

Rebuilding Shattered Lives

Greater Houston Concerns of Police Survivors

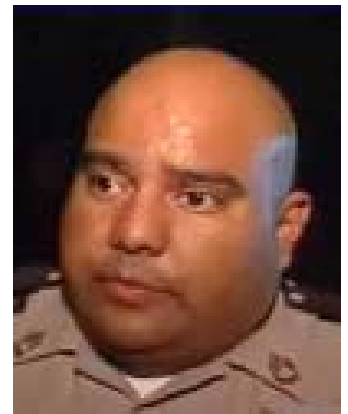
We will never forget.....

Greater Houston Board Elections/ Annual Meeting to be held February 10, 2008

Elections of Board Members, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will take place at the Annual Meeting on **February 10, 2008, 2:00 p.m. at the Mickey Leland Annex * 7300 North Shepherd * Houston, TX.** If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, a letter of intent must be sent to Cathy Hill via email at cathy@ghcops.org or mail to **GHC.O.P.S. * P O Box 73362 * Houston, TX 77273 by February 8, 2008.** For job descriptions, please call 832-257-1499.

It is with such sadness that we share the loss of Officer James Saavedra. Officer Saavedra served with the Port of Corpus Christi Department for 4 years and had previously served with the Corpus Christ Independent School District Police Department. He also served with the Nueces County Constable's Office before his employment with the Port of Corpus Christi. Officer Saavedra was accidentally shot at the depart-

ments shooting range. Visit www.odmp.org for more information and to leave condolences . He is survived by his wife, 2 daughters, son and step-son, mother and two brothers. This death marks 22 for the state of Texas for the year 2008 in which we lead the nation. Greater Houston Concerns of Police Survivor Chapter has lost 6 of those officers.



Police Officer **James Saavedra**
Port of Corpus Christi Police Department

Happy New Year 2008

Have you ever wondered where we get the money to send you this newsletter? Have you wondered where National C.O.P.S. gets the money to put on National Police Week? C.O.P.S. Kids Camp? Outward Bound? Adult Children's Retreat? Spouses Retreat? Parents

Retreat? Siblings Retreat? In-Laws Retreat? Fiancée's/ Significant Others Retreat? Chapter Training? Traumas In Law Enforcement? If you haven't attended one of these functions or Hands On Programs in a while, you are probably wondering where I am going with this. What

does it matter? It matters, that the survivor pays nothing for any of this valuable services provided by your local and National Concerns Of Police Survivors. Federal grant money has been reduced from \$700,000 to \$365,000. Keep in mind that your local chapter does

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- Police Week \$14,980.54
- C.O.P.S. Kids Camp \$20,127.12
- Outward Bound \$5,096.52
- Siblings Retreat \$1,802.73
- Spouses Retreat \$6,426.09
- Parents Retreat \$4,016.16

Police Officers give more than speeding tickets, they give their lives. 24-7-365

Periodically we send out emails with announcements and other news. If you are not receiving these and would like to be on our email distribution list, please send an email to cathy@ghcops.org and we will update you on all that is going on.

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not take money from the National office. We send to them 20% of our income. Where does our income come from? Right now, we only receive a very small amount from private donations and I stress a very small amount. The remainder which comes to just over \$1,000 monthly comes from Harris County Employee payroll deductions. We couldn't survive without those donations!!!

National spent \$52,449.16 on Texas survivors on Hands-On-Programs last year. During National Police Week, 104 survivors attended and \$14,980.54, C.O.P.S. Kids Camp had 39 attending costing \$20,127.12, Out-

ward Bound (3) \$5,096.52, Siblings Retreat (3) \$1,802.73, Spouses Retreat (11) \$6,426.09, Parents Retreat (12) \$4,016.16. National spent the second highest amount of money on Texas survivors last year. California was the highest. It is projected that we will be the highest this coming year since we led the nation in line of duty deaths. More deaths mean more will attend the functions and programs. I am telling you this to ask you to consider sending your donation to either your local chapter or the National office in memory of your officer. Your help is needed. National can't survive without the help from us. Many of you will

agree that your healing began when we made the journey to National Police Week that very first time. National Police Week isn't possible without Concerns of Police Survivors.

