



Greater Houston Concerns Of Police Survivors

A tribute to our Heroes Absolutely, never forgotten



Texas Department of Public Safety Corrections Officer Susan Canfield was killed on September 24, 2007, during an escape by two inmates. Officer Canfield was supervising the two inmates on a work detail near the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Wynne Unit in Huntsville. They overpowered her, took her weapons, and then ran over her with a Huntsville city vehicle they had stolen. She succumbed to her injuries a short time later. One inmate was captured shortly after the escape and the other was captured about two hours later. Officer Canfield had served with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for 7 years and is survived by her husband, three children, mother, two brothers, a sister and two grandchildren.

Harris County Constable's Office Pct 5 Deputy Constable Jason Norling was struck and killed on October 1, 2007, by a vehicle while conducting a traffic stop on the Westpark Tollway. He was standing next to the driver's side window of the vehicle he had stopped when the collision occurred. Deputy Norling was transported to Memorial Hermann Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries a short time later. Deputy Constable Norling had served with the Precinct 5 Constable's Office for 8 years. He is survived by his wife, mother, brother. His brother also serves as a deputy constable with the Precinct 5 Constable's Office.



**GH C.O.P.S.
Christmas Party**

**Sunday, December 9
2—6 p.m.**

Friends are for enjoying and celebrating

Bring your family and let us celebrate our friendships this holiday season

We'll get the holiday season started by practicing a few holiday songs, and maybe playing some holiday games.

Santa is taking the day off from his workshop and will be stopping by for a visit.

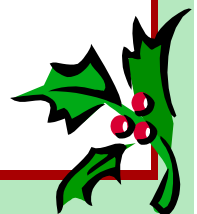
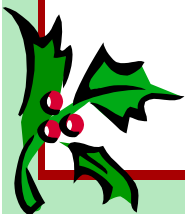
We'll also be having an ornament exchange this year

so, please, everyone bring a blue or silver theme ornament of your choice.

Any style, size, or shape—and handmade is always special!!!

For reservations, call 832-257-1499. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under.

Mail checks to: GH C.O.P.S.
P. O. Box 73362
Houston, TX 77273-3362



GH C.O.P.S. Annual Meeting—February 10, 2008

According to Greater Houston Concerns of Police Survivors bylaws, this year during the February 10, 2008 Annual Meeting, qualified members (according to our bylaws) will be voting on board members. The positions open for election are: 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. To be eligible to serve on the board, at least one year must have lapsed since the loss of your officer, member must have been present at a meeting within six months prior to the annual February meeting and must be an advocate and supporter of Concerns of Police Survivors, dedicated to work in the best interest of the C.O.P.S. organization. The term for each office is two years. Letters of intent are due by January 25, 2008.

For more information, you may contact Cathy Hill at 281-300-4131 or 832-257-1499. Letters of intent may be mailed to P.O. Box 73362, Houston, Texas 77273.

Show your thanks to our officers and troops—buy them a cup of coffee, or better yet buy their lunch or dinner.

Harris County Toll Road Memorial 3 Constables Honored

On May 18th, 2007 the Harris County Toll Road had a wonderful and outstanding Memorial ceremony for the three fallen Constables killed on the Harris County Toll Road. The Memorial will be held every year on May 18 at the Dairy Ashford/WestPark Toll office. The officers who were honored are:

Captain Jerry Foster

EOW 10/22/1993

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Deputy Micheal R. Eakin

EOW 9/29/1998

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Deputy Frank "Scotty" Claborn

EOW 02/19/2004

Harris County Constables Office Pct. 4



GHCOPS Service Area by County...

Aransas, Austin,
Brazoria, Brazos,
Burlason, 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,
and Wharton.

Remember our troops this Holiday Season

In Loving Memory of One of Us

by Janet Green



Kevin Fowler, Harris County Precinct One, became a police survivor when his co-worker Deputy Constable Micheal Eakin was killed in the line of duty. Kevin had been one of Micheal's training officers. After he attended the Texas and National Memorials as a representative for Micheal, he became fully aware of what C.O.P.S. does for survivors. As a Precinct One Honor Guard he attended police funerals time and time again, knowing how difficult it would be each time after having lost his close friend and coworker. He attended Traumas in Law Enforcement when it was held in Houston a few years ago, gaining knowledge and strength with which to be better support for survivors and fellow officers as well. He assisted in getting a "home" for Greater Houston C.O.P.S. by gaining permission for us to meet at the Mickey Leland Annex.

