The Christmas Luncheon was a great success. We had approximately 120 people in attendance with about half that number being children! And Christmas is for kids! I hope to see many of you at our upcoming meeting on Saturday, February 6th, 2010!

Your NorCal Board worked hard to provide a delightful time for the kids and the adults. The food was abundant and wonderful. The kids were able to paint ornaments to take home, color Christmas pictures, make necklaces, bounce in the bounce house, check out the helicopter or the squad car while the adults could mingle and get to know each other.

After lunch was over there was a special visit from Santa that put smiles on many faces! I am so grateful Santa could make time for NorCal C.O.P.S.

None of this would happen without the support of Mitch Mueller, the CHP and the Cadets that volunteered their time and Greg Fontana and Stephanie Cummins that supervised the art activities for the kids. Thank you to all of you!

Photos on Page 6 & 7
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

This is a new year and a new start! We must not forget the events of the past that have brought us together, but we need to look forward to what the future can bring us.

We had a fabulous turn out for the Christmas Luncheon and I want to thank all of the board members who worked so hard to make it a success. I hope that many of you who attended the luncheon will begin to attend our regular meetings and offer support and assistance to the families still struggling with the loss of their Officer.

Make a New Years resolution to get more involved with our Chapter. We need volunteers to work the upcoming events that will provide much needed funding to NorCal C.O.P.S.

Upcoming events include:
1) Crab Feed on 2/6 at the Pleasanton Fair Grounds
2) CPOMF Fun Run 5/8 in Pleasanton
3) Golf Tournament, date to be determined

We can always use support in Sacramento at the Memorial, May 6 & 7 and National C.O.P.S. is always looking for additional help at National Police Week, May 12-16. We are also looking for ideas for additional fundraisers. Contact me or any board member if you have ideas or suggestions.

Our Next meeting is on February 6 at the SF POA. This meeting and the April meeting will have lots of information regarding the Sacramento Memorial and National Police Week. I encourage all new families to attend these meetings.

See you on February 6, 2010!

Sandy Fontana
President, NorCal COPS
MISSION STATEMENT

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

February 6, 2010
GENERAL MEETING - SAN FRANCISCO POA
Peer Support Group Meeting

February 6, 2010
390 SQUAD CRAB FEED
ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

April 24, 2010
GENERAL MEETING
Peer Support Group Meeting

MAY 6 & 7, 2010
SACRAMENTO MEMORIAL

MAY 8, 2010
CPOA RUN / WALK & FAMILY BBQ – PLEASANTON

MAY 12 – 16, 2010
NATIONAL POLICE WEEK, WASHINGTON D.C.

JUNE, 2010
NORCAL C.O.P.S. SUMMER PICNIC

FOR INFORMATION ON ANY MEETING OR EVENT, CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER

NorCal C.O.P.S. Board members for 2010. From left: Mitch Mueller, Carol Espinoza, Tami McMillan, Santa, Sandy Fontana, Stephanie Miller, Vicky Olivera & Past President Toni Mac Donald.

We encourage you to send in a letter, picture, article, poem, announcements, etc. Let us know what is happening with your family and coworker survivors: births, deaths, graduastions, weddings, promotions, honors and memorial services. If you are not a writer, simply submit the facts and we will take it from there.

Send to:
Stephanie Miller
johnny31803@sbcglobal.net
You are invited to join our peer support group for C.O.P.S. members. Meetings are facilitated by NorCal C.O.P.S. trustee Carol Espinoza, mother of Officer Isaac Espinoza, San Francisco Police Department. The group is open to all C.O.P.S. survivors. If you have any questions, please contact:

Carol Espinoza
caisa@sbcglobal.net

Madison Gail Chetcuti born September 28, 2009 to David & Angela Chetcuti.

She is the granddaughter of David J. Chetcuti who was killed in the line of duty April 25, 1998 and Gail M. Chetcuti who passed away due to brain cancer.

Sergeant Ervin Romans
Oakland Police Department
EOW: March 21, 2009

Patrolman David John Chetcuti
Millbrae Police Department
EOW: April 25, 1998
Jury give Death to Ofc. May killer

On January 22, a jury recommended that Alberto Alvarez, a known gang member, be put to death for killing East Palo Alto police officer Rich May. On January 7, 2006 Officer May was responding to a disturbance at a taco shop when he noticed one of the participants fleeing the scene. After following in his patrol vehicle a short distance, Officer May chased the suspect on foot. The suspect then turned and started shooting at the officer. Officer May was able to get on shot off, which hit the perpetrator in the leg, before falling to the ground. Officer May was alive on the ground with non-life threatening wounds as the perpetrator fled the scene. This gang member then stopped in his tracks and went back and killed the officer by executing him.

This same jury took six hours to deliberate the guilt portion of the trial and on November 23 and convicted Alvarez of first degree murder with special circumstances of killing a police officer while in the line of duty. Justice has prevailed.

CHP Ofc. John P. Miller Freeway Dedication

Dedication sign of the CHP Officer John P. Miller Memorial Freeway on 580 in Livermore and Dublin, CA.

