IN MEMORIAM

Master Deputy James Kirk
Lancaster County Sheriff’s Office
End of Watch: April 24, 2018

Master Deputy James Kirk suffered a heart attack during a combat firearms training at the Lancaster County Sheriff’s Office range. He had just completed the course, which involved a simulated officer down event in which he had to engage targets while moving a 125-pound sandbag to a cover. He collapsed as he walked back to the staging area.

He is survived by a wife and four children.

IN MEMORIAM

Sergeant Terrence Carraway
Florence Police Department
End of Watch: October 3, 2018

Sergeant Terrence Carraway was shot and killed while responding to assist three Florence County Sheriff’s Office deputies who had been shot and wounded while attempting to interview a subject as part of a sex offense investigation and serve a search warrant.

He is survived by a wife, two sons, two brothers a sister, and a surrogate bother.

IN MEMORIAM

Investigator Farrah Turner
Florence County Sheriff’s Office
End of Watch: October 22, 2018

Investigator Turner was shot and severely wounded when she and other investigators arrived at a home to interview a suspect as part of a sex offense investigation and serve a search warrant. She succumbed to her wounds on October 22, 2018.

She is survived by her mother, a sister, and two brothers, one of whom was her twin.
Hello SC peeps!

I cannot believe the holidays are just around the corner. Time certainly does fly by. We had two successful weekend Retreats this fall at Murrells Inlet: our Spouses Weekend in October and our Parents Weekend in November. We are so excited about these gatherings as a way to strengthen the bonds of our survivors. We hope everyone received a little hope and renewed energy to help in their healing journeys.

We have brought our website inhouse and reworked it from the ground up. Please take a look at it and let us know what you think! www.carolinacops.org is the site. And please, if you have any photos or anything you would like added to the website, just email me bruceandlin256@gmail.com and I will make the updates.

We have purchased challenge coins for our chapter and they are gorgeous. Once they come in, I will post a photo on our new website and they will be available for purchase for $10 per coin.

We are still working on the fallen officer license plate. You can see the renderings on the website under the “more” category. The plate is quite expensive to get done, so we want to make sure everything is in place before we move forward.

Our Christmas luncheon was held on December 1st and I have never seen the kids so excited!! It was a wonderful event and we just want to thank everyone for coming out!

Wishing everyone a lot of healing and peace as we move into the holiday season. Make sure you lean on your other survivors to help you if you need them. We are all in different places in our grief and we want to make sure no survivor is alone, especially at what can be the most difficult time of year.

Warm Regards,

Lin
CONGRATULATIONS—GRADUATES!

A.J. Myers graduated from Dreher High School on June 7, 2018 and entered the University of South Carolina this fall. He is the surviving son of Fairfield County Deputy Allen "Pete" Myers, EOW 7-19-2002.

Holmes "Smitty" Smith, Jr. graduated June 9, 2018 from Manning High School and entered the University of South Carolina this fall. He is the surviving son of Holmes Smith, Clarendon County Investigator, EOW 11-5-2014

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Andrea Nash and Austin McClure who were married on June 3, 2018. Andrea is the surviving daughter of SC Highway Patrol Trooper Jonathan Nash, EOW 9-19-2009.

Andrea is pictured above with members of the SC Highway Patrol Motor Unit, of which her brother was a member.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Kassy Alia and Mitchell "Mitch" Ray who were married on October 20, 2018. Kassy is the surviving spouse of Forest Acres Police Officer Greg Alia, EOW 9-30-2015.

SYMPATHY TO

The family of Richard Richardson who died September 14, 2018. Mr. Richardson was the surviving father of Aiken Deputy Scott Richardson, EOW 12-23-1914.

CONGRATULATIONS, LIN!

Lin Pope, President of Carolina C.O.P.S., was awarded the Charles Shinholser Award for Volunteerism at a lunch during National Police Week in recognition of her outstanding service to Concerns of Police Survivors.
THEY GAVE

October—January

Abbeville County Magistrate’s Office
Donald M. Outz 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 Co. Sheriff’s Office
Christopher L. Taylor 10-21-1992
K9 Hyco 10-21-1015

Anderson Police Department
William L. Acker 12-25-1956

Beaufort Co. Sheriff’s Office
Benjamin Paul Caden 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 N. Smith 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
Terrence Carraway 10-3-2018
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

