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Press Release

COPS Announces National “Fly the Blue” Campaign

Camdenton, MO, February 8, 2006 - Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. (COPS), a national non-profit headquartered in Camdenton, MO, has kicked off its 2006 “Fly the Blue” campaign in preparation for National Police Week, May 14-20.

With the signing of Public Law 87-726 in October 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15 of each year as Peace Officers' Memorial Day "in honor of the Federal, State, and municipal officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty." The calendar week of May 15 each year during is National Police Week "in recognition of the service given by the men and women who, night and day, stand guard in our communities and the people of the United States to observe such day and week with appropriate ceremonies and activities."

Concerns of Police Survivors, COPS, encourages all Americans to honor and support law enforcement during National Police Week by joining its “Fly the Blue” campaign. COPS is mailing out 1.5 million blue ribbons and asking that they be displayed on automobile antennas May 14-20. Law enforcement agencies and associations may fax a request for ribbons to 573-346-1414.

“A blue ribbon tied on a car antenna during National Police Week shows officers and their families that their sacrifices and dedication are appreciated,” stated COPS National President Shirley Gibson.

COPS, organized in 1984, provides healing, love, and life renewed for the surviving families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. COPS also promotes officer safety and public awareness of the dangers in the law enforcement profession and the sacrifices made by law enforcement families. COPS' membership consists of nearly 15,000 surviving households nationwide.

For more information about Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc., or to help support COPS' programs, contact COPS at (573) 346-4911, or e-mail cops@nationalcops.org. Visit the COPS website at www.nationalcops.org.