He was a faithful participant in our activities when his schedule allowed it. Kevin truly believed in the mission of C.O.P.S.. It is with a very sad heart that I am writing to let all of you know that we lost this kind and gentle man! Kevin suffered an unexpected heart attack and died at home on July 9, 2007. GH C.O.P.S. has lost a great supporter. I have lost a dear friend. Kevin will be missed tremendously by many. Please keep his memory alive in your hearts and conversations and pray for his survivors.

Many, many thanks to our supporters

Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal for the silent auction for GH C.O.P.S. at his fundraising event.

Harris County Constable Ron Hickman for the silent auction for GH C.O.P.S. at his golf tournament.

Harris County Employees for their continued support through the **Harris County Payroll Deduction plan**.

And thanks for the continued support through the use of the **Kroger Share Cards**.

The support we receive from our law enforcement family is invaluable to us and helps us take care of the survivors in our service area. You can help too. At this Christmas season, please remember Greater Houston C.O.P.S. when you're thinking of charitable giving. Remember your officer or loved one by making a donation to your local chapter. Visit our website, www.greaterhoustoncops.org, to give through **PayPal** or checks are always welcome.

GH C.O.P.S. 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.



On Saturday, October 13, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Connor opened their home to the Greater Houston C.O.P.S. survivors by hosting (in conjunction with the Texas Parks and Wildlife officers of the Greater Houston area,) the First Annual GH C.O.P.S. Fall Festival. About 75 guests attended. Besides all the good food, many of the survivors enjoyed a day of fishing as well as pumpkin carving and scarecrow making.



Did you know..... That you can support GH C.O.P.S. by using a GH C.O.P.S. **Kroger Share Card**. Just present the card to the cashier when you're checking out your groceries. For each \$1.00 that you spend, GH C.O.P.S. receives one penny. You might be laughing at this, but, trust us, the pennies do add up and each quarter, we receive a nice size check from Kroger Food Stores. Call today—832-257-1499 get your very own . Support your survivors through the Kroger Share Card.

Harris County Payroll Deduction Change

The Harris County Commissioners Office has informed Greater Houston C.O.P.S. that all future payroll deductions must be no less than \$25 a month. All current deductions will remain as they are now. Thanks to each and every one of you who support the survivors of your fallen brothers and sisters by giving to GH C.O.P.S. through your Payroll Deduction.

Traumas in Law Enforcement 2008

January 7-9—San Bernadino, CA; **January 21-23**—Richmond, VA; **February 11-13**—Springfield, IL; **February 27-29**—Tallahassee, FL; **March 5-7**—Syracuse, NY; **March 17-19**—Oklahoma City, OK; **March 24-26**—Cheyenne, WY

National Police Week 2008

- May 12** Early Arrival Day
- May 13** Official Arrival Day and Conference Check-In
NLEOMF Candlelight Vigil
- May 14** First day of C.O.P.S. Survivors' Conference
First day of C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens
Trooper's Tour of the Capitol
(1st year survivors ONLY)
- May 15** National Peace Officer's Memorial Service
- May 16** 2nd day of C.O.P.S. Survivors' Conference
2nd day of C.O.P.S. KidsTeens
Survivors' Picnic in the Park
- May 17** Official Departure Day

Current Board

<u>President</u>	<u>1st Vice President</u>	<u>2nd Vice President</u>
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Police Officers give more than speeding tickets—they give their lives.

Support Law Enforcement

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President's Potluck Dinner



On October 8, about 50 people attended the President's Potluck Dinner hosted by Cathy and Gregg. It was a beautiful day in the neighborhood in Spring, TX. The pool was enjoyed by all, lots of food consumed and everybody had a great time.



Merry Christmas and

Happy New Year

from

Cathy, Janet, Susan, Carol, B.J. and Jean

*Our prayer for you is that your stocking
would be filled with love, joy, and peace
during this Christmas Season.*



Congratulations to Shannon Garcia (surviving spouse of Deputy Constable John David Garcia, EOW 7/17/2003) on her adoption of a precious baby boy. Thomas Blake Garcia came into Shannon's life on July 3, 2007. Thomas was born on June 14, 2007.

Go to www.greaterhoustoncops.org to order your beautiful, personalized Texas Christmas Ornament.