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### Carolina C.O.P.S.

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#### From our President:

Hello fellow survivors! It has been quite a while since we have

had a newsletter, but life gets very busy!! An update to what we have been up to!!



National Police Week was very busy. We had 6 new families that attended to honor their officer. Our team did a great job in assisting these new survivors and I could not be more proud of the work and dedication they put in making sure our new survi-

vors got everywhere they were supposed to be. Our goal is to make NPW not so overwhelming and to be there to answer any questions, get them to the sessions and all of the events. And I believe NPW 2019 was a huge success for our new people.

Hands On Programs (HOPS) are now in full swing. We have had record numbers of survivors attending these programs and that to me is a great sign that our survivors are ready to begin the healing process and grow in this new life they have been given. It takes great courage to get on a plane and travel to a new place and meet new people who share a similar event. But those of us who have been around for a while know there is absolutely no better peer support than others who walk a similar path. We pray these newer survivors will find great comfort attending these programs.

Mini retreats are back!!! Our spouses retreat will take place in Murrels' Inlet November 15-17 and our parents retreat will take place April 3-5, 2020. Registration for spouses is posted on our Spouses SC Facebook page. Please register and come out and enjoy your SC peeps!! Parents will be receiving a mailed invitation going out next February. We are going to talk about trying to have a siblings retreat next year! We will keep you posted!!

Mark your calendars for Saturday December 7th for our annual Christmas party! We have some new events in store for you!! Registration will be on our Carolina COPS Facebook page!!



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#### Special points of interest

- Challenge Coins
- Picture Collage
- Honoring our 2018 survivors in DC at NPW
- Our Roll Call of Fallen Heroes
- Get involved!!! It only takes one step!!!

### **License Plate Campaign**



Carolina C.O.P.S. has been working towards getting a fallen officer license plate into production! The rendering above is the plate the majority of folks like best. The application process to get the plate into production is steep. We have some funds set aside that have been earmarked for the plate. If you would like to donate, please go to our website at www.carolinacops.org and hit the donate button. You can earmark your donation to go towards the license plate campaign!!

The weekend of September 6th, 2019, seven siblings and in-laws of SC fallen officers will attend the National Siblings Retreat.

They will get an opportunity to receive counseling and fellowship with other surviving siblings from all over the country. This time will allow them a place to remember their loved one and honor their lives.

Our local chapter is proud to support these retreats and we are able to provide financial assist to the family members who attend.

This financial assistance is only possible through donations from our supporters. With the addition of the SC Fallen Officer license plate, funds will continue to come into CCOPS and we can continue to provide assistance to our families.

Thanks you for your support in this endeavor. If you have not made a financial contribution to the license plate drive, please click the link below to do so. In the notes, please type "license plate" so we will earmark your donation.

https://carolinacops.org/

Again, thank you for your support!
Tonia Mallett Smith, Carolina C.O.P.S Treasurer

# Our mission is simple—assisting in the rebuilding of shattered lives of those who have lost an officer in the line of duty.

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#### Upcoming Events for Carolina C.O.P.S.

- ♦ Thank a Police Officer Day—September 21st
- ♦ FOP Annual Memorial—November 8th, 2019. At the Capitol State House grounds at 6:00 pm. We will be honoring those fallen in 2018.
- ♦ The Black and Blue Gala sponsored by The Inv. Holmes N. Smith, Jr. Foundation—Saturday, November 9th, 2019 from 7:00 pm− midnight. Tickets still available!!
- ♦ In state Mini Spouses Retreat—November 15-17, 2019. Event will once again be held at the duplex in Murrell's Inlet, south of Myrtle Beach! Registration is online on the Facebook page Spouses SC. If you are not a member of this group, please reach out to us and we will add you.
- Annual Christmas Party—Saturday, December 7th, 2019 at the Criminal Justice Academy. A link for registering for the event is on our Carolina C.O.P.S. Facebook page!
- 3rd Quarter Business Meeting will take place directly after the Christmas Party on Saturday, December 7th!
- ♦ Winter Meeting—TBD
- ◆ In state Mini Parents Retreat—April 3-5, 2020. Invitations will be sent at the end of February
- Annual Meeting to take place in March. Location/date to be determined!



