



## Montana Concerns of Police Survivors

www.montanacops.org  
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Police Suicide: How can you prevent tragedy?  
 Find support and answers:

### Traumas of Law Enforcement Training

Each year, Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) provides training to America's law enforcement agencies on how to appropriately respond to officers and their families affected by line-of-duty traumas through the "Traumas of Law Enforcement" trainings. At these trainings, instructors will present information that is important to America's law enforcement agencies regarding appropriate response to line-of-duty death, disability, critical incidents, and police suicide.

The training is presented over three days and includes 21-hours of class time. The "Traumas of Law Enforcement" has been said to be "the best training I have taken in my entire law enforcement career" by many who have attended.

Some of the same issues that affect survivors come into play for officers with disabilities and those coping with trauma. Recognizing the importance of helping agencies provide appropriate support for survivors and injured or traumatized officers, C.O.P.S. provides this training free of charge. HOWEVER, PRE-REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY and participants are responsible for their own travel costs.

Who Should Attend? Law Enforcement Administrators, Officers and Deputies, Peer Support Team Members, Employee Assistance Personnel, Planning and Research, Chaplains, Survivors, and Law Enforcement Spouses.

You can still register for one of these sessions:

- April 4-6, Clackamas (Portland), Oregon
- April 25-27, Cincinnati, Ohio
- July 12-14, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Montana COPS may be able to help with travel costs. Contact one of our board members for information.

Take the **L.E.A.D.**  
 National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day  
 January 9, 2016

Montana  
**C.O.P.S**  
 members  
 stepped up  
 to support



Montana COPS is selling bracelets that we can wear on May 15th as another way to honor our law enforcement officers, fallen, retired, and serving. This is also a great way to raise money for MT COPS so that we can better support the families and coworkers of officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. The bracelets are being sold for \$2.00 each and they are available in either blue or glow-in-the-dark white. You can purchase the bracelets from our board members.



Law Enforcement  
 Memorial Day  
 May 15th  
 All Flags at Half Mast  
 Blue Ribbons  
 Blue Lights

### Board of Directors

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**Montana Law Enforcement  
Memorial Day  
Wednesday, May 18th  
Polson, Montana**

**Watch for details on our website  
Or Like us on Facebook for updates**

"The Thin Blue Line" is an art piece created by Richard Charlson of Carter, MT. This piece is dedicated to all law enforcement officers. Who put their lives on the line each day for all of us. This is a segmented woven illusion with wenge and maple. It is beaded, indexed, burned and dyed with India ink.



"The Thin Blue Line" will be on display (and available to buy) at the Great Western Design and Living Show at the fairgrounds in Great Falls on March 17-20, 2016. If you would like to see it (as well as other pieces) stop by booth 75 & 88. Charliwood Art is also on Facebook and at [www.charliwood.com](http://www.charliwood.com)

Proceed from the sale will be donated to Montana C.O.P.S.  
Thank you Richard!

**Volunteers Welcome  
Please plan to attend meeting  
March 29th 7:00 PM  
Via webinar**

Please join the meeting from your computer tablet, or smartphone:  
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/373628133>  
**You can also dial in using your phone. (408) 650-3123**  
Access Code: 373-628-133

Our new bylaws require elections to be held in March. If you would like to service on the board of Montana Concerns of Police Survivors please contact a board member and/or call in to the meeting. [Info@montanacops.org](mailto:Info@montanacops.org)

**Montana C.O.P.S Meeting  
Tuesday, May 17th  
KwaTaqNuk Resort, Polson, MT  
5:00 Meeting, 6:00 Dinner  
7:00 Training**

You can also join the meeting electronically:  
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/929429965>  
You can also dial in using your phone. (872) 240-3212  
Access Code: 929-429-965

**All members WELCOME!  
Please RSVP for dinner 406-285-1267  
[info@montanacops.org](mailto:info@montanacops.org)**

**Stay for the memorial on Wednesday  
(Group Rate available for rooms)  
Resort# 800-882-6363**

**REGISTER NOW!!  
[www.nationalcops.org](http://www.nationalcops.org)**

C.O.P.S. provides Hands-On Programs designed specifically for each survivorship to help rebuild their shattered lives. These programs allow survivors to receive support from peers who know how they feel, attend seminar sessions specifically designed for their needs and obtain resources to help them on their journey of grief and coping

Adult Children's Retreat: June 17-20  
Young Adult's Camp (age 15-20): June 27-July 1  
Kid's Camp (age 6-14): July 25-31  
Outward Bound Adventure (age 15-20): July 24-31  
Fiances/Significant Others Retreat: Aug 19-22  
Coworkers for Couples Retreat: Aug 25-28  
Sibling's Retreat: Sept 9-12  
Spouse's Retreat: Sept 23-26  
Coworker's Retreat: Sept 30-Oct 3  
Extended Family Retreat: Oct 14-17  
Parent's Retreat: Oct 21-24

Montana C.O.P.S. will support travel expenses for qualifying survivors. Register directly with national C.O.P.S. (no charge for the programs.) Submit a request for travel reimbursement to Montana C.O.P.S.