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

Johnston Police Department
James Eric Chapman 12-8-2017

Kershaw Co. Sheriff’s Office
Robert Evans 11-27-1013

Laurens Police Department
McGuffie H. Stone 1-28-1909

Leesville Police Department

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
THEIR ALL

October—January

Rock Hill Police Department
William A. Singleton 11-9-1968
Steven W. Jordan 12-31-1975

SC Law Enforcement Div. (SLED)
Wm. L. “Buddy” Laval, Jr. 1-12-1955

South Carolina State Penitentiary
John O. Sanders 12-19-1937

Spartanburg Co. Sheriff’s Office
Ellis A. Shields 10-1-1925

Spartanburg Police Department
Thomas “Fox” Abrams 1-7-1962

SC Highway Patrol
Albert T. Sealy 10-5-1950
Roy O. Caffey 10-8-1972
Ralph W. McCracken 10-1-1931
Keith Rebman 10-24-17
George T. Radford 10-29-1988
David Alverson 11-13-1981
Edward M. Henneyc 11-19-1935
Mark Coates 11-20-1992
Marvin L. Titus 11-21-1991
Eric F. Nicholson 12-6-2000
David O’Brien 1-14-1991
Edward D. Milam 12-25-1934
James A. Traway 12-25-1970
Franklin L. Lingard 12-31-1997
Kenneth McNeill 1-2-1937
Norris Netlles 1-4-1942
John Riddle 1-15-1961

SC Dept. of Natural Resources
(SC Wildlife Department)
Charles McNeill 10-3-1974
Ray Moore 10-23-1975
A.C. Campbell 12-22-1969
A. Doyle H. Hill 1-15-76

SC Public Service Authority
Frank B. Glover 1-28-2010

South Carolina State Constable
J. J. Moseley 10-13-1905
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 12-19-1937

St. Stephens Police Department
Joshua L. Milligan

Summerville Police Department
Robert Blajszczak 10-26-2014
William Bell 11-19-2002

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

Walterboro Police Department
Marion Netlles 12-23-1949

Washington District
Robert Maxwell 11-12-1797

***********************

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

Baltimore (MD) Police Department
Thomas Portz 10-30-2020

Cincinnati (OH) Police Department
Daniel Pope 12-5-1997

Connecticut State Police
James H. Savage 2-11-1986

Jersey (NC) Co. Sheriff’s Office
John Laughery 11-24-1992
Shawn Carson 12-25-2005

Johnston (NC) Co. Sheriff’s Office
Michael Jackson 2-9-1999

Long Beach (CA) Police Dept.
Edward Roy Davenport 2-4-2003

Maine Dept of Corrections
John Paskewicz 11-16-2010

Marion Co. (OH) Sheriff’s Office
Bandy Winfield 10-14-2004

Moore County (NC) Sheriff’s Office
Richard Rhyne 12-8-2011

Naval Intelligence Service
Brett McKea 1-25-1992

New York City Police Dept.
James Godbee 12-30-2004

Richmond Co. (GA) Sheriff’s Office
Kenneth Burton 1-4-2004

Sullivan Co. (TN) Sheriff’s Office
Steve Mullins 11-22-2005

US. Dept. of Navy
Frank Wilkinson 12-16-1993

Union Co. (NC) Sheriff’s Office
Jeffrey Greene 11-19-2014

HELP KEEP COP KILLERS IN PRISON

Here is a simple, easy way to contact Parole Boards around the country requesting that they deny parole to killers of law enforcement officers.

Go to the Officer Down Memorial Page (www.odmp.org), look in the right hand column and under the heading “Subscribe” you will find “Cop Killer Parole Alerts”. Click on Subscribe. This is a FREE service. Every time the ODMP organization is notified that a parole hearing for a cop killer is scheduled, you will receive an email with a letter to the appropriate parole board requesting denial of parole. All you have to do is electronically sign the letter, print and mail it.

