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Concerns of Police Survivors

Kettering- Many in the region recall January 12, 1998 when Centerville Police Officer John Paul Kalaman was killed in the line of duty. The tragic death greatly affected the law enforcement community and John's family.

John's father, John Kalaman of Kettering is now the Great Lakes Region Trustee of Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. (C.O.P.S.). As the Great Lakes Region Trustee, Mr. Kalaman is on the National Board of C.O.P.S. The region includes Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana. The national organization provides resources to assist in the rebuilding of the lives of surviving families and affected co-workers of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty as determined by federal criteria.

C.O.P.S. also provides training to law enforcement agencies on survivor victimization issues and educates the public of the need to support the law enforcement profession and its survivors.

C.O.P.S. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization . C.O.P.S. programs and services are funded by grants and donations. Programs include the National Police Survivor's Conference held each May during National Police Week and kids summer camps.

To learn more about C.O.P.S., please log on to www.nationalcops.org.

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