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CONCERNS OF POLICE SURVIVORS

By Paul Gertsen, President, Minnesota Chapter of COPS

Every year in the United States, between 140 and 160 law enforcement officers are killed in the line of duty. Almost every other day, somewhere in this country, a police funeral occurs. And after the tragic events, the family of the fallen officer is often left on their own to pick up the shattered pieces and try to continue with their lives.

In 1984, a handful of survivors formed Concerns of Police Survivors to help these families cope with the overwhelming stress and sense of loss. In the 20+ years of COPS existence, it has distributed thousands of dollars in scholarship money to surviving children, offered vigilant parole and trial support, held many "hands-on" seminars designed for specific family members, and of course, is very active in Police Week, held each year in Washington, DC. The COPS gatherings and seminars are very appreciated by survivors, as evidenced by thousands that attend each year. Currently, the National Concerns of Police

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CHANGES SIMPLIFY MEDIA POLICY

By Off. Ron Reier

Perhaps you saw that a revised media policy is now in place. This revised policy is very similar to St. Paul Police Department's policy. Simply stated: public information is releasable and non-public is not releasable. When Media questions go beyond what is considered public information, this is the appropriate time to refer the Media to the Public Information Officer.

Example: A homicide, a robbery, a rape, or an accident happens. Give the reporter the basics. "At 0030 officers were called to a "shooting" at 3912 Dupont Avenue North. When they arrived, they found one

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"PREACHER MAN" HONORED



At 12:30 pm, February 9, 2006, Beat Squad 8310 responded to a State Patrol "help" call at E 36th St and 3rd Ave South. State Patrol had stopped an occupied stolen vehicle that had been involved in a car-jacking. There was also possibly a gun involved. The Trooper was now in a physical fight with the suspect.

Beat Officers Fuller and Hoff arrived and saw that the State Patrol officer had the suspect handcuffed and a citizen, Alvin T Carrington Jr., AKA: "Preacher Man", was pinning the suspect's legs on the ground.

Mr. Carrington was bleeding heavily from above the right eye area. The "Preacher Man" informed officers that he saw the State Patrol Officer fighting with the suspect, and he feared for the safety of the State Patrol officer and ran to assist him

According to the arresting State Patrol officer, Mr. Carrington assisted him when the suspect was fighting and resisting. The "Preacher Man" assisted in taking the suspect into custody. During the arrest Mr. Carrington received a large cut above his right eye from suspect that required five stitches. His clothing was covered in blood and dirt.

Mr. Carrington is a 74 year old, long time resident of Minneapolis resident, who lives less than a block from where the incident occurred. He is a Korean War Veteran.

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MESSAGE FROM THE "PREZ"



Well summer is just around the corner and crime is on the increase, why does that not surprise me? But remember the mayor is pro public safety! HA! Let's go back a few months during the Mayors race where R.T. Rybak proclaimed one of his top issues is making the city safer. Well I guess that sounds good, but as they say, talk is cheap. He has cut the police department the last four years. Then he promised he would add 70 officers this year but he gave the police administration strict quotas as who to hire. We are looking into that, but I believe quotas might be illegal. And don't forget the pay raise he has offered us - one that will put us back to the bottom of all the cities in the metro area. Then, consider the fact that 5 officers have left in the last month to take jobs with other agencies, and it would certainly seem true that we are a great training facility for other departments. Then add in that the class they said would number 30 will really be about 18. You do the math. At the end of the day we will have less officers then when we started. So you have to ask yourself, is the mayor really pro public safety or is this another way to continue to cut the police budget?

I get so sick of the mayor and all his talk,. He has given a number of department heads, including our departing police chief, substantial pay raises above the two percent cap that is just for the working folks. Rybak can't seem to put new officers on the street and he causes turnover in the command suite. All this could have been avoided if the mayor had given the chief a vote of confidence after the election, but Mayor Rybak, once again, let his personal feelings take priority over the need of the taxpayers.

He wanted to keep chief McManus dangling in the wind because he didn't become a cheerleader for the mayor's re-election.

Now, while crime is still increasing, the Minneapolis Police Department will be distracted by a search for a new chief. Buy the way, this will now make three mayors and six police chiefs so far in my career. I am sure I will see more.

Please know we will be working as hard as we can to bring you a reasonable contract and we support all of you for the great job you continue to do everyday. And just maybe one day, some city leader might decide to start "walking" instead of just talking.

QUESTION: *HOW DO I GET REMIMBURSED FOR MY DAMAGED UNIFORM?*

The request for reimbursement or replacement of damaged uniform or equipment is processed through Nina in the Chiefs office. If you damage your uniform on-duty you need to do a CAPRS report describing the damage to the item and how it was damaged. You then have to send a copy of the receipt to repair or replace the item to Nina. There is also a form that needs to be filled out. The request is then processed through payroll once it is approved.



