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IN MEMORIAM



Deputy Devon Hodges
Anderson County Sheriff's Office
End of Watch: June 1, 2017

Deputy Hodges was killed in a boating accident while participating in a joint marine patrol training exercise with the Army Corp. of Engineers.

He is survived by his wife, four children, parents, and two brothers.

F. O. P. Memorial Service
Friday, November 10, 2017
6:30 p.m.

At Monument on State House Grounds
(Assembly Street Side)



SAVE THE DATE



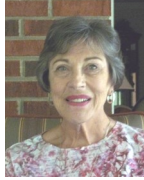
CAROLINA C.O.P.S.
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Saturday, December 2, 2017
12 Noon
SC Criminal Justice Academy

(Details to be sent in November)



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From Lois

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Dear Fellow Survivors,

Greetings to all! It appears that autumn is arriving and the days are getting shorter! I must admit these cooler days with low humidity surely feel refreshing after those hot, humid summer days.

Since our last newsletter, South Carolina laid to rest two heroes who served their fellow citizens faithfully and bravely.

One hero grew up in Summerton, South Carolina and served as a law enforcement in several South Carolina agencies before moving to Montana with his family. Broadwater County Sheriff's Office Deputy Mason Moore was killed in the line of duty on May 16, 2017 and was laid to rest in Summerton, South Carolina, the town of his birth.

Another hero, Anderson County Sheriff's Office Deputy Devin Hodges was killed in the Line of Duty on June 1, 2017. Deputy Hodges was laid to rest in Anderson, South Carolina.

Please hold in your hearts the families of Deputy Moore, Deputy Hodges, and the family of Spartanburg Police Department Master Police Officer Jason Harris, who died in the line of duty on April 13, 2017. You all remember the pain which these families, departments and coworkers are experiencing.

Looking ahead to December, our Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, December 2, 2017. *Invitations will be sent via email, and confirmation of your registration will be returned to you via email.* For two years now, Carolina C.O.P.S. has been asking for current emails of all survivors living in South Carolina. **If you know of family members who have not yet responded, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible!** Again, invitations, as well as newsletters and all communications, are now being sent via email!

If you register for the luncheon via email BUT have not received a confirmation returned from Carolina C.O.P.S., please know that your form was NOT received. Please contact Carolina C.O.P.S. right away before traveling to the luncheon! Contact information will be on the registration form.

Elections for chapter officers will held in 2018 on March 18 at our Annual Meeting. Survivor involvement in our chapter is so vital to the long-term survival of Carolina C.O.P.S. If you would like to volunteer to serve in some capacity for our chapter, please read the information included.

Since our last newsletter, Carolina C.O.P.S. hosted the 2017 Summer Outing at the EdVenture Children's Museum and the South Carolina State Museum. Lunch and admission was provided to all attendees by Carolina C.O.P.S. For this event, attendees registered for the event via email, and by doing so, the registration went so smoothly! All registration forms were acknowledged by return email.

Continue to hold our newest survivors in your hearts and lift them in prayer.

Lois

MISSION STATEMENT

Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. 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 the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Public Safety Officers' Benefit (PSOB), National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), or Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) 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.



C.O.P.S. FAMILY NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS TO

James and Katie Guerry whose son, Everett James, was born May 26, 2017. James is the surviving son of Georgetown Asst. Chief Spencer Guerry, EOW 3-9-1994.



BRIDGE DEDICATION



Photo courtesy of SC Dept. of Public Safety

Pictured on far right are Caroline Traylor Sanders, surviving wife, and Tracy Player and Nancy Hollomon, surviving daughters.

On June 23, 2017, a ceremony was held in Sumter, SC, to name the overpass located along Lafayette Drive in the City of Sumter the "SCHP Patrolman Jimmy Traylor Memorial Bridge." Patrolman Traylor was assaulted by two individuals, shot and killed on December 25, 1970.

SYMPATHY TO



The family of Mrs. Carrie Lee Titus who died September 21, 2017. Mrs. Titus was the mother of SCHP Trooper Marvin L. Titus, EOW 11-19-1991.

VISIT TO STATE MUSEUM AND EDVENTURE

On June 3, 2017, Carolina C.O.P.S. hosted 77 adults and children for lunch at EdVenture (the children's museum) and then provided tickets for them to visit either the State Museum or Edventure.



