



Montana Concerns of Police Survivors

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During Christmas and New Year season C.O.P.S. encourages the display of blue lights on trees and buildings and to change porchlights to a blue light. The blue light honors our “blue” officers and also represents peace. We all pray for peace in our world.



Blue Light Tree Ceremony
December 10, 2012, 6:00 PM
Yellowstone County Courthouse
Billings

Blue Light Tree Ceremony
December 10, 2012 5:30 PM
Flathead County Justice Center
Kalispell



Project Blue Light

Streamlight Flashlight “Candles”
Put these in your window
to honor law enforcement

You can order:

www.nationalcops.org

Save the Dates:

Traumas of Law Enforcement
March 11-13, 2013 Seattle

Montana Law Enforcement Memorial
May 15, 2013, Billings

Hike for Heroes
July 13, 2013

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The Traumas of Law Enforcement

Since 1996, Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) has provided this highly-acclaimed training to help agencies deal with officer death, injury, disability, police suicide, and the after-effects of losing a co-worker. Although law enforcement loses between 140-160 officers each year, some agencies have no protocol for how to make an appropriate death notification, how to deal with the surviving family, or how to carry out the sensitive, compassionate support that surviving families need to deal with the loss of a loved one to sudden, often violent death.

The "Traumas of Law Enforcement" training is a free, 3-day, 21-hour training that will help officers/agencies to develop general orders addressing traumatic issues affecting officers and sensitize them to emotional support needs of the fallen officers' families. Officers learn appropriate death notification, funeral protocol, the need for emotional debriefings following critical incidents, law enforcement suicide awareness, officer disability, issues faced by traumatized officers, the effects of officer deaths on the co-workers, appropriate methods for dealing with survivors after the funeral, and the importance of support for officers that continue on the job.

The Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, US Department of Justice, has provided funding for "Traumas of Law Enforcement" trainings.

There is no registration fee.

How to Register: www.nationalcops.org to register online. Call C.O.P.S. 573-346-4911

Affected coworkers are eligible for financial assistance. Contact info@montanacops.org

Who Should Attend: The "Traumas of Law Enforcement" is recommended for Chiefs, Superintendents, Sheriffs, Chaplains, Dispatchers, Benefits Assistance Officers, Planning and Research Officers, Employee Assistance providers, Liaison Officers, Special Operations Divisions Officers, Victim Assistance personnel, any law enforcement officer, law enforcement family member, or law enforcement survivor.

2013 Training Locations:

- Charleston, SC - January 7-9
- Las Vegas, NV - January 28-30
- Louisville, KY - February 11-13
- Des Moines, IA - February 25-27
- Alexandria, LA - March 4-6
- Seattle, WA - March 11-13
- Atlantic City, NJ - March 25-27

March 11-13, 2013, Seattle, WA

Training Location: Sea-Tac International Airport Office Building - International Auditorium

Training Address: 17801 International Blvd South, Seattle, WA 98158

Training Phone: 206-787-3490

Hotel: DoubleTree Seattle Airport

Hotel Address: 18740 International Blvd, Seattle, WA 98188

Hotel Phone: 206-246-8600

Hotel Room Rate: \$126.00 + 12.4 % Tax

Registration Deadline: February 15, 2013

* Airport shuttle service is available through the hotel to and from the

Montana Concerns of Police Survivors Mission

Concerns of Police Survivors, provides resources to assist in the rebuilding of the lives of surviving families and affected co-workers of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty as determined by Federal criteria. Furthermore, 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. Each year between 140 and 160 officers are killed in the line of duty and their families and co-workers are left to cope with the tragic loss. C.O.P.S. provides resources to help them rebuild their shattered lives. There is no membership fee to join C.O.P.S. for the price paid is already too high. Montana C.O.P.S. is committed to providing the surviving families and co-workers of fallen law enforcement officers the support of others who have come before them. Being able to share our experiences and offer a "hand up" through the grieving journey is what peer support is all about. Being able to share our experiences with others who have gone before us gives us the hope that we, too, can survive.

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SUPPORT for Law Enforcement: With our Mission Statement in mind one of the desires of our leaders and members is to offer support to the law enforcement agencies in Montana. As many of us realize, the loss of an officer affects the lives of many loved ones, including the co-workers of the fallen officer. We consider ourselves the direct link between you and the National C.O.P.S. organization and all it has to offer. In that regard, our chapter can provide National C.O.P.S. with contact information both for the families and your agency. We have access to information on national Hands-on programs, such as the weekend support retreats for affected co-workers. We are also able to assist your agency with information regarding benefit packets for surviving spouse and/or parents. We can arrange training for your agency related to line of duty deaths.

BLUE ALERT: This law was proposed by Montana C.O.P.S., sponsored by Representative Steve Lavin, who is an affected coworker member of Montana C.O.P.S. and signed into law. Using media broadcasts and Department of Transportation messaging signs, a Blue Alert will cover the state with information identifying a detailed description of the offender which will hinder the violators ability to flee the state and facilitate a speedy capture, helping eliminate the threat they would pose on other communities and law enforcement personnel.

Info on national law: <http://bluealert.us/>

Blue Alert Criteria

- A law enforcement officer must have been killed or seriously injured by an offender.
- The investigating law enforcement agency must determine that the offender poses a serious risk or threat to the public and other law enforcement personnel.
- A detailed description of the offender's vehicle, vehicle tag, or partial tag must be available for broadcast to the public.
- The investigating law enforcement agency of jurisdiction must recommend activation of the Blue Alert to the Justice Department.

LINE OF DUTY DEATH: Our chapter would request notification at the time of a loss of an officer or law enforcement personnel. As the situation warrants, we will be able to assist immediately or when the time is appropriate. All of our members are survivors and will be able to help in connecting with the families and providing them with emotional support during this most difficult time. Members from Montana C.O.P.S. will attend funerals as support for the families and the agency. Survivors will be invited to become part of Montana COPS, as well as National C.O.P.S., where intervention and ongoing support will continue as long as needed by the survivors.

MEMORIALS: for our fallen officers are an important means to remember our loved ones. We are able to assist in keeping survivors aware of upcoming memorials, local, state and national, and helping them prepare for attending.

To receive limited email notifications of
Montana memorials please send your
email contact information to
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