



## Metroplex Concerns of Police Survivors

### President's Message



Happy New Year!

As I sit down and reflect on 2016, I can't help but consider the terrible loss that not only our Chapter itself has suffered but also our nation as a whole. This year, eleven officers were killed in the line of duty in just the North Texas area alone.

I am incredibly proud of this chapter board, not only for their response to these Line of Duty Deaths but also for their continued devotion to our survivors. Over the last two years, we have more than doubled our survivor membership but we have not wavered. Our Board is absolutely committed to making sure our survivors have the support as well as the resources they need to sustain their journey through life in what is now their new "normal."

Despite the tragedy we have faced over the last nine months, we have been blessed with so much good. Countless individuals and companies from across the world have reached out and supported us with donations, emails, and kind letters of encouragement. It never ceases to amaze me how we can rise up and come together on a singular mission of goodness and encouragement toward others.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention some of those who made an enormous financial impact on our Chapter this year: GT Distributors in Dallas, Silver Dollar Saloon in conjunction with the Wichita Falls Police Association and the Crawfish for C.O.P.S. crawfish boil held here locally in Dallas every year in May.

Combined, these three organizations donated over \$34,000. Their support will help us send our first year families to Washington D.C. and Austin so they may honor their officer at each of the Peace Officer Memorials. Metroplex C.O.P.S., truly, cannot thank them enough for their hard work and generosity.

In 2017, your chapter board will be busy in Austin working on two legislative bills designed to benefit Survivors across the state as well as preparing for our Texas Peace Officers' Memorial, which will be held this year on April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> at the State Capitol. Please stay tuned to our Facebook page and Metroplexcops.org as we will be looking for volunteers to assist with our State Memorial and other fundraisers. Sign Up Genius will be available for each event where you can sign up for volunteering opportunities. Volunteers are such an integral part of our chapter succeeding and carrying out its mission. We will also have a Calendar of Events available that will include upcoming meetings so you can be sure you don't miss a chance to attend.

Our Chapter Outreach Committee is busy getting things ready for the new year. They will be sending out EOW cards as well as any Sympathy or Get Well Card needs that may arise. The chapter board is thankful for this great group of folks who have so graciously volunteered their time to keep us connected to our Survivors.

With 2016 coming to an end and the promise of a new and prosperous 2017 approaching, we pray for abundant peace and blessings for each of you. Thank you for your confidence and continued faith in us. Thank you for allowing our Metroplex C.O.P.S. board, trustees and volunteers serve each and every one of you. We are blessed beyond measure!



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**Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.**

**Deuteronomy 31:6**