Who is invited to attend the retreat?
C.O.P.S. Co-Workers for Couples Retreat is planned for surviving co-workers and their spouse/domestic partner (21 years or older) of law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty, as determined by C.O.P.S. criteria. Other relatives and friends are not eligible to attend.

How will the retreat benefit me?
C.O.P.S. Co-Workers for Couples Retreat will give couples the opportunity to discuss the challenges they experience in the law enforcement culture in a relaxed setting to gain a better understanding of what each side is going through. Losing a co-worker that is part of your blue family is devastating, but officers still struggle with identifying as a survivor. Additionally, significant others of surviving co-workers struggle with how to support their loved one as well as the fear that something will happen to them. These concerns will be addressed through group and individual sessions with the goal to strengthen your relationship. You can spend August 29-September 1 receiving support from peers who understand, participating in fun outdoor activities and addressing your needs away from the stress of every day life.

Where is the retreat located?
We will be staying at the YMCA Trout Lodge on Sunnen Lake in Potosi, MO. This is located 90 minutes outside of St. Louis.

How do I get to the retreat?
If you are flying, you should plan to arrive at St. Louis Lambert Airport (STL) between 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 29. You will be met by a C.O.P.S. representative at the airport and transported to the YMCA Trout Lodge by bus. You will be transported back to the St. Louis Airport on Tuesday, September 1, by 11:30 a.m. Please be sure your return flight is after 12:30 p.m. to allow time for check-in and security checks.
If you are driving, you will need to arrive at the YMCA Trout Lodge between 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 29, and stay through breakfast on Tuesday, September 1. **Meals and activities are planned; no late arrivals or early departures please.**

**What is the cost of the retreat?**
Your only expense is your travel to and from the St. Louis Airport if flying or to and from the YMCA Trout Lodge if you are driving. If you fail to cancel your attendance and you do not show up for the program, you could be subject to a participation fee for the following year’s program.

**Code of Conduct:** This program has a Code of Conduct. Breaking that code will cause immediate expulsion from the program. Cost of expulsion will be the responsibility of the affected participant. A copy of the C.O.P.S. Code of Conduct and Cancellation Policy will be sent to you after we receive your registration request. C.O.P.S. and the counselors working with C.O.P.S. reserve the right to pre-qualify applicants and excuse those who may not be suitable for the program. All decisions concerning the same shall be final.

**Testimonial:**

Ken and Tara Neilsen believe the Co-Workers for Couples Retreat saved Ken’s life. He says “These programs save marriages, careers and lives.” Ken initially went to the retreat, not necessarily because of how his co-worker’s death was affecting him, but how it was affecting his wife and children. That is what officers do; watch out for other people.

Ken realized that this was a wonderful, safe and confidential place to go to focus on his feelings, his family and his marriage. Their kids asked their mom how their dad handled the retreat that first year, and she replied, “I have never heard daddy laugh that much in a long time.”

Ken is the surviving co-worker of McHenry County (IL) Deputy Sheriff Jacob Keltner, EOW 3/7/2019, and Deputy Sheriff Dwight Maness, EOW 9/14/2015.

Limited travel assistance may be available. Contact your local C.O.P.S. Chapter or the C.O.P.S. National Office for additional information.

*This event is organized by National C.O.P.S. The sale of merchandise for any cause other than National C.O.P.S. is strictly prohibited. All merchandise sold or distributed at any Hands-On Program must be approved by National C.O.P.S. prior to the program. This project was supported by Cooperative Agreement No. 2016-PS-DX-K002 awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance.*
Registration Form (Please print or register online at www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org)

Attendee Name: ________________________________ Spouse/Domestic Partner Name: __________________________

Attendee Date of Birth: ________________________________ Spouse/Domestic Partner Date of Birth: ________________________________

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Address ___________________________________________________________________________________

City _______________________________________ State ________________________ Zip ______________

E-mail(s) ________________________________________ __________________________________________

Home Phone _________________________________ Cell Phone(s) _________________________________

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Active or Retired Agency Name: ________________________________

If you have a medical condition or dietary concern(s) we should be aware of, please describe below:

____________________________________________________________________________________________

Arrival flight information on August 29: ________________________________ Departure flight information on September 1: ________________________________

Airline Flight # Time                  Airline Flight # Time

We will be driving. Please send detailed directions.

Officer’s Name ________________________________ End of Watch _______ / _______ / ___________

Department _____________________________________________________________________

Cause of Death: Accidental Felonious Natural Causes

Your Health Insurance ________________________________ Policy Number ________________________________

In case of emergency, notify:

Name ________________________________ Relationship ________________________________

Home Phone ________________________________ Cell Phone ________________________________

Detach this registration form and return to the C.O.P.S. National Office or register online at www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org by July 29, 2020.

For more information, call the C.O.P.S. National Office - (573)346-4911

This program is planned for Co-Workers and their spouse or domestic partner who have been affected by the line-of-duty death of a fallen law enforcement officer according to C.O.P.S. criteria. C.O.P.S. is a 501(c)(3) corporation. Donations are tax deductible.
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