Melita Whitfield tries out the old hand-crank telephone at State Museum. Melita is the surviving mother of Greenville County Deputy Marcus Whitfield, EOW 8-13-1999.



Children finish their lunch and await visit to EdVenture.

THEY GAVE

October—January

Abbeville Co. Magistrate's Office

Donald M. Ouzts 12-8-2003

Abbeville Co. Sheriff's Office

Danny Wilson 12-8-2003

Aiken County Sheriff's Office

Jason Sheppard 12-7-2006

H. A. Williams 12-23-1977

Aiken Dept. of Public Safety

Scott Richardson 12-21-2011

Sandra E. Rogers 1-28-2012

Aiken Police Department

Charlie L. Johnson 11-1-1923

Wade H. Patterson 11-17-1911

Anderson County Sheriff's Office

Christopher L. Taylor 12-7-1992

K-9 Kyro 10-21-2015

Anderson Police Department

William L. Acker 12-25-1956

Beaufort Co. Sheriff's Office

Benjamin Paul Carden 1-6-1925

Dyke "A.J." Coursen 1-8-2002

Dana L. Tate 1-8-2002

Berkeley County Sheriff's Dept.

M. E. Wright II 11-19-2002

Branchville Police Department

Walter S. Dukes 1-16-1944

Camden Police Department

Robert A. Latta 1-22-1919

Charleston Co. Magistrate's Office

Joseph Trescott 1-6-1893

Charleston County Police Dept.

Steven B. Hiott 10-29-1982

William T. Cribb 11-15-1974

Charleston Police Department

Keith Ellsworth 10-6-1944

Junius P. Lewis 12-6-1951

William H. Wilson 12-8-1942

Wesley J. Smith 12-16-1975

John Harlow 12-22-1879

Dennis E. LaPage 1-19-2002

Chester County Sheriff's Office

Michael D. Laws 10-10-1980

Clarendon Co. Sheriff's Office

Holmes Smith, Jr. 11-5-2014

Columbia Police Department

Stacy Case 11-7-2015

William T. Cross 12-21-1855

Dale E. Barkley 1-27-1981

Edgefield Co. Sheriff's Office

Wad D. Allen 11-16-1941

William L. Clark 11-18-1941

Florence Co. Sheriff's Office

Joseph Antwine 11-29-2013

Florence Police Department

E. W. Johnson 11-19-1926

Grady Martin, Jr. 12-27-1947

Fountain Inn Police Department

C. Rick Pope 10-9-1996

Gaffney Police Department

Frank Wright 12-9-1937

Georgetown Police Department

T. D. Tindal 12-25-1980

Georgetown Co. Sheriff's Office

K9 Blue 1-10-2015

Gray Court Police Department

Gary A. Thompson 10-28-1986

Greenville Co. Sheriff's Office

John F. Lindsey 10-5-1914

Perry Paris 10-24-1930

C. V. Southerlin, Jr. 12-31-1966

K9 Blue 1-10-2015

Greenville Police Department

Alford M. Blair 10-5-1919

Joseph L. Kitchens 10-5-1919

Heath Springs Town Marshall

John M. McManus 10-25-1892

Honea Path Police Department

Edgar Cooley 11-6-1973

Horry County Sheriff's Office

Randy G. Gerald 12-29-2001

Jasper Co. Sheriff's Office

Clarence W. Floyd 1-18-1962

Kershaw Co. Sheriff's' Office

Robert Evans 11-27-2013

Laurens Police Department

McGuffie H. Stone 1-28-1909

Leesville Police Department

Thomas Kerney 12-15-1988

Lexington Co. Sheriff's Dept.

Brian S. Mills 10-23-1999

Joseph W. Price 11-22-1953

K. Shaye Walker 12-27-1999

Marlboro Co. Sheriff's Office

Henry Stanfield 11-11-1928

Myrtle Beach Police Department

Joseph J. McGarry 12-29-2002

Mt. Pleasant Police Department

V. Edward Kee 12-13-1985

Oconee Co. Sheriff's Office

W.H. Talley 10-11-1928

K9 Dasher 1-13-2010

Orangeburg Co. Sheriff's Office

Gary E. Fairey 1-20-1944

Orangeburg Dept. of Public Safety

Thomas C. Harrison 1-15-1993

Pageland Police Department

David Deason 12-3-1934

Pickens County Sheriff's Office

Russell Master 1-1-1954

Joel D. Hughes 10-7-1981

Richland County Sheriff's Dept.

