Who is invited to attend the retreat?

C.O.P.S. Extended Family Retreat is planned for the surviving extended family members 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. Eligible family members include: grandparents, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws (on the spouses side of the family), and grandchildren. Other relatives and friends are not eligible to attend.

How will the retreat benefit me?

After the loss of their officer, extended family members typically assist the immediate family members with their grief and want to know how to better help them. These subjects are addressed, as well as how to handle their own grief.

This retreat would be fitting for non-traditional families where an officer may have been raised by someone other than their biological parents. C.O.P.S. Extended Family Retreat will give you the opportunity to attend grief seminar sessions specifically designed for your needs, participate in challenging and fun activities, and receive support from peers who truly understand.

It is our goal for you to leave the retreat feeling relaxed, with a continuing support system, a tremendous sense of personal growth and self-awareness for the future.

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 Friday, October 16. 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 Monday, October 19, 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.

Deadline for registration is September 16, 2020. Registrations will NOT be accepted after the deadline date.
If you are driving, you will need to arrive at the YMCA Trout Lodge between 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 16, and stay through breakfast on Monday, October 19. **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 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:**

**Jeff and Vicky Bacon** did everything they could to help their daughter, Stephanie, and granddaughter, Tatum, through their grief after their son-in-law was killed in the line of duty. Their hearts hurt, not only because of his death, but because of the heartache they saw their daughter and granddaughter going through.

The Bacons said “We were so used to taking care of our family after our loss, that we hadn’t taken time to grieve ourselves.”

Finally, after three years of pain, heartache and struggle, they decided it was time to check out the Extended Family Retreat. They were apprehensive at first, but everything changed from the moment they stepped off the bus and met other families who were going through the same things they were. The counseling sessions, challenging activities and comfortable atmosphere allowed the couple to focus on themselves.

**Jeff and Vicky are the surviving Father-In-Law and Mother-In-Law of Phoenix (AZ) Police Officer Daryl Raetz, EOW 5/19/2013.**

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**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.**

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Registration Form (Please print or register online at www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org)

Attendee Name: ___________________________________________ Spouse/Domestic Partner Name (if attending): ___________________________________________

Attendee Date of Birth: ______ / _____ / ____________ Spouse/Domestic Partner Date of Birth: ______ / _____ / ____________

Relationship to Officer: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Address _____________________________________________________________________________________________________

City __________________________ State _________________ Zip ______________

E-mail(s) ___________________________________________ _____________________________________________

Home Phone ___________________________ Cell Phone(s) _____________________________________________

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

Arrival flight information on October 16: ___________________________________________ Departure flight information on October 19: ___________________________________________

Airline Flight # Time Airline Flight # Time

☐ I/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 September 16, 2020.

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

This program is planned for surviving grandparents, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws (on the spouses side of the family), and grandchildren 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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