Honoring the legacy of Investigator Farrah Turner

#### Tragedy in Florence...a year later

A year ago on October 3rd, an out of control gunman opened fire at Florence County Sheriff's deputies who were trying to serve a warrant. The gunman opened fire, and in all, 7 officers were shot that day. Florence City Sergeant Terrence Carraway died that day and on October 22nd, Investigator Farrah Turner of the Florence County Sheriff's Office succumbed to her wounds.

An outpouring of support was showered upon Florence city and county. A community was in mourning and families shattered. It takes a long time to recover from something as tragic as this was, and life as these officers and their families know all too well, will never be the same again.

On Saturday August 17th, 2019, Highway 378 Bypass near Lake City is now name the "Farrah Turner Memorial Bypass" in honor of the late investigator for the Florence County Sheriff's Office.

Trust us when we say that Terrence and Farrah will never be forgotten. We pray daily for their families and all the other families who were involved in this horrific incident.

#### Our New Website!

About a year ago, we decided to bring our website in-house so we would have more control over the contents.

If you haven't had the opportunity or didn't know about it, please check it out at

#### www.carolinacops.org

Many things can be added to the website. If you have any articles or photos that you would like to share with us, please send them to me at ccopspresident@gmail.com and I will load them up for you!

# Bridge Dedicated to Corporal Dale S. Hallman



On June 22, there was a bridge dedication for fallen Saluda County Sheriff's Deputy Corporal Dale S. Hallman. The bridge is located on Hwy. 391 and Big Man Road. SCDOT of Saluda placed the sign on both sides of the bridge as well as made miniature signs for Dale's wife, children, and his mother and father.

Dale lost his life on April 6, 2018 while en route to help a fellow officer. Dale will never be forgotten.



### Some of our SC Parents at the National Parent's Retreat!



We have challenge coins!! They are \$10 a piece and can be purchased by contacting one of our Carolina C.O.P.S. board members. These make wonderful Christmas gifts!!



# Carolina COPS Pictures!!























































# National Police Week 2019





## **Mini Spouses Retreat**



Carolina Concerns of Police Survivors hosts min retreats for our families each year in SC. We have had successful retreats for our spouses and for our parents over the past two years.

Each group spends a weekend together in Myrtle Beach, SC where they have the opportunity to fellowship with one another, create lasting bonds and support each other through the grief. During this time, the families create their own schedules and are free to do what they are comfortable with. Sometimes they create a craft to remember their officer or they may cook their meals or go out to dinner together.

"We are so excited that we have the chance to provide this for our families," said Linda Pope, CCOP President. "Many of our families may not be able to attend the National Retreats, so this provides them another option to bond and build relationships with others who know and understand their feelings and situations."

Our numbers for participants is steadily increasing. The SC Spouses weekend with be November 15-17, 2019 and the SC Parents weekend will be April 3-5, 2020. We are considering adding on a retreat for SC Siblings very soon.



#### Scholarships for our Children

Each year children of fallen officers can be eligible to receive scholarships for tuition. Several of our children receive help from the Police Hall of Fame out of Titusville, Florida, the Public Safety Officer's Educational Benefit (for those officers who received PSOB), the SC Police Hall of Fame and others. In state tuition is waived for children of fallen officers which we are grateful for as well.

Director Smith of the SC Highway Patrol is awarding a scholarship to Kaylee Burdette, surviving adult child of Alex Burdette, EOW 3.12.2005.

We are forever grateful to those who go above and beyond to assist our children who have given so much. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



Kaylee Burdette with Director Smith

We are so excited about our SC Chapter!! We urge all survivors to come and get to know us and let us walk with you on your journey to a healthy life!!

### New Legislation for Survivors is Coming!

Our own Krystal Hodges whose husband Deputy Sheriff Devin Hodges was killed in the line of duty on June 1st, 2017 has been contacted by Representative John McCravy, III in response to benefits for SC surviving families. He is proposing legislation to assist new survivors in weaving their way through all the many systems and red tape associated with obtaining the different benefits available after a line of duty death occurs. So many times survivors are overwhelmed at the amount of paperwork, and not having any structure or rhyme or reason to filing for different benefits. Representative McCravy is proposing legislation to curtail the process and have put in place a "one stop shop" where new survivors can meet with someone to assist them. Every department—city, county, suburds—have their own way of doing things. This new system will make sure that each survivor is made aware of and helped to navigate this long and lengthy process. We cannot thank Rep. McCravy enough for his help in getting this legislation passed!!