Donnie Washington 10-16-2003

Darral K. Lane 12-14-2007

Edward J. Alva 12-24-1992

K9 Fargo 12-16-2011

Rock Hill Police Department

William A. Singleton 11-9-1968

Steven W. Jordan 12-31-1975

THEIR ALL

October—January

SC Dept. Of Natural Resources (SC Wildlife Department)

Charles McNeill 10-3-1974
Ray Moore 10-23-1975
A. C. Campbell 12-22-1969
Doyle H. Hall 1-15-1976

SC Highway Patrol

Albert T. Sealy 10-5-1950
Roy O. Caffey 10-8-1972
Ralph W. McCrackin 10-12-1931
George T. Radford 10-29-1988
David Alverson 11-13-1981
Edward M. Henney 11-19-1935
Mark Coates 11-20-1992
Marvin L. Titus 11-21-1991
Eric F. Nicholson 12-6-2000
David O'Brien 12-14-1991
Edward D. Milam 12-25-1934
James A. Traylor 12-25-1970
Franklin L. Lingard 12-31-1997
Kenneth McNeill 1-2-1937
Norris Nettles 1-04-1942
John Riddle 1-15-1961

SC Law Enforcement Div. (SLED)

Wm. L. "Buddy" Laval, Jr. 1-12-1-12
-1955

SC Pubic Service Authority

Frank B. Glover 1-28-2010

South Carolina State Constable

J. J. Moseley 10-13-1895
Valdon O. Keith 11-28-1985
John B. Cornwell, Jr. 12-7-1899
James H. Howard 1-31-1924

South Carolina State Penitentiary

John O. Sanders 12-12-1937

Spartanburg Co. Sheriff's Office

Ellis A. Shields 10-1-1925
Walker McKinney 1-8-1944

Spartanburg Police Department

Thomas "Fox" Abrams 1-7-1962

St. Stephen Police Department

Joshua L. Milligan 1-6-1990

Summerville Police Department

Robert Blajszczak 10-26-2014
William B. Bell 11-19-2002

Sumter Co. Sheriff's Office

Allan Brazzell 10-12-1986

Sumter Police Department

Charles Nesbitt, Jr. 1-21-2011
W. Alvah Clyde 1-21-1908

Union County Sheriff's Office

Joseph L. Lamb 11-10-1939
J. Hay Fant 11-11-1921

Walterboro Police Department

William D. Breland 10-15-1978
Marion Nettles, Sr. 12-23-1949

Washington District

Robert Maxwell 11-12-1797

Officers whose survivors live in
South Carolina but who were killed
in another State:

Cincinnati (OH) Police Dept.

Daniel Pope 12-5-1997

Connecticut State Police

James H. Savage 1-22-1986

Jersey City (NJ) Police Dept.

John Laughery 11-24-1992

Maine Dept. of Corrections

John Paskewicz 11-16-2010

Naval Intelligence Service

Brett McKee 11-25-1992

New Jersey State Police

John Staas 12-2-1961

New York City Police Dept.

James Godbee 12-30-2004
Corey Diaz 10-7-2009

Richmond Co. (GA) Sheriff's Office

Kenneth Burton 1-4-2004

Sullivan Co. (TN) Sheriff's Office

Steve Mullins 11-22-1995

US Dept. of Navy

Frank Wilkinson 12-16-1993

Union Co. (NC) Sheriff's Office

Jeffrey Greene 11-19-2014

U. S. Marshall Service

Patrick Carothers 11-18-2016



YOUNG ADULT CAMP

Austin Haynes (left) and Smitty Smith (right) excel at target practice! Austin is the surviving son of SCHP Trooper James Haynes, EOW 2-1-2008. Smitty is the surviving son of Clarendon County Investigator, Holmes Smith, EOW 11-5-2014.

IMPORTANT CAROLINA C.O.P.S. ELECTION NEWS

**Saturday, January 20 –Regular Meeting of Carolina C.O.P.S.—12 Noon
Virginia Wingard Memorial United Methodist Church
1500 Broad River Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29210**

The chapter meeting begins with lunch. Carolina C.O.P.S. will furnish a lunch meat, paper products and drinks. Attendees are asked to bring a vegetable, salad or dessert.

