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**MA COPS**  
**Winter 2007**

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*Supporting survivors of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut & Rhode Island*

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Happy New Year!!! I hope this New Year finds you all healthy. We had a very busy fall and holiday season. We started off by selling merchandise at the MPA and introducing our new Project Blue Light Candle, a huge success, and thank you to the entire board for your continued support.

Although we had a tremendous interest in our fall apple picking trip, we had to cancel it due to inclement weather. We will try again next fall, stay tuned!

We did however, have a great Christmas Party on December 10, 2006 at the Burlington Marriott. Our sincere thanks to The Harold Vitale Memorial Fund for their donation of \$7,500, which covered our entire cost for dinner for our 255 survivors, of which 110 were children this year. Special thanks to Larry Crossman and the Massachusetts Fraternal Order

of Police for their contribution to the children who received a new fleece jacket as well as ID badges that were made at the Christmas Party. As always, this party would not be possible without our very talented Christmas Committee including Chief Doug Mellis and Hasbro Toys.

We are preparing for National Police week this year with a heavy heart, as we have had three Line of Duty Deaths. Please try to remember the families of Trooper Barry, Officer Briggs, and Officer Picagli as we try and get them through this very difficult year (please see Memoriam Section of this newsletter for additional information on these officers).

As we head into spring, keep an eye out for upcoming events including a night with the Lowell Devils hockey team, a summer picnic, and Apple picking in the fall.

Please know that the entire Chapter is always available, should you have any questions or suggestions, we are just a phone call away (see list of directors for updated phone numbers and e-mail addresses).

Keep safe and warm this winter and we hope to see you all very soon.

Sue Fitzsimmons  
President

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## GRIEF LUNCHEON

On Saturday, February 10, 2007 MA COPS, along with On-Site Academy, held a grief luncheon in Wellesley at St. John the Evangelist to help survivors cope with the holidays as well as welcome new survivors to our chapter.

We had a meet and greet session that really allowed members to adjust and relax before discussing the issues at hand. Lunch was provided and then a question and answer session, mostly on upcoming Police Week.

It was decided that MA COPS would meet with each individual family and department members to go over in detail what to expect at National Police Week. Dates are being arranged now to meet with Manchester, NH, New Haven, CT and the MA State Police.

Feed back on the luncheon has been positive and we are looking into having additional luncheons in the future. Special thanks to Jon and Doreen Bailey and Nichole Fitzsimmons for volunteering, the day would not have gone as smoothly without their help.

A very special thank you to Haden & Valerie Dugan from On-Site Academy, we are truly grateful for your support and friendship.

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# SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

**Massachusetts Chapter of COPS** – The MA Chapter offer one \$500.00 scholarship per student per school year as along as they volunteer one day with the MA COPS program. Please contact Sue Fitzsimmons for additional information.

**National COPS** – [www.nationalcops.org](http://www.nationalcops.org)

## **MPA Scholarship Program**

Application can be down loaded from [www.masspolice.com](http://www.masspolice.com) click on scholarship. Open to members of the MPA, as long as member was in good standing at the end of their watch.

## **NASFAA.org – National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators**

The Police Corps is a U.S. Department of Justice program designed to address violent crime by increasing the number of officers with advanced education and training that serve on community patrol. Typically, they serve in low-income, high-crime urban areas or isolated rural areas.

A student enrolled full-time in a four-year college pursuing a bachelor's degree in any major (not just criminal justice) is eligible for up to \$7,500 per year (\$30,000 maximum) in scholarships. Also, a student in school in one state may apply to join the Police Corps and serve four years as a police officer in another state. For example, a student at Penn State University may apply to any participating state Police Corps program such as the Missouri Police Corps or the Florida Police Corps.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE (PSOEA) PROGRAM**

[http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/psob/Assistance\\_Form\\_Loan1.pdf](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/psob/Assistance_Form_Loan1.pdf)

## **International Brotherhood of Police Officers – [www.ibpo.org](http://www.ibpo.org)**

IBPO is pleased to offer three scholarship opportunities for our members:

Scholarship applications for the 2007-2008 academic years will be available in April 2007.

1. The Annual IBPO/NAGE Scholarships awards 50 scholarships in the amount of \$500 each. Scholarships are chosen in a random drawing from among all applications received.
2. The \$1,000 Marc Lawson Criminal Justice Scholarship honors longtime IBPO member Marc Lawson for his lifelong service to the American public through law enforcement. One scholarship will be awarded.
3. The \$1,000 Edward G. Gillooly Journalism Scholarship honors the late Ed Gillooly who was devoted to honoring working people through journalism. One scholarship will be awarded.