# **ALL GAVE SOME...**

### **SEPTEMBER**

9.2.1899 S	amuel Tobias Clarendon County Magistrate's Office
	. D. Livingston Newberry Police Department
9.7.1958 H	Harry B. Ray SC Highway Patrol
9.7.1959 V	Voodrow W. Nailey Easley Police Department
9.8.2014 J	oseph Matuskovic Charleston County Sheriff's Office
9.9.1958 F	ern Thompson Charleston Police Department
9.10.1966	Marion C. Steele SC Highway Patrol
9.12.1932	Lawrence Strock Charleston Police Department
9.12.1965	John P. Martin Greenville County Sheriff's Office
9.12.1986	Henry O. Stalvey Horry County Police Department
9.14.1945	Walter Evans Greeleyville Police Department
9.15.1933	Walter L. Longshore Newberry Police Department
9.17.1956	Robert J. McIntyre SC Wildlife Department
9.17.2000	Alvin S. Glenn Richland County Detention Center
9.18.1928	Luther Martin Anderson County Sheriff's Office
9.18.1916	E. J. Alsobrooks Marlboro County Sheriff's Office
9.19.1929	Dock M. Garrett Greenville County Convict Guard
9.19.1977	Stephen A. Breland Colleton County Sheriff's Office
9.19.1996	J. Russell Sorrow Greenville Police Department
9.19.2000	Allen "Pete" Myers Edgefield County Sheriff's Office
9.19.2009	Jonathan Nash SC Highway Patrol
9.20.1925	Mike Knotts Wagener Police Department
9.20.1977	Sherman R. Massey Laurens County Sheriff's Office
9.20.1983	Mathew M. Beacham, Jr. Greenville Police Department
9.22.1908	L. Pressley Reeves SC Wildlife Department
	George M. Myers Greenville County Sheriff's Office
	Harlan M. Smith SC Highway Patrol
	W. Eugene Jones Laurens County Sheriff's Office
	James B. McCants York County Sheriff's Office
	James H. Murphy Fairfield County Sheriff's Office
	Alfred L. Perry Fairfield County Sheriff's Office
	Bruce K. Smalls SC Highway Patrol
	James C. Scurry Georgetown Police Department
9.30.1941	Joseph P. Monroe SC Highway Patrol

9.30.2015 Gregory Alia Forest Acres Police Department

# **SOME GAVE ALL**

## **OCTOBER**

10.1.1925 Ellis Shields Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office
10.1.1980 Michael D. Laws Chester County Sheriff's Office
10.3.2018 Sgt. Terrence Carraway Florence Police Dept.
10.3.1974 Charles L. McNeill SC Wildlife Department
10.5.1950 Albert T. Sealy SC Highway Patrol
10.5.1914 John. F. Lindsey Greenville County Sheriff's Office
10.5.1919 A. M. Blair Greenville Police Department
10.5.1919 J. L. Kitchens Greenville Police Department
10.6.1944 Keith Ellsworth Charleston Police Department
10.7.1981 Joel D. Hughes Pickens County Sheriff's Office
10.8.1972 Roy. O. Caffey SC Highway Patrol
10.9.1996 C. Rick Pope Fountain Inn Police Department
10.10.1932 Lawrence M. Strock Charleston Police Department
10.10.1965 John. R. Martin Greenville County Sheriff's Office
10.10.1980 Michael Laws Chester County Sheriff's Office
10.11.1928 W. H. Talley Oconee County Rural Police
10.12.1931 Ralph W. McCracken SC Highway Patrol
10.12.1986 Allan R. Brazzell Sumter County Sheriff's Office
10.15.1978 William D. Breland Walterboro Police Department
10.16.2003 Donnie R. Washington Richland County Sheriff's Office
10.22.2018 Investigator Farrah Turner Florence County Sheriff's Office
10.23.1999 Brian S. Mills Lexington County Sheriff's Department
10.24.2017 Daniel Keith Rebman, Jr. South Carolina Highway Patrol
10.24.1930 Perry Paris Greenville County Sheriff's Office
10.28.1986 Gary A. Thompson Gray Court Police Department
10.29.1982 Steven B. Hiott Charleston County Police Department
10.29.1988 George T. Radford SC Highway Patrol
10.31.1966 Claude V. Southerlin, Jr. Greenville County Sheriff's Office

