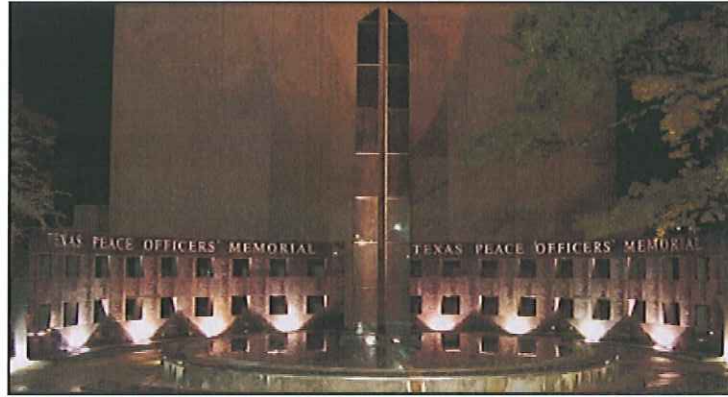




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*Texas Peace Officer's Memorial
Austin, Texas
Roll Call * May 1-2, 2011*

<i>Officer</i>	<i>Agency</i>	<i>End of Watch</i>
<i>Stuart Jay Alexander</i>	<i>Corpus Christi Police Department</i>	<i>March 11, 2009</i>
<i>Henry Canalas</i>	<i>Houston Police Department</i>	<i>June 23, 2009</i>
<i>Shane Thomas Detwiler</i>	<i>Chambers County Sheriff's Office</i>	<i>July 13, 2009</i>
<i>Jesse Thomas Hamilton</i>	<i>Pasadena Police Department</i>	<i>August 21, 2009</i>
<i>Timothy Gerard Olsovsky</i>	<i>Victoria County Sheriff's Office</i>	<i>October 7, 2009</i>
<i>Dionicio M. Camacho</i>	<i>Harris County Sheriff's Office</i>	<i>October 23, 2009</i>
<i>John Brown</i>	<i>Calhoun County Constable's Office</i>	<i>April 10, 2010</i>
<i>Fydelmen Mani</i>	<i>Houston Police Department</i>	<i>May 15, 2010</i>
<i>Odell McDuffie, Jr</i>	<i>Liberty County Sheriff's Office</i>	<i>October 25, 2010</i>
<i>Ann O'Donnell</i>	<i>University of Houston Police Dept.</i>	<i>December 24, 2010</i>

President's Message:

Spring is upon us, and we are reminded that the Texas State Memorial and the National Memorial are right around the corner. Easter, Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day are not far away from our thoughts. We know how difficult these times can be for the entire surviving family of a law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty. It is never easy to get through these times, especially on your own. Please know that there are so many of us willing to lend a healing hand to help pull you up and walk with you during your grief journey. I know that when my son was killed and left three very young children behind, that these holidays will never be the same for them again, as I know they will never be the same for any of you again. As we move forward learning to make new traditions, we must remember to include things that our fallen officers would love to be doing with us if they were still here.

Please remember that the entire GHC.O.P.S. board is just a phone call away. Feel free to call any one of us at any time. Cheryl Railsback, President

Special Thanks to

- * Harris County Employees for showing support through payroll deductions
- * Harris County Deputies' Organization for monthly support to GHC.O.P.S.
- * Gary Blankenship and the Houston Police Officers' Union for a donation for "Suzie's Circus" during National Police Week in DC
- * Sheriff Adrian Garcia for a donation to "Suzie's Circus" during NPW in DC
- * The Shane Detwiler Foundation for a donation to Greater Houston C.O.P.S.
- * Cindy Kroth, Ben Corbin, Lisa Alexander, Jennifer Cunningham, Anna Garcia, Signorelli Group, and the Equestrian Club of Lake Houston for organizing, donations, and use of facilities for the BBQ benefiting GHC.O.P.S and the Shane Detwiler Foundation
- * Ainsworths Meats for donating meat for the BBQ
- * Shane Cates, Andrew Derkowski, and Precinct 3 Constables for donating their time for security at the cook off.

Chapter News

- * GHC.O.P.S. participated in the Salute to First Responders in Angleton on March 26th. Our snow cones were a big hit and we enjoyed meeting many of the first responders in Brazoria County. This event was sponsored by the Blue Knights of Brazoria County.
- * A 29 foot Safe boat named Patrol Vessel Shane Detwiler, will be commissioned by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department on May 7th. Deputy Detwiler was with the Chambers County Sheriff's Department when he was killed July 13, 2009.

Mark your Calendar

Texas Peace Officers' Memorial—Austin, TX

- May 1: **Texas C.O.P.S. Chapter's Survivors' Lunch & Candlelight Vigil**
12:00 pm- Registration
Orientation for NPW every half- hour on the hour
3:00- 4:30 pm- Lunch for Registered 2009-2010 Survivors Only
4:45 pm- Balloon Release
7:00 pm- Texas Peace Officers' Candlelight Vigil (buses start leaving hotel at 5:00 pm)
Reception for Survivors immediately after the Candlelight Vigil at host hotel
- May 2: **Texas C.O.P.S. Chapter's Survivors' Breakfast & Texas Peace Officer's Memorial**
6:30 am-8:00 am- Breakfast for Registered 2009-2010 Survivors Only
8:30 am - Buses start leaving for State Capitol
11:00 am- Texas Peace Officers' Memorial
- May 7: **Salute to Law Enforcement** - Willowbrook Mall, Houston
- May 10: **Harris County Peace Officers' Memorial**, 7:00 pm
- May 11: **Beaumont Police Department Memorial**, 9:00 am * 255 College* Beaumont

National Police Week—Washington, DC

- May 13: 9:00 –5:00 -Conference check-in
3:00 pm-4:00 pm- Road to Hope Reception for 2010 Survivors
5:00 pm-11:00 pm - Buses run to Candlelight Vigil and back to National Police Week hotels
8:00 pm- 23rd Annual Candlelight Vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial
- May 14: 7:00 am- Conference check-in at the Hilton Alexandria Hotel
8:00 am- Continental Breakfast for Survivors
9:00 am—Opening session of National Police Survivors' Conference
11:00 am- Sessions for C.O.P.S. Hands-On Programs
12 Noon- Lunch (Adults only)
7:00 pm - Suzie Sawyer's Retirement Dinner
- May 15: 11:00 am- **National Peace Officers' Memorial**
- May 16: 8:00 am—Continental Breakfast for Survivors
9:00 am- Second day of National Police Survivors' Conference
12 Noon- Lunch and motivational speaker for Survivors attending seminar only
6:00 pm 9:00 pm- Hoedown at the Hilton
- May 17: Official departure day
- May 20: **Houston Police Department Memorial**



Jolie & Amanda Wass at
Salute to First Responders

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 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.

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