## **Fraternal Order of Police**

The Fraternal Order of Police does award scholarships to Line of Duty Death Survivors, please check with you local chapter in Massachusetts, Connecticut or Rhode Island.

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## **WINGS – Widows/Widowers In Need of Grief Support**

WINGS is a specialized CISM team serving public safety widows and widowers. WINGS came together after the Worcester Cold Storage fire in 1999 to form a supportive group for those who have lost a loved one in public service. The sponsoring agency is On-Site Academy in Gardner, MA and they are a peer group consisting of several survivors from police, fire/EMS and trained clinicians. They meet at Florian Hall in Boston on the second Wednesday of every month.

The team also comes together three times a year to sponsor a three-day retreat in Gardner. During these retreats, survivors are invited to spend a much time or as little time at the Academy as they wish or as their schedule allows. At this time, they limit these retreats to widows and significant others.

The women who are a part of the structured team are all trained in critical incident stress debriefing and most have been a part of this special group for the past eight years. These women offer one on one support as well as join in group debriefing and discussions. They are a mobile team and have traveled where the need exists.

If you would like to join the group and/or would like support and hope, please contact them at On-Site Academy at 978-632-3518 or you may call the team leader, Kathy Minehan at 617-416-0773

## CONNECTICUT UPDATES

Lee Tager is our new Connecticut Representative. We would like to welcome him and wish him great success in Connecticut. Lee is the Chaplin for the Connecticut Fraternal Order of Police and will be sending out a letter to all CT Survivors to introduce himself please feel free to contact him with any questions or concerns. Welcome Lee!!!!

On Friday, April 27th the Connecticut Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police will be sponsoring “**DC in Connecticut**” at Tuxedo Junction, a gathering place in Danbury, Connecticut. Proceeds from the night will be placed in a fund earmarked specifically for the benefit of Connecticut Survivors. The DJ's for the evening will be 1) Vinny and Sal from NYPD, the same guys that DJ the party at Police Week in DC, and 2) the DJ from DC's Kelly's Irish Times. The Police Pipes and Drums from Waterbury PD will also be performing. The cost is \$20 per person, which includes food and refreshment. The party starts at 7:00 PM. Check out the website for Tuxedo Junction at [www.tuxedojunction.net](http://www.tuxedojunction.net). Tickets will be available soon and can be obtained by calling Lee Tager at 203-634-1679.

The Connecticut Memorial Dinner to honor those officers making the ultimate sacrifice will be held on Monday, May 7, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. at the Aqua Turf Restaurant in Meriden, CT.

The Connecticut Memorial Service for those officer's killed in the line of duty will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at 11:00 A.M. at the Connecticut memorial, which is on the grounds of the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden, CT.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE UPDATES

Congratulations to Nate Noyes (A/C James Noyes, NH State Police EOW 10/94) and his wife Kristen Noyes on the arrival of their son Camden James Noyes.

Congratulations to Danny Noyes (A/C James Noyes, NH State Police EOW 10/94) who proposed to girlfriend Erin in July 2006. A June 23, 2007 wedding is planned at The Castle in Clouds in Moultonborough, NH.

The Manchester Police Department Retired Badge number 83 on January 26, 2007 in remembrance of Officer Michael Briggs.

## MASSACHUSETTS UPDATES



Congratulations to Officer Dan Smith and his wife Amy on the arrival of their second child Hannah Faye Smith, November 26, 2006. Hannah weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz and was 20½ inches and joined big brother Timmy just in time to celebrate the holidays.

Megan Fitzsimmons (A/C Joseph Fitzsimmons, Wellesley, PD, EOW 4/92) and Matthew Adams were married in an outdoor ceremony on September 9, 2006 in Uxbridge, MA. September 11, 2006 Megan began the Correctional Academy in Worcester and graduated on November 16, 2006. She is currently employed at Framingham State Prison. Meg is also the daughter of MA COPS President, Sue Fitzsimmons.

Thomas Giunta, Jr. (A/C Thomas Giunta, Fall River, PD, EOW 8/94) and his wife Michelle are expecting a little girl in May named Lilly.