CHP Officer John P. Miller memorial in front of the Dublin Area CHP office. Donated by the 390 Squad Club of Dublin Area CHP.
NorCal C.O.P.S. Annual Christmas Luncheon

Attendees at the NorCal C.O.P.S. Christmas Luncheon help at the CHP Academy in Sacramento
NorCal C.O.P.S. Christmas Luncheon attendees gather for the Annual Blue Balloon release.
Parole denied for driver responsible for death of CHP Ofc. Scott Greenly

The person who killed CHP Officer Scott Greenly, EOW 01-07-98 was up for parole for the 1st time on January 13, 2010. Parole was denied to Pete Wieland. He will not be up for parole again for 7 years. He did speak at the hearing, and in the DA's words, "he just doesn't get it" he still feels that the cause of the "accident" was due to his sleep deprivation, not all the drugs and alcohol in his system.

Thank you all for your support, emails, letters, and your friendship. You have made a difference in this case and have helped keep this dangerous person in prison where he belongs.

Thank you doesn't seem like enough, but I am grateful for the time each of you have taken out of your life to write letters and help me with this case.

Christine Lyle

PORAC a supporter of C.O.P.S.

The Peace Officers Research Association of California has been a staunch supporter of C.O.P.S. At their October meeting, the Central California Chapter gave $500 to our organization.

Each November PORAC holds their annual conference. I have had the opportunity to attend this event for the past two years and talk to conference attendees at a table in the exhibit hall. The leaders of PORAC give us the space among the many vendors for free. This year I was joined by Norma Jay from Central COPS and Andy Powell from Southern COPS. Andy also serves on the National Board as the Pacific Trustee.

The three of us were able to discuss COPS and our mission with many law enforcement officers from agencies all over California. Each of us made plans with the agencies in our respective parts of the state to attend association meetings and share the mission of COPS.

Tami McMillan
NorCal C.O.P.S. hosts National C.O.P.S. Board

Northern California Concerns of Police Survivors hosted the National Board of C.O.P.S. in Emeryville the weekend of November 13-15.

Friday night welcomed the National Board, representatives from Central and Southern Californian C.O.P.S. Chapters, several law enforcement representatives as well as family members from the four Oakland Police Officers we lost last March. The Oakland POA and their members again showed their continuing support of NorCal C.O.P.S. by allowing us to use the POA facility and many of the POA members worked hard for this evening by cooking and cleaning up for us.

Saturday the National Board got down to business with meetings all day long with just short breaks for lunch and bathroom breaks. I attended the morning session with Vicky Olivera and listened to some of the plans for continuing the great work C.O.P.S. does for all survivors. At the lunch break, I met up with Tony and we walked with a couple of the spouses of board members to the shopping area across the street from the hotel. During the morning session, Tami McMillan took a few of the spouses to San Francisco for some sightseeing. Saturday night dinner was in Brisbane at the Bamboo Garden and was set up by the Immediate Past President of C.O.P.S., Jean Hill. A wonderful dinner and great company.

Sunday, the National Board was again busy at work, a couple of NorCal people attended this session also, Phyllis Loya, Vicky and myself. At the lunch break, Tony and I picked up a few of the spouses and took them to Jack London Square for a couple of hours. Sunday evening was a fun and relaxing time. We hosted the National Board and their guests to Beach Blanket Babylon followed by dinner at Capps Corner in San Francisco.

Everyone had a terrific time and it was a great opportunity for us to get to know our National Board and appreciate all the work they do.

Sandy Fontana

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SECOND ANNUAL

CPOA MEMORIAL RUN

5K, 10K, Kids Fun Run and Family BBQ

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Shadow Cliffs Regional Park in Pleasanton, CA

Proceeds to benefit NORCAL C.O.P.S.

This event is family oriented and open to all Law Enforcement, their families and friends of Law Enforcement. This annual event is held to honor and remember peace officers who have fallen in the line of duty.

More information and registration at:

www.onyourmarkevents.com
In The Line of Duty - 2009

**Sergeant Curtis Massey**  
Culver City Police Department  
EOW: January 28, 2009

**Sergeant Greg Hernandez**  
Tulare County Sheriff  
EOW: February 6, 2009

**Sergeant Mark Dunakin**  
Oakland Police Department  
EOW: March 21, 2009

**Sergeant Ervin Romans**  
Oakland Police Department  
EOW: March 21, 2009

**Sergeant Daniel Sakai**  
Oakland Police Department  
EOW: March 21, 2009

**Police Officer John Hege**  
Oakland Police Department  
EOW: March 23, 2009

**Sergeant Steven May**  
Modesto Police Department  
EOW: July 23, 2009

**Officer Jarrod John Martinez**  
California Highway Patrol  
EOW: October 29, 2009
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- 390 Squad Club

On October 7th 2009 the California Highway Patrol, with a Resolution granted by the State of California Senate, dedicated a portion of the Nimitz Freeway in Oakland California as the CHP Officer Brent W. Clearman Memorial Freeway. Signs were posted by CalTrans on the Northbound and Southbound sides of I-880 near the 66th Avenue exit where CHP Officer Clearman #17843 was killed by a Hit and Run Driver on August 6, 2006. Cathy Clearman, Officer Clearman’s wife would like to thank the CHP 11-99 Foundation and the California Association of Highway Patrolmen for the funding that made this dedication possible, and for the continued support from the California Highway Patrol.

Brent Clearman's mother and his wife, Cathy.

Officer Brent William Clearman
California Highway Patrol
EOW: August 6, 2006