Call or e-mail the Federation with your comments or questions.

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Survivors lists a membership of over 14,000 members. Not only are immediate family members considered survivors, but "affected co-worker" is a class of survivor, as well.

Organizing a state chapter involves quite a bit of paperwork and research, as well as publicity and interest among survivors. (Concerns of Police Survivors is a 501c3 charity, and each local chapter is registered with the respective state's Attorney General's office.) Attempts to organize a chapter in Minnesota were unsuccessful until February, 2005, when we received our charter from National, and opened for business.

The Minnesota Chapter of COPS exists to promote the mental and physical welfare of surviving family members in the state, increase awareness among residents of Minnesota of the need to support survivors, and in turn, support the profession of law enforcement, help provide funds and reimbursement for travel expenses incurred during travel to Police Week, and to address any legal or trial issues that might arise for surviving family members.

We have so far held four chapter meetings, one picnic, co-sponsored a fundraiser at O'Gara's for the Sackett family, and organized and promoted the Project Blue Light ceremony held at the Peace Officers Memorial at the Capitol last December. Upcoming projects include family preparations for the Washington trip, and organizing and promoting a Blue Ribbon display campaign for Police Week, May 15-21. (Ongoing work also continues behind the scenes with family members and local agencies.)

Our Chapter looks forward to working with the Minneapolis PD on survivor-related issues, and would welcome cooperation and involvement from department, especially from officers who feel led to help rebuild recently shattered lives.

If you are interested, please contact us at 651-489-8080 (home phone), or by email at paulgertsen8080@aol.com.

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The "Preacher Man" was there when an officer needed help. He risked his own safety to assist the State Patrol officer in apprehending a potentially armed and violent suspect. With Mr. Carrington's quick and fearless assistance no officers were injured, and a violent person was arrested.



The "Preacher Man" was recognized by MPD for his support of law enforcement when officers Fuller and Hoff delivered arms full of donated police clothing from the Federation Store. And on March 24th Carrington, along with other officers, was given the Chief's Award of Merit and received a standing ovation by all who were present.

The Minnesota State Patrol also honored Mr. Carrington at the State Capital in mid-February.

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male dead at the scene. We are investigating".

Most any other question from the Media is exploratory, and they should be referred to the PIO during business hours for updates.

Here are some examples of exploratory (non-public) questions: "What are the causes of all of these shootings?" "Is this drug related?" "We heard it was a gang shooting?" "What weapon was used?" "How many times were they shot?"

Prior to the revised Media policy, any member of our Department could talk to the Media about most all things, and our old policy allowed the Media to have access to anyone in the Department. There were occasions when members gave Media information without giving others within the Department a "heads-up". Opinions became headlines.

The intent to revise our policy was to have better control over the message sent to the public by the Media. Our revised policy states that any inquiry other than releasable public information is to go (funneled) through the Public Information Officer. Public information is still public information and can be given to or obtained by the Media from any member of the Department.

Media requests for interviews regarding larger stories, i.e. crime trends, task forces, murders in general, personnel matters, administrative decisions, etc, are all stories the Department needs to be aware of. We can direct the Media to the proper people to get the Media the facts and information they need for their stories.

One more thing: The Media may be on a "deadline", but their "deadline" is not our "deadline". We will get them the accurate information as soon as we can.

If you have any questions regarding this policy or the Media, give me a call at (612) 673-2995.

RAFFLE TIX

Raffle tickets are available via the following folks:

Tomma Freunds Schuh (4's), Dan Mc Shane (3's), Rob Goodsell & Joe McGinniss (Park Police), and Bob Kroll (where ever you can find him).

Prizes: 2006 Harley Road King. cash prizes up to \$1000.

Cost: \$20.00 each (limited number being sold.)

Drawing: July 27th at the 1029 Bar.



Proceeds benefit Federation charities.

FAST FACTS FOR YOUR HEALTH

By Sarah Pickhardt, Health Touch Chiropractic

Maintain Good Posture!

A study published in September, 2005, showed that for every MILLIMETER the base of your neck is forward of your sacrum (the triangular bone your spine rests on) there is a statistically significant decrease in health markers and a significant increase in pain symptoms.



Consider alternative treatment for pain!

According to the New England Journal of Medicine (1997), the number one cause of liver failure in the United States is acetaminophen (such as Tylenol) use!

Get an adjustment!

A 2000 Journal of Osteopathy literature review found that people receiving spinal adjustments (what chiropractors and osteopaths do to align the spine) had significantly lower death rates from influenza than did the general population.

As a police spouse for 17 years and a chiropractor for much of that, I am happy to support you and your family in any way possible. Please contact me at (763) 427-4021 if you have questions about improving your posture or your health.

COPS FUNDRAISING EFFORTS WERE...

...a bit sweaty!