The 13th Annual Thomas Giunta Road Race will be held on April 1, 2007 in Fall River. Please contact Doris Giunta at [dorisgiunta@comcast.net](mailto:dorisgiunta@comcast.net) for additional information.

May 16th is the tentative date for the Western Mass Memorial to be held at the Agawam Academy.

No date has yet been set for the MA Memorial at the State House due to construction of the Fire Fighters Memorial. The MLEMF Board is looking into a fall ceremony.

Chief Paul Armitage of the Middleton Police Department will retire after 37 years of service this February. Thank you Chief for all your hard work and support for the survivors of line of duty deaths both on a local and national level.

## RHODE ISLAND UPDATES

The Annual Police Officers Parade will be held in Newport, RI on May 6, 2007. Anyone interested in marching in the parade with MA COPS representatives, please contact Bob Shaw at 401-458-9244.

If anyone would like to be on the MA COPS summer picnic committee please contact Dan Perenick via e-mail at [dperenick@winchester.K12.ma.us](mailto:dperenick@winchester.K12.ma.us) or work phone at 781-721-0775. He will be working with Bob Shaw and Bob Lonchiadis.

# GUNS N' HOSES NIGHT!!

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MA COPS would like to thank the following Departments, Organizations and Supporters for their financial assistance. Without your help this Chapter would not be able to help the families of Line of Duty Deaths and as it has become so difficult to raise funds we want you to know that we are truly grateful for your continued support.

Auburn Police Association

Attleboro Police Relief Association

Boston FBI

Burlington Police Department

Burlington Police Superior Officers

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Fraternal Order of Police - Massachusetts State Lodge

Fraternal Order of Police – Seekonk Lodge

Harold L. Vitale Memorial Fund, Inc.

Lancaster Police Local 203

Law Enforcement Memorial Run – PA

Lowell Police Academy – Sgt. Thomas Fleming

Massachusetts Police Association

Orleans Police Relief Association

Police Officers of Westport Alliance

Rehoboth FOP Lodge 10

RI Chiefs of Police Secretaries Assoc.

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The Haverhill Golf & Country Club

Westfield Police Association, Inc.

2nd Annual Drumstick for Charity

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Lowell Sports Group (Lowell Lock Monsters)

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Indiana COPS

MI COPS

Wisconsin COPS



# IN MEMORIAM

This year MA COPS will be honoring three Law Enforcement Officers during National Police Week.

## **Trooper Paul F. Barry – Massachusetts State Police – End of Watch – June 15, 2006**



Trooper Barry was killed when his patrol car struck a parked dumped truck in the breakdown lane of I-495 in Wrentham. Trooper Barry served with the Massachusetts State Police for six years. Trooper Barry is survived by his wife Maryellen, seven children, parents and brother and sister.

## **Officer Michael Briggs – Manchester, New Hampshire - End of Watch – October 17, 2006**



Officer Briggs succumbed to a gunshot wound after he and his partner responded to a domestic disturbance call.

Officer Briggs was a US Marine Corps veteran and had served with the Manchester Police Department for 5 years. Previously, Officer Briggs served with the Hillsborough County Department of Correction for six years. Officer Briggs is survived by his wife Laura, two sons, parents and two sisters.

On Friday, January 26, 2007 the Manchester Police Department retired badge # 83 in memory of Officer Briggs.

## **Officer Dan Picagli – New Haven, Connecticut – End of Watch – October 21, 2006**



Officer Dan Picagle died as a result of injuries he sustained after being struck by a vehicle while directing traffic near a construction site. Officer Picagle had served with the New Haven Police Department for over 17 years. Officer Picagle is survived by his wife Dee and three children.



The MA Chapter of COPS would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Retired Rockland Police Officer and MA COPS Volunteer Ed Borges and his family. On December 28, 2006 at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, Bev Borges passed away at the age of 72. Bev and Ed enchanted children by playing Mr. & Mrs. Claus at several MA COPS Christmas Parties and throughout the Rockland community. In addition to her husband, she leaves two sons, a daughter, a stepson, three stepdaughters, and 21 grandchildren.

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## Project Blue Light

Thank you **all** for making our Project Blue Light Candle a huge success this holiday season. Especially, Manchester, NH and several COPS Chapters who purchased over 200 candles.

There are still candles available and can be purchased for \$20.00 plus shipping. If you are interested in purchasing a case (48) we will offer a discounted rate. Please contact Heather via e-mail at [heather@statelinegraphics.com](mailto:heather@statelinegraphics.com)

Thank you.