



Greater Houston Concerns of Police Survivors

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Remembering two heroes

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Houston Police Officer Eydelmen Mani was killed in an automobile accident on May 19, 2010 while joining fellow officers chasing a suspected auto thief. His patrol car struck a guardrail and overturned. Officer Mani had served with the Houston Police Department for seven years. He is survived by his wife, three year old son, parents, and 4 siblings.



Constable John W. Brown of the Calhoun County Constable's Office-Precinct 5, suffered a heart attack shortly after struggling with a suspect he was attempting to arrest on April 10, 2010. Constable Brown was transported to a local hospital where he passed away a short time later.

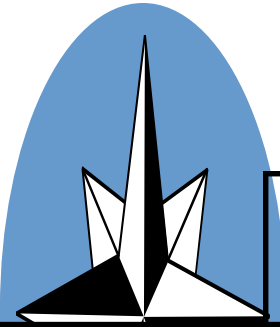
Constable Brown had retired from the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department and the U.S. Coast Guard before becoming a constable. He is survived by his wife, Maria Emilia Brown of Port O'Connor and brother, Howard Brown.

All *GHCOPS* general meetings are held :
Harris County Sheriff's Office
249 Storefront
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Concerns of Police Survivors Mission Statement

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



Counties Covered by *GHCOPS*

Aransas, Austin, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Houston, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Lavaca, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, Refugio, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Trinity, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, & Wharton

President's Message

On July 13, 2009, my husband called me to have lunch about 11:30 a.m. As he had never called me to take me to lunch, I was somewhat suspicious, but thought that since my birthday was that following Saturday, that he was trying to surprise me. We had agreed to meet in a parking lot of a local restaurant. I arrived at the destination first and waited patiently as I thought about where he might be taking me. When Mike arrived, I was devastated to find out that my son, Shane Detwiler, Chambers County Sheriff Deputy, had been shot and killed that morning.

That is when I first met two mothers of fallen officers, who sat with me, cried with me, and told me they would be there for me whenever I needed them. Little did I know at that time, that I was really going to need them to help me get through this traumatic loss. C.O.P.S. has made me realize that I am not alone and will never walk alone again. C.O.P.S. has become our new family and when we get together, it is like we were never apart. I knew from the first time I attended the Parent's Retreat, that I needed to be involved with helping other surviving families through the loss of their officer.

Shane was a son to be proud of with his many accomplishments in his short life. Shane served 4 years active duty in the Army. In 2005, as an Army reservist, he left for a year long tour of duty in Iraq serving as a counterintelligence special agent for the 321st Military Intelligence Battalion, earning a Bronze Star and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, as a Staff Sgt. Shane graduated from SHSU Summa Cum Laude, in just 2 1/2 years earning his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. He became a Texas Game Warden and served with that Department for 6 years before becoming a Chambers County Sheriff Deputy. Shane is survived by his widow, Patricia Detwiler and their three children, Audie, Aiden and Abigail, and one sister, Brandi McKnight.

C.O.P.S. has made a tremendous impact on my ability to move forward. I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as the President of the Greater Houston C.O.P.S. Chapter. I will work very hard, along with the rest of dedicated board members, to diligently serve you. I would encourage you to contact any one of us if we can be of assistance.

I believe I have truly found my "sweet spot", in working with the C.O.P.S. Organization.

Cheryl Railsback

COPS Walk 2010—Support Our Walkers

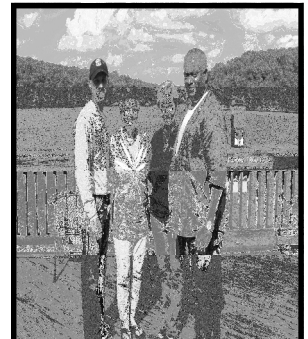
COPS Walk 2010 will bring together survivors, friends, and members of the law enforcement community who are willing to take on the challenge of walking 25 miles in two days to support Concerns of Police Survivors. The walk is designed to challenge participants as well as an opportunity to spend time with other survivors and friends walking in memory of loved ones. This year, two Greater Houston survivors will take this challenge—Jena Kincaid, daughter of Sgt. Kent Kincaid of HPD (e.o.w. 5-23-98) and Cathy Hill, spouse of Deputy Barry Hill (e.o.w. 12-4-00). Good luck to these two ladies as they walk for C.O.P.S. on October 9 & 10.

Our Sincere Thanks ...

- **Harris County Employees** - through payroll deductions to help **GHCOPS**
- **Harris County Deputies' Organization** - donations to **GHCOPS**
- **Crossfit Victorious in Tomball** - for their support of **GHCOPS**

Chapter News

- Congratulations to **Cathy Hill** for being elected to the National Board as Mountain Region Trustee. Cathy is the surviving spouse of Deputy Barry Hill (e.o.w. 12-4-00) of the Harris County Sheriff's Office. Cathy will still represent **GHCOPS** as Immediate Past President.
- Greater Houston C.O.P.S. welcomes **Cheryl Railsback**, mother of Deputy Shane Detwiler of the Chambers County Sheriff's Dept. (e.o.w.7-13-09) who has accepted the position of President for **GHCOPS**.
- Mark your calendars for the Presidents Pot Luck Dinner set for Saturday, September 25th at **Cheryl & Mike Railsback's** house. Details with address and times are coming or check out the Greater Houston web page.
- If you are interested in joining other parent survivors for a monthly dinner, contact **Ron Bennett** at rbennett9580@sbcglobal.net. Ron will let you know the time and location of the next gathering.



Chapter Training 2010
Shane Gadoury of Tampa Police Dept. , Carol Lane, Cheryl Railsback of **GHCOPS**, Asst. Chief Anthony Robinson of Eustis Fla.



**Rebuilding
Shattered
Lives**

Your contributions to the newsletter are welcomed!

Let us know what is happening with your family or co-worker survivors such as weddings, births, graduations, memorial services, or pictures of new additions to your family. Drop us a line so we can share with your **COPS** family. E-mail **Carol Lane** at calane1888@att.net

Mark your calendars

September 10– 13: *C.O.P.S. Siblings Retreat, Potosi, MO* *

September 17-20: *C.O.P.S. Spouses Retreat, Potosi, MO* **

September 25: **GHCOPS President's Pot Luck Dinner (details to come)**

October 1– 4: *C.O.P.S. Affected Co-Workers Retreat, Potosi, MO* **

October 8– 11: *C.O.P.S. Walk* **

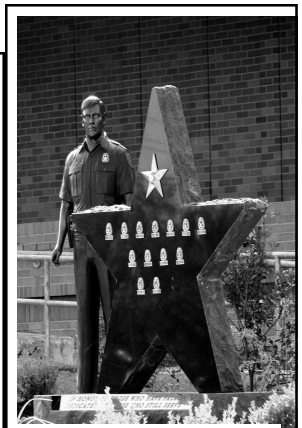
October 15-18: *C.O.P.S. In Laws Retreat, Potosi, MO* **

October 29- Nov. 1: *C.O.P.S. Parents Retreat Potosi, MO* **

December 4: **Deputy Barry Hill** Celebration

December 12: **GHCOPS** Christmas Party

September 2010						
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Beaumont Police Dept.
May 10, 2010
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**Reaching Out to the
Survivors and Co-
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