On February 11th the MPD once again challenged Minneapolis Fire to a race on the IDS steps (1280steps). This challenge was part of the 24th annual cystic fibrosis climb for a cure promoted by the cystic fibrosis foundation. Our Minneapolis Police team raised \$2100 for the cause and the entire days event is expected to top last year's total of \$80,000.

The event this year was won by Minneapolis Fire with MPD second and the newly added team, St Paul Police third. Next year St. Paul Fire will join the challenge. This years police team, captured by professional photographer Christine Kirchen (www.artistcove.net) included team captain Mike Kirchen, Jeff Werner, Chad Fuchs, Kelly O'Rourke, Jeff Mercill, Cheri Peterson, Aimee Hawes, Griffin Hillbo and Brandon Bartholomew. Also picture is KFAN radio host Mike Morris. Morris ran with the St. Paul police team after several cops on his morning show a day earlier put him up to the challenge.

Next years climb will be intense, as were not looking to drop 3 to the Fire Dept. Anyone interested in joining the team can come down and run. The top 3 male finisher's and 2 female finisher's times are recorded for the official times. The more the better, as this is a great cause. Thanks to the Police Federation for donating police hats and t-shirts which were a huge success with the kids at the event.



♥ **Reminder: Please keep your Federation & Mutual Association cards updated. You can fill out new cards at the Federation office.**

... a little nippy!

Alright, we did it again! The Polar Plunge for Special Olympics. Seven of us from MPD jumped into a lake out in Burnsville. There were approx 250 jumpers and together we all raised \$41,000. It was sunny and 20 degrees when we jumped. There was a hot tub available for afterwards which we jumped right in, of course---Always looking for volunteers to join us next year. We also plan on



taking a road trip and doing the one in Duluth next year---into Lake Superior!



Before...
...and...
after...!



Pictured (left to right):

...and really intense!

Fortunately for you diehards, the **Police Unity Tour** hasn't happened yet so there is still time to sign up. The annual bike ride takes place May 10 - 12. The ride raises money for the National Law Enforcement Memorial and is its single largest sponsor. Team Minnesota consists of 25 members from departments around the state. The ride is 250 miles starting in Chesapeake, VA and ending in Washington DC. Team Minnesota is dedicating this year's ride to the following Minnesota officers killed in the line of duty in 2005; **Sgt. Jerry Vick, Off. Peter Resch, and Off. Shawn Silvera.**

Fundraising updates contributed by Officers Mike Kirchen and Lynn Cronquist.

To support the effort, contact **Sgt. Rick Doll** at the Park Police or **Off. Lynn Cronquist** at Fifth precinct.

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**Minneapolis Police Federation Golf Tournament
REGISTRATION FORM
Friday June 23, 2006 (1:00pm-shotgun start)
Majestic Oaks Golf Course
Hwy. 65 And Bunker Lake Blvd.**

Foursome--Please fill out completely and mail or bring to the Federation Office at 1811 University Avenue NE, Mpls. MN 55418. Please check your Course Preference below:

GOLD Course _____ (Par 72....6396 yards)

PLATINUM Course _____ (Par 72....7013 yards)

Make checks payable to the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis (or POFM). Registration forms are available at the Federation office. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis and will be accepted when accompanied with the full amount of the registration fee (\$380.00). Lunch Will be served before the tournament start. Dinner to follow. **Deadline: Thursday, June 15th, 2006**

Name	Address/Work Location	Phone(s)	E-mail

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April	May	June
♥ 27th General Membership Mtg Federation Hall (General Election)	♥ 25th General Membership Mtg Federation Hall (Swearing in)	♥ 23rd Annual Golf Tournament Majestic Oaks ♥ 29th General Membership Mtg Federation Hall
July	August	September
♥ 27th General Membership Mtg Federation Hall ♥ 27th Drawing for Raffle Prizes	♥ 31st General Membership Mtg Federation Hall	♥ 28th General Membership Mtg Federation Hall
October	November	December
♥ 26th General Membership Mtg Federation Hall	♥ 30th General Membership Mtg Federation Hall	♥ 8th & 11th Annual Holiday Merchandise Sale City Hall, Rm 132 ♥ 13th Holiday Party, Ukrainian Cntr

Question regarding the Annual Golf Tournament can be directed to Sherral Schmidt at the Federation office at 612.788.0696 - or - e-mail Sherral at director3@mpdfederation.com

Registration forms are also available at the Federation or online at mpdfederation.com.

If anyone knows of a business that would be willing to sponsor a hole or donate a prize please call Sherral at the above number or Emily at the Federation office at 788-8444.

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Minneapolis MN 55418

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FEDERATION STORE FEATURED ITEMS



Ladies' "Property of Minneapolis Police" T-shirt
\$20



Men's "Property of Minneapolis Police" T-Shirt
\$20



Ash Grey Hooded Sweatshirt with silver logo
\$45.

Also available with blue logo.

Stainless travel mugs are coming soon!

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