Officers of Concerns of Police Survivors are elected for a two (2) year term and are limited to serving two 2-year terms consecutively in the same office. The terms of all of the Carolina C.O.P.S. officers will expire in March 2018, as they have all served the limit of four years and, therefore, are ineligible for re-election to that same position. A new slate of officers will be elected at our chapter's Annual Meeting on Saturday, **March 17, 2018.**

***One requirement to run for an office is that you must attend the Meeting prior to the Annual Meeting—
which will be the January 20, 2018 meeting.***

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Other requirements set out in our By-laws are:

- ◆ There must have been 12 months since your officer's death.
- ◆ you must have attended a C.O.P.S. Hands-on Program (such as a survivor retreat). (If you have not attended one prior to the election, you may run for office but, if elected, **must** attend one of these programs in the summer/fall of 2018.)
- ◆ You must have attended National Police Week in Washington, DC.

It is crucial to the success of our organization that we have good leadership. If you intend to run for President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer, please email/mail a letter to Lois Rao, President, telling her of your intention. Please include:

- ◆ the office for which you will be running
- ◆ the name and EOW date of your officer
- ◆ which Hands-on Program(s) you have attended
- ◆ when you attended National Police Week
- ◆ which Carolina C.O.P.S. event(s) you have attended
- ◆ a statement of why you want to be an officer of Carolina C.O.P.S.

NOTE: Anyone running for President must have previously served in an officer or Board position.

The deadline for letting Lois know of your intention will be **Friday, January 5, 2018.** We will email information on these nominees to all members after the January 20, 2018 meeting.

In addition to the election of officers, Board members will be appointed or re-appointed at the Annual Meeting. These are one-year terms with no limit on the number of terms a member can serve. If you are interested in being considered for appointment to the Board, ***please also let Lois know of your interest by the Friday, January 5, 2018 deadline.***

LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY L.E.A.D.

During the month of January, Concerns of Police Survivors, along with other national law enforcement organizations, will honor law enforcement officers and show their appreciation for the service and sacrifice made by these men and women every day to keep our communities, State, and nation safe.

We encourage you to participate in this project in various ways, including writing a note of appreciation to an individual officer you may know or to a department, baking cookies and bringing them to your local department, and/or thanking law enforcement officers wherever you see them for their service.

Use your imagination to come up with some additional ideas. Please let us know what you do and send photos if possible so we can share them in the next newsletter.

SPOUSES RETREAT



Tonia Smith, Nicole Burdette, and Lin Pope at 2017 Spouses Retreat. Tonia is the surviving spouse of Clarendon County Investigator Homes Smith, EOW 11-5-2014; Nicole is surviving spouse of Anderson County Deputy Alex Burdette, EOW 3-12-2005; and Lin is the surviving spouse of Cincinnati Police Officer Daniel Pope, EOW 12-5-1997.

SIBLING RETREAT



Rhonda Abrams (left) and Catherine Jacobs (right) at 2017 Sibling Retreat. Rhonda is the surviving sister of Clarendon County Investigator, Holmes Smith, EOW 11-5-2014, and Catherine is the surviving sister of Greenville Officer Allen Jacobs, EOW 3-18-2016.

Thank You

AmazonSmile.org
Founders Federal Credit Union
Greenville Police Department
Tonia Smith in memory of Clarendon County
Investigator Holmes Smith
Tri-County FOP Lodge #3
Veronica Mallet
City of Sumter
Steven Kienzle
Dr. and Mrs. Lynn Campbell
R. Dudley Johnson

By Payroll Deduction:
Beaufort Police Department
Bluffton Police Department
Lancaster Police Department
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office
Manning Police Department

Charleston UPS/TRUIST

KIDS CAMP



Isaac Smith won second place in Archery.



Attending Kids Camp were: Karlee Burdette, Tonia Smith, Joshua Smith, Nichole Burdette, Jaden Smith (in front), and Isaac Smith. Karlee is the surviving daughter and Nichole is the surviving wife of Anderson County Deputy Alex Burdette, EOW 3-12-2005. Joshua, Jaden, and Isaac Smith are surviving sons and Tonia is the surviving wife of Clarendon County Investigator Holmes Smith EOW 11-5-2014.



Jaden and Isaac Smith on the Marsh Walk.



Karlee Burdette on the rifle range.



Joshua Smith won a trophy for his 15.5 inch large mouth bass.



Joshua Smith with a Wisconsin Game Warden fishing.

