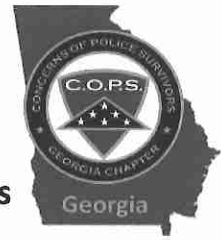


**Concerns of Police Survivors
Georgia Chapter
Mission & Service to Law Enforcement Survivors & Agencies**



Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) is non-profit 501 © 3 organization that provides resources to assist in the rebuilding of the lives of surviving families and co-workers of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. In addition, C.O.P.S. provides training to law enforcement agencies on survivor victimization issues and educates the public of the need to support the law enforcement profession and its survivors.

Our membership consists of family members and co-workers who have lost an officer in the line of duty. They certainly did not choose to be a part of this organization, but because of a traumatic twist of fate qualified them as members. They pay no dues because the price they have already paid is enough. Our chapter Board of Directors, consists of an Executive Director, President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer who are all “survivors” and provides their services to the chapter on a volunteer basis without any salary compensation. Expenses of the chapter are minimal and over 80% of our donated funds go to support programs which directly benefit our survivors. Our Board meets periodically for planning and training to carry out the business needs of our state chapter. In addition, two chapter directors attend an annual training seminar with all expenses paid by our national office.

As long as there is increasing crime in our communities, our law enforcement agencies will unfortunately lose officers in the line of duty. At the time our chapter is notified of a line of duty death, we immediately contact the department of the deceased officer to provide assistance and support both to them and the surviving family members. We are there for the families throughout the visitation and the funeral and secure food donations for the family through the day of the funeral. After the funeral, our chapter follows up with the family and department to assist in the claim filing for state and federal monetary benefits in addition to providing peer support. Also, our chapter provides line of duty death training to the chaplains of both the police departments and sheriff’s offices when requested in an effort to better prepare them in the event they lose an officer.

Each year we host a seminar to prepare and educate our survivors and departments who will be attending National Police Week in Washington D.C. to have their deceased officer honored in the nation’s capital. National Police Week is a week-long event to honor and pay tribute to the fallen officer and includes a Memorial Service at the U.S. Capitol, a Candlelight Vigil, Survivor’s Conferences and a picnic. Our chapter puts a lot of effort each year into raising funds for our survivors to attend this event.

This event by far is our largest annual expense. We pay the airfare, hotel and a meal per diem for the spouse, parents, step parents and children of the deceased officer who attend for the first time.

Other programs available to our survivors include scholarships, peer-support at the national, state and local levels, C.O.P.S. Kids summer camp, Outward Bound Experience for the older teenagers, special retreats for spouses, parents, siblings, adult children, in laws, and co-workers. In addition, an expense reimbursement program is in place for minor of the deceased officer for psychological counseling.

Our mission is to provide all the support services that we can to ensure the family members and co-workers have the peer support necessary to rebuild their shattered lives as a result of the unfortunate loss of their officer. The reward of our organization is to know that this has been accomplished with as many survivors as possible and by doing so we develop relationships that last for a lifetime.

For more information regarding our organization, we encourage you to visit our websites at www.gacops.org and www.nationalcops.org