



MIDDLE & EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER C.O.P.S. NEWSLETTER

REMEMBERING THEIR SACRIFICES - HONORING THEIR SURVIVING FAMILIES
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President's Message

COPS Middle and East Families,

I am the COPS President for the Middle & East TN. My name is Jennifer Johnson and I am a surviving spouse of Deputy David "Bubba" Johnson from Montgomery County Sheriff's Office in Clarksville, TN. Bubba was killed in a motor vehicle accident on January 12, 2014.

As we all have different struggles with our loved one's death, mine is the unknown as there were no witnesses to the accident. I am coming up on the 10th Anniversary and I would love to say it gets easier, but you just learn to deal in different ways. On the subject of dealing with our loved one's death, I would like to remind you all of the retreats we have to offer that are listed in this newsletter. Sometimes it's just heartwarming and therapeutic to talk with others that are going through the same. Even though our stories are different, they are the same. We all have the same grief of losing a loved one.

As this time of year approaches, know that our board has each and every one of you in our thoughts and prayers. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us for support.

Please let me know what you would like to see our chapter do for you. We would love suggestions on things you would like to do as a family or a lady's night out. Email me at jenniferjohnson09@att.net or call me at (931) 801-6025.

With love, 

Jennifer Johnson

President, Middle & East Tennessee C.O.P.S.
Surviving Spouse of Montgomery County Deputy David "Bubba" Johnson,
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If you have an Email address and do not already receive Emails and/or Newsletters from Middle & East Tennessee C.O.P.S., please join our Email list by sending a request metncops@gmail.com.

If you have a change or correction to your mailing address, please contact our Chapter Secretary at LizWhiteDibb.COPS@gmail.com

**Coming Soon* The Chapter Newsletter will be listed online at <http://middleandeasttncops.org/newsletters/>*

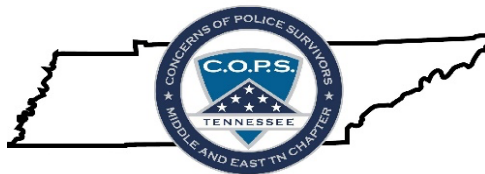
NEW OFFICIAL TENNESSEE SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATE

LET NO FALLEN OFFICER BE FORGOTTEN!



PLEASE NOTE: The steps are.....

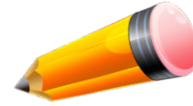
- 1) Get the 1000 reservations by June 30, 2023 (Which we did!!!)
- 2) Turn in the 1000 reservations along with the "Honoring The Fallen" specialty plate design (Which we did!)
- 3) Make any changes the state requires to make the "Honoring The Fallen" specialty plate design comply with their requirements (Where we are now. I believe we have the design that works for us. The original design is having to be tweaked slightly)
- 4) "Honoring The Fallen" specialty plate productions/manufactured (This should begin VERY SOON)
- 5) "Honoring The Fallen" specialty plates mailed out to the counties of all who reserved the plates
- 6) Your county will notify you when your "Honoring The Fallen" specialty plate is in and ready to be picked up. (If you are in the middle of your registration period you will not be required to pay that again as vehicle registrations are only paid once a year.)
- 7) IF you weren't one of the 1000 reservations, once the plates are released, your county should have them on hand to get one at that time.



If you have any questions, please email
Liz White-Dibb, Secretary METN COPS
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Mark Your Calendars



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**** All times are Central Time unless stated ****

COPS Meeting

March 23, 2024 @ 12pm
3701 James Kay Lane
Hermitage, TN

Blue Blood Drive

January 5, 2024 @ 9am - 3:30pm
1st Baptist Church
130 Town Center Way
Crossville, TN

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day - Open Door Prayer

January 9, 2024 @ 10am - 1pm
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
1461 Sparta Hwy
Crossville, TN

5th Annual Bartlett Police Charitable Foundation 5K

May 4, 2024
3599 Appling Road
Bartlett, TN

Tennessee State Memorial

May 9, 2024 @ 10am
War Memorial
Nashville, TN

National Police Week

May 11 - 17, 2024
Washington, DC

COPS Meeting

June 22, 2024 @ 12 p.m.
Fairfield Glade Police Dept.
Crossville, TN

METN COPS 2nd Annual Golf Outing & Family Picnic

July 20 & 21, 2024 @ 1 p.m.
Bear Trace Golf Course
Cumberland Mountain State Park
Crossville, TN

2024 Hands On Program Information

The Hands-On Programs allow survivors to receive support from peers who know how they feel, attend seminar sessions designed for their needs, and obtain resources to help them on their journey of grief and coping. The programs are free to survivors to attend. The only cost to survivors is their travel to and from the program and METN COPS will reimburse your travel.

**** MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE 2024 RETREAT****

REGISTER ONLINE NOW @ <https://www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org/handsonprograms>

Spouses for Couples	March 22 nd - 25 th	YMCA Trout Lodge, Potosi, MO
Co-Workers for Couples	April 19 th - 22 nd	Epworth By The Sea, St. Simons Island, GA
Suicide Survivor (Summer)	June 7 th - 10 th	St. Crispin's Retreat Facility, Wewoka, OK
C.O.P.S. Kids Camp	June 15 th - 20 th	Salvation Army Wonderland Camp, Salem, WI
Outward Bound	July 7 th - 13 th	Canyonlands Nat'l Park, Cataract Canyon, UT
Young Adults Camp	July 29 th - Aug. 2 nd	Epworth By The Sea, St. Simons Island, GA
Adult Children's	Aug. 9 th - 12 th	YMCA Trout Lodge, Potosi, MO
Fiancés & Sig, Others	Aug. 16 th - 19 th	YMCA Trout Lodge, Potosi, MO
Siblings	Sept. 13 th - 16 th	YMCA Of The Rockies, Estes Park CO
Spouses	Sept. 20 th - 23 rd	YMCA Of The Rockies, Estes Park CO
Co-Workers	Oct. 4 th - 10 th	YMCA Trout Lodge, Potosi, MO
Extended Family	Oct. 13 th - 16 th	YMCA Trout Lodge, Potosi, MO
Suicide Survivor (Winter)	Oct. 18 th - 21 st	St. Crispin's Retreat Facility, Wewoka, OK
Parents	Oct. 25 th - 28 th	C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center, Little Rock, AR

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Middle & East TN Concerns of Police Survivors, C.O.P.S.



We want to express our appreciation for the following donations from individual(s) and group(s). These contributions (financial or in-kind gifts) during this quarter are making it possible for us to provide support to our survivors.


Donations:

- Blackbaud Giving Tree
- Network for Good

If you or your group wishes to provide a donation and support us supporting the survivors, you may do so by mailing a check, VENMO to @METNCOPS or go online and donate via PayPal at our web site.



<https://www.middleandeasttncops.org/donate>

Again, thank you for your donation and support. 

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Make your charitable donation via VENMO @METNCOPS or online to honor the memory of a fallen law enforcement officer from your agency, academy, or community.

C.O.P.S. Donations continued



We would like to thank the Bartlett Police Charitable Foundation for the \$35,000 donation from their 4th Annual 5K. We appreciate your continued support.



We would like to thank the Generation Changers Church for the \$2,500 donation. These donations help our surviving families.

Tennessee In the Line of Duty 2023



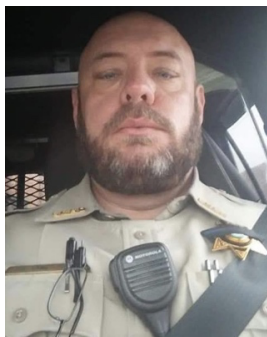
Police Officer Geoffrey Redd
Memphis Police Dept.
EOW: February 18, 2023



Detective Jacob Arthur Beu
Rutherford County Sheriff's Dept.
EOW: May 7, 2023



Sergeant William Cherry
Marion County Sheriff's Dept.
EOW: July 29, 2023



Deputy Sheriff Shannon Eric "Shane" Lang, St.
Marion County Sheriff's Dept.
EOW: September 17, 2023



Deputy Sheriff Tucker Blakely
Knox County Sheriff's Dept.
EOW: October 2, 2023

"It's not how these officers died that made them heroes, it's how they lived."