

## **Central Florida Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors Standard Operating Procedures**

Central Florida Chapter of C.O.P.S. Bylaws, Article XIII - Amendments, Section 4, states the following:

*“The Chapter may develop and/or amend their own SOPs. Chapter SOPs shall be developed and approved by the Board and shall be shared with the Chapter membership. At no time will a Chapter SOP be in conflict with a National SOP. At all times, the National SOP shall prevail. A copy of the SOP shall be forwarded to the National Office for filing.”*

On September 8, 2018, in accordance with the Bylaws, the Board members of Central Florida C.O.P.S. requested the National Staff of C.O.P.S. to review proposed SOPs. The final draft and amended proposal was accepted and approved by Barbie Squires, National Chapter Liaison, on February 28, 2019. The SOPs are effective immediately and all funding considerations for State and National memorials will be in accordance with the listed SOPs beginning with the 2020 memorial season. The SOPs will hereby be attached to the existing bylaws for the Central Florida Chapter of C.O.P.S., shared at quarterly meetings and Chapter informational emails. The Bylaws and SOPs will be available to all members upon request and posted to the Chapter website for reference.

Any changes to the SOPs as written must be voted upon by the Board and approved by the National Staff of C.O.P.S.

### Standard Operating Procedures

1. First time survivors attending memorials and any Chapter member who wishes to attend a C.O.P.S. retreat will receive priority consideration for financial assistance.
2. In order for returning survivors to be considered for financial assistance to attend memorials, Chapter members must attend a combination of two Chapter events, which must include a Chapter quarterly meeting. For example, a member can attend a quarterly meeting and a fundraiser event or two quarterly Chapter meetings to meet the SOP criteria (does not include Bluelight weekend). The event attendance requirement does not apply for financial assistance for COPS retreats. Memorial stipends for returning survivors will be considered each year and voted on by the Board. Funding for this consideration is dependent on the Chapter's budget and financial status. This SOP is not a guarantee of financial assistance for memorials for returning survivors.\*

\* The listed SOPs were approved and adopted prior to the 2019 memorial season; however, the funding considerations as voted and approved by the Board and National staff will take effect for the memorial season beginning in 2020. The SOP was shared with all members beginning in March 2019 during the quarterly meeting and all correspondence thereafter.

Central Florida Chapter of C.O.P.S.  
Approved February 28, 2019

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