# We will never forget

## **NOVEMBER**

11.1.1923Ch	arlie L. Johnson Aiken Police Department
11.1.1975 R	ay G. Moore SC Wildlife Department
11.3.1973 E	dgar D. Cooley Honea Path Police Department
11.5.2014 H	Iolmes N. Smith, Jr. Clarendon County Sheriff's Office
11.7.2015 S	tacey L. Case Columbia Police Department
11.9.1968 V	Villiam A. Singleton Rock Hill Police Department
11.9.2002 R	. L. Wiles, Jr. Elloree Police Department
11.10.1939	Joseph Lamb Union County Sheriff's Office
11.10.1939	Joseph L. Lamb Union County Sheriff's Department
11.11.1928	Henry Stanfield Marlboro County Sheriff's Office
11.11.1921	J. Hay Fant Union County Sheriff's Office
11.12.1797	Robert Maxwell Washington District
11.13.1981	David L. Alverson SC Highway Patrol
11.15.1926	E. W. Johnson Florence Police Department
11.15.1974	William T. Cribb Charleston County Police Department
11.16.1941	W. D. Allen Edgefield County Sheriff's Office
11.17.1911	Wade H. Patterson Aiken Police Department
11.18.1941	William L. Clark Edgefield County Sheriff's Department
11.19.1935	Ed Hennecy SC Highway Patrol
11.19.1926	E. W. Johnson Florence Police Department
11.19.2002	William B. Bell Summerville Police Department
11.19.2002	Marion E. Wright II Berkeley County Sheriff's Office
11.20.1992	Mark H. Coates SC Highway Patrol
11.21.1991	Marvin L. Titus SC Highway Patrol
11.22.1953	Joseph W. Price Lexington County Sheriff's Office
11.28.1985	Valdon O. Keith SC State Constable

11.29.2013 Joseph Antwine Florence County Sheriff's Office

# Their Sacrifice

## **DECEMBER**

12.3.1934 David Deason Pageland Police Department
12.6.1951 Junius P. Lewis Charleston Police Department
12.6.2000 Eric F. Nicholson SC Highway Patrol
12.7.1992 Christopher L. Taylor Anderson County Sheriff's Office
12.7.2006 Jason L. Sheppard Aiken County Sheriff's Office
12.8.2017 James Eric Chapman Johnston Police Department
12.8.1942 William H. Wilson Charleston Police Department
12.8.2003 Donald M. Ouzts Abbeville County Magistrate's Office
12.8.2003 Danny Wilson Abbeville County Sheriff's Office
12.9.1937 Frank Wright Gaffney Police Department
12.12.1937 John O. Sanders SC Department of Corrections
12.13.1995 Calvin A. Perry Saluda Police Department
12.13.1985 V. Edward Kee Mt. Pleasant Police Department
12.14.1991 David O'Brien SC Highway Patrol
12.14.2007 Darrel K. Lane Richland County Sheriff's Office
12.15.1988 Thomas L. Kerney Leesville Police Department
12.16.1975 Wesley J. Smith Charleston Police Department
12.21.1855 William T. Cross Columbia Police Department
12.21.2011 E. Scott Richardson Aiken Department of Public Safety
12.22.1879 John Harlow Charleston Police Department
12.22.1969 A. C. Campbell SC Wildlife Department
12.23.1977 H. A. Williams Aiken County Sheriff's Office
12.24.1992 Edward J. Alva Richland Co. Sheriff's Office
12.24.1949 Norris Nettles SC Highway Patrol
12.25.1934 Edwin D. Milam SC Highway Patrol
12.25.1956 William L. Acker Anderson Police Department
12.25.1970 Jimmy A. Traylor SC Highway Patrol
12.25.1980 T. D. Tindal, Sr. Georgetown Police Department
12.27.1947 Grady Martin Florence Police Department
12.29.2001 Randy G. Gerald Horry County Sheriff's Office
12.29.1999 K. Shaye Walker Lexington County Sheriff's Office
12.29.2002 Joseph J. McGarry Myrtle Beach Police Department
12.30.1900 J. R. Kennedy Abbeville County Sheriff's Office
12.31.1975 Steven W. Jordan Rock Hill Police Department
12.31.1997 Frankie L. Lingard SC Highway Patrol



## Every journey begins with a first step....

## Take my hand and I will pull you up.

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