CA 93706 (FIRST GAME 800 am)
 COST \$350.00 per team
 TEAMS: 30 team cap (Contact Marty and Robert for roster and additional information)
 Round Robin
 Three games Guaranteed
 Upper Lower Division
 Home Run Derby (\$20)
 Eligible Teams: First Responders: Law Enforcement (PC830), and Firefighters, (Active and retired for both),
 EMS and military (DD 214 req)
 Children Play Area, Vendors, Silent auction items, Music, Food, New this year "Beer Garden"



Third Annual Tournament, benefiting injured Officers and Firefighters or local Charities who assist injured officers or firefighters and their families. All Proceeds are divided equally between the designated Officer or Firefighter or Charities selected. This years recipients will be Fresno Firefighter Sandra Johans and the Central California Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors



Make Checks Payable to:

Fresno Police Chaplaincy
 PO Box 1271 Fresno, CA 93715



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Thank you to everyone who helped honor our everyday Heroes on "Law Enforcement Appreciation Day"



The Central California Chapter of C.O.P.S. delivered over 500 donuts to Officers and Agencies in our area as a small token of our appreciation!

On December 4, 2016, Folsom PD Sergeant, Eric Baade and Modesto PD Detective Sean Dodge ran the California International Marathon in Sacramento in full police duty gear. The 26.2 mile run started in Folsom, CA and ended at the State Capitol Building in Sacramento. Baade and Dodge ran to raise awareness and support for the families of fallen officers. Their fundraising efforts netted over \$2,700 split evenly between NorCal COPS and CenCal COPS.

Dodge shared that he was inspired by Baade who had run CIM the previous year in uniform. Initially Dodge had only planned to run the Peace Officer Memorial Half Marathon in Modesto, CA (13.1 miles).

On September 25, 2016, Dodge ran that race joined by Stanislaus Sheriff's Captain Jim Gordon and Turlock PD Sergeant Neil Cervenka, all three wearing full duty gear. During his training, Dodge reached out to Baade (who had just months prior donated one of his kidneys to another law enforcement officer). Baade welcomed the challenge to once again run the CIM in uniform.



At the CIM, Baade and Dodge carried a blue line flag in honor of Sheriff's Deputy Dennis Wallace who had been slain on November 13, 2016 while investigating a suspicious vehicle. Following the race, the flag was folded and presented to his brother, Modesto PD Detective David Wallace.

Encouraged and inspired by the support of many, Dodge is currently planning two additional runs in full duty gear: the 2017 Peace Officer Memorial Run in September and the 2017 Marine Corps Marathon in October. He is working to recruit additional officers to join him, hoping to have the most officers yet to run a race in full duty gear. Please contact us if you'd like to join him.



Remembering our Fallen Hero



Dennis Wallace

Stanislaus County
Sheriff Department

EOW: November 13, 2016

Deputy Sheriff Dennis Wallace was shot and killed at Fox Grove Park, in Hughson, CA while investigating a suspicious vehicle.

He requested a backup officer after dispatchers alerted him that the vehicle was stolen. When the second deputy arrived he discovered Deputy Wallace suffering two gunshot wounds to the head. It was quickly determined that he was shot in the head at point-blank range.

The suspect fled the scene in the stolen car before carjacking a second vehicle. The man was taken into custody by members of the Lindsay Police Department later in the day after attempting to steal a woman's purse.

Deputy Wallace had served with the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department for 20 years.

He is survived by his wife and loving family.



Want to be up to date on all of your local C.O.P.S. events, gatherings and meetings?



Follow us on Facebook at
"COPS Central California Concerns of Police Survivors"

Please note this is a newer page as we are no longer able to reach our previous Facebook account

Need more information visit our web site at: www.CenCalCops.org





UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6-8, 2017

Traumas of Law Enforcement, Sacramento, CA

March 23, 2017 11:00am

Chapter Annual Business Meeting, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Dept

April 29, 2017

Fresno Police Officers Association Softball Tournament, Fresno, CA

Sunday, May 7, 2017

California Peace Officers Memorial Candlelight Ceremony, Sacramento, CA

Monday, May 8, 2017

California Peace Officers Memorial, Sacramento, CA

September 30, 2017 - Save the Date

Central California COPS first annual "Back the Blue BBQ" at the Merced County Fairgrounds. Watch for updates and ticket information.

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.

Please submit your ideas and newsletter suggestions to Newsletter editor by sending an email to cinn.centralcalcops@gmail.com.

Your contributions help make our newsletter a better publication.

We Will Never Forget



NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2017 • May 11-17, 2017

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Thursday, May 11

Early Arrival Day
Survivor Airport Pick-up (Reagan National only)

Friday, May 12

Official Arrival Day
Survivor Airport Pick-up (Reagan National only)
Law Enforcement United Arrival and Flag Presentations to families honored during 2017 NPW
Police Unity Tour Arrival

Saturday, May 13

National Police Week Check-in at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center
29th Annual Candlelight Vigil

Sunday, May 14

National Police Survivors' Conference (Day 1)
C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens Events (Day 1)
Day Care for Surviving Children/Siblings

Monday, May 15

36th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service

Tuesday, May 16

National Police Survivors' Conference (Day 2)
C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens Events (Day 2)
Day Care for Surviving Children/Siblings
Picnic on the Patio

Wednesday, May 17

Official Departure Day

Registration deadline for all Survivors/Co-Workers is March 31, 2017.

There is no on-site registration for returning survivors at National Police Week. This form, or your online 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 2017 activities.

Please note:

Official dates for the observance of National Police Week 2017 are for the week of May 15. However, events are planned for May 11-17



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Current Year AND Returning Survivors:
Registration deadline is **March 31, 2017**

Registration for National Police Week 2017 can be accomplished in two ways:

- 1) You can register online at www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org beginning January 3, 2017.
- 2) The enclosed registration can be completed and mailed to Concerns of Police Survivors in the return envelope provided.



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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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