Your letter will make a difference!
APPRECIATION TO MARSHA ARDILA

On behalf of Carolina C.O.P.S., Lois Rao and Beverly Coates presented Marsha Ardila, Administrator of the SC Law Enforcement Hall of Fame, with a plaque at her retirement reception inscribed:

To Marsha Ardila

In grateful appreciation for her assistance to Carolina Concerns of Police Survivors and her dedication to preserving the memory and honoring the service of South Carolina’s fallen officers

Photo courtesy of SC DPS

Check out our new improved website for latest Carolina C.O.P.S. news.

www.carolinacops.org

Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ CarolinaCOPS
Family of SCHP Trooper Keith Rebman, EOW 10-24-2017

Family of Anderson County Deputy Devin Hodges EOW 6-1-2017

Family of Saluda County Deputy Eric Chapman, EOW 12-8-2017

Family Of Spartanburg Police Department Officer Jason Harris EOW April 13, 2017

Family of SCHP Trooper Keith Rebman, EOW 10-24-2017
In May at the beginning of National Police Week 13 active law enforcement officers from Mt. Pleasant Police Dept., Berkeley County Sheriff’s Office, and SLED participated the Law Enforcement United ride to honor fallen officers and to raise funds for Concerns of Police Survivors and the Officer Down Memorial Page. It's a little more than just riding a bike for long distances, it's a belief and individual life style to continue to honor, remember and to go the extra mile.

We met with other members of the LEU Virginia Division in Chesapeake VA. We rode as a Div. through Richmond VA, Stanford Va and we meet with the Pennsylvania division, New Jersey division, Maryland division and the FLETC Long Ride in Arlington VA. Then we rode as a single LEU group into Washington DC. Every rider is either an active or retired law enforcement officer who is riding for a fallen officer. There are also survivors participating in the ride as either a rider or support. This coming year (2019) Team LowCountry has 22 active law enforcement personnel participating.

- Darren Railey

We had another amazing year with the Police Unity Tour 2018. It is always such an honor to ride for fallen officers. Each year I go, one thing stays a constant. No one wants their officer forgotten. Not only do I want my brother, LCpl Jonathan Shea Nash, remembered, but I want all to know that their officer is remembered too.

We had several riders from South Carolina with us again this year who rode for Trooper Keith Reman and Deputy Devin Hodges as well as other officers from other states. It was also once again a wonderful privilege to have Lt. Jimmy Strait from SCHP as a motor escort with us. I found it comforting seeing him and his motor along the route. Brad and I are looking forward to Police Unity Tour 2019. It will be my tenth tour!

The one thing as a survivor doing this ride that I appreciate is getting to know survivors and officers from other states and countries. My first tour was in 2010. Each year our PUT chapter has officers from the UK join us. In 2013, they began their own Police Unity Tour, and we have been invited to attend each year. Brad and I finally decided 2018 was our year to go. All I can say is that the experience surpassed anything we thought it would be. Meeting survivors from other countries was humbling. We LEO survivors are truly a global Blue family! There are too many experiences to share, but I must say one of the biggest surprises was running into Suzie Sawyer on day two of the ride! She was there with the UK COPS (Care of Police Survivors) group.

- Tonya Nash Frare
The Piedmont Chapter of the Copperheads LE/MC Motorcycle Club sponsored a Memorial Ride on Saturday, July 14, 2018, to benefit Carolina Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.).

The Ride began in Cheraw, went to Darlington, Jefferson, and finished in Patrick, SC, a ride of nearly 90 miles. Ninety-four (94) bikes came out to honor Cheraw Police Department Patrolman First Class Gilbert F. Halma (June 29, 1998) and Chesterfield County Sheriff’s Deputy Wm. Jonathan Crawley (August 31, 1998), on the 20th anniversary of the End of Watch of both officers.

A check in the amount of $3,320.00 was presented on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 by the Copperheads to Lois Rao, Immediate Past President of Carolina C.O.P.S., at the Cheraw Police Department.

Recipients of Hall of Fame scholarships are: I to r: Austin Haynes, Sophomore at Presbyterian College, surviving son of SCHP Trooper James Haynes, EOW 2-1-2008; Kaylee Burdette, Sophomore at Anderson College, surviving daughter of Anderson County Deputy Alex Burdette, EOW 3-12-2005; A. J. Myers, Freshman at USC, surviving son of Edgefield County Deputy Allen “Pete” Myers, EOW 9-19-2000.

At a ceremony on September 5, 2018, the intersection of I-385 and Bridges Road in Greenville, SC, was named the “SCHP Trooper Daniel Keith Rebman, Jr. Memorial Intersection.” Trooper Rebman was killed on October 24, 2017, when his patrol vehicle was struck from behind by another vehicle.

From left to right: Jason Gainey, Anthony Tarlton, Lois Rao, George Halma, and Chris Tarlton

Troopers from SCHP Troop 3 in Greenville attended the kindergarten graduation of Olivia Rebman, surviving daughter of Trooper Keith Rebman, EOW 10-24-2017.