Make it a Happy New Year for your local chapter and National Concerns of Police Survivors, support them financially and with your presence. Look on the websites for upcoming schedules and deadlines to get paperwork in to attend the Hands-On- Programs. We want you to attend and benefit all the C.O.P.S. has to offer. Let your healing continue.

www.nationalcops.org

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Presidents Message

Can I just tell you how much each of you mean to me? Because you mean so much to me, I need to share a secret with you. I seem to have a problem with organization and with

that problem comes not being able to get Christmas cards out. You see, I have good intentions. I spend the money on purchasing them. I take the family photos, I even go as

far as developing them., buying the stamps, a new pen that has the neatest point the write your personal messages in each card but as I sit here tying this message, your cards

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are sitting to my right still in the box. They are beautiful cards and I thought they would be perfect for my C.O.P.S. family but alas maybe next Christmas. In all seriousness though, you each one are very special to me. I look over our database frequently and I think about the loss each of you have sustained and many times, I cry for you and many times I smile for you because I think about the grandbabies that have been born in your families, I

think of the new marriages, I think of the lives that have transformed and been rebuilt just like my own. Lives we never thought would rebuild. Isn't it amazing where we have all come? For some of you, it has only been a few months and my words are a slap in the face but others, I hope you are nodding in agreement with me, kinda like an "amen sister". I have met so many people on this journey and each of you has made such an impact on

my life. Through the hands-on-programs that I have attended as well as locally, each survivor has played an important part of my healing process. I am still healing and will continue to heal because you are part of my family. Be part of the C.O.P.S. family, get involved, be a part of what is going on. I am here for you.

Walking through this journey together, remember you are not alone.

Cathy

In Loving Remembrance of Fred James Lane

A native of Lineville, Iowa, he was the elder son of Morris and Jennie Lane and passed away at this home on Sunday, January 6th, after a brief illness. Fred moved to Des Moines, Iowa in 1939 where he graduated from East High School. In 1940, Fred joined the Army Air Corps, which later became the Air Force, where he attained the rank of Master Sergeant. He served in the Korean War as a part of the 4th FIW retirement group. Fred served at numerous U>S> Air Force bases including Tachikawa, Japan prior to his retirement in 1962.

After retirement from the military, Fred started a new career in banking at Beaumont State Bank where he was Assistant Vice-President. After 18 years at Beaumont State Bank, he retired from there but continued to stay active in the local banking industry. Fred held memberships in the Sales and Marketing Executives Club, Texas A&M club, and the Beaumont Coin Club. He was also a member of the South Park Baptist Church.

Preceded in death by his son, Beaumont Police Sergeant Mike Lane, he is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Virginia Lane; daughter Carol Lane of Houston; daughter Linda Lane Morris and husband Dr. Brock Morris of Waco; and daughter-in-law, Renee Lane of Nederland; grandson, Seth Morris of Waco; granddaughter Dr. Jenny Carl and husband Dr. Leighton Carl of Orlando, FL; grandson, Benjamin Lane of Nederland, and great-granddaughter, Miriam Carol of Orlando.

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Mission Statement

Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. provides resources to assist in the rebuilding of the lives of surviving families 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.

Our Heroes

Chief of Police Ernest V. Mendoza

Needville Independent School District Police Department
E.O.W. January 19, 2007

Police Officer Lisa Beaulieu

Beaumont Police Department
E.O.W. April 27, 2007

Deputy Constable Jason Norling

Harris County Constable's Office, Precinct 5
E.O.W. October 1, 2007

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Enforcement Division E.O.W. March 17, 2007

Corrections Officer Susan Louise Canfield

Texas Department of Criminal Justice
E.O.W. September, 24, 2007

Police Officer James Saavedra

Port of Corpus Christi Police Department
E.O.W. December 19, 2007