Jeffery, James and Katie Hodges, surviving children of Anderson Deputy Devin Hodges, EOW 6-1-2017

Olivia Rebman, surviving daughter of SCHP Trooper Keith Rebman, EOW 10-24-2017

Joshua, Isaac, and Jaden Smith, surviving sons of Clarendon County Investigator Holmes Smith, EOW 11-5-2-11.
SIBLING RETREAT


PARENTS RETREAT


CHALLENGE COINS ARE HERE!

$10.00
Order on our website www.carolinacops.org

$$ EASY FUNDRAISING $$

Raise funds for Carolina C.O.P.S. from the lounge chair in your den!

If you are an internet shopper, sign on to Amazon.com and go to Amazon Smiles. Then designate Carolina Concerns of Police Survivors as your charity of choice. Amazon will pay Carolina C.O.P.S. 5% of any amount you purchase. Be sure you register for CAROLINA C.O.P.S. as several other C.O.P.S. chapters in the United States are also listed.

Tonia Smith, surviving wife of Clarendon County Investigator Holmes Smith, EOW 11-5-2014 (on horse) and Tonia with Lin Pope, surviving wife of Cincinnati OH Officer Daniel Pope EOW 12-5-1997.
TRAVELING EXHIBIT DEDICATION HONORS FALLEN OFFICERS

At a ceremony on August 21, 2018, the traveling exhibit of the Spartanburg County Sheriff’s Office Rifle Drill Team was dedicated. Photos of fallen law enforcement and military officers will be on display in the exhibit. The following sixteen officers were honored at the dedication:

- Gunnery Sgt. Grady Thompson, EOW Mar 16, 2017
- Master Piper Dean Douglas, EOW March 27, 2018
- Spartanburg Deputy Anthony Mack, EOW October 20, 2017
- Spartanburg County Deputy Eric Woody, EOW July 17, 2017
- Spartanburg Master Patrol Officer Jason Harris, EOW April 13, 2017
- Spartanburg County Deputy Kevin Carper, EOW February 27, 2007
- SCHP Trooper Mark Coates, EOW November 20, 1992
- Greenville Deputy Marcus Whitfield, EOW August 13, 1999
- SCHP Trooper Eric Nicholson, EOW December 6, 2000
- Greenville Police Officer Allen Jacobs, EOW March 18, 2016
- Saluda Deputy Eric Chapman, EOW December 8, 2017
- SCHP Trooper Daniel Keith Rebman, EOW October 24, 2017
- Pacolet Police Officer Clarence McGee, EOW July 18, 1963
- Officer Robert Stephens, EOW October 26, 2014
- Anderson County KO Officer Hyco, EOW October 21, 2015

The Rifle Team is rooted in drill and ceremony and works toward perfection with the m1-grand rifle. The team is composed of 20 volunteer Spartanburg County Sheriff’s Office deputies assigned to the detention facticity. It performed over 37 times in 2017. The team has competed nationally in Washington DC during Police Week, to date placing at its highest 3rd in the nation. It also performed at the WWII monument in Washington, DC for the Honor Flight.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter Meeting—Saturday, February 9, 2019 at Mutts’s Barbeque, Greenville, SC. It is mandatory to attend this meeting if you are planning on running on for an office.

Annual Meeting—Saturday, March 20, 2019, Virginia Wingard Memorial United Methodist Church, Columbia, SC. We are planning on an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. More information will be forthcoming closer to the event. Chapter elections will take place at this meeting.

Summer Event—Saturday, June 15, 2019 in the Charleston area. More information will be available closer to the event.
Thank you to the following who made donations to Carolina C.O.P.S. since our last newsletter:

Nancy Owen Barton in honor and Appreciation of Briarciffe Acres Police Department
Copperheads Piedmont Chapter
Ms. Luciana Coutchie
Tonia Smith and Veronica Mallett in memory of Clarendon County Investigator Holmes Smith
J. Wayne Kyzer in honor and appreciation of the Irmo Police Department
Basic Law Enforcement Class 681 Legacy Gift
Melita Whitfield in memory of Greenville County County Deputy Marcus Whitfield
Dudley Johnson in honor of Beverly Coates’ birthday
SC Waterfowl Association
Amazon Smile
Lazer Werk LLC

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

Through United Way:
Greenville Police Department
Michael Morrow

Via PayPal:
Dennis Bennett
Kenneth Meola
Patrick Shaver