

Welcome to the

TEXAS PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL

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April 26, 2025

the State Capitol

Austin

Texas Peace Officers' Memorial Committee



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THE TEXAS PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL is presented by



The Texas Peace Officers' Memorial Committee, along with the **Texas Chapters of Concerns of Police Survivors**, cordially invites you to the 2025 Texas Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony & Vigil on Saturday evening, April 26th, 2025.

During this event, we will honor the sacrifice of Texas Peace Officers having died in the line of duty and whose names have been engraved on our sacred Memorial Wall this year.

We are committed to recognizing and remembering the heroic sacrifice your officers made. We pray this weekend provides solace and ensures these courageous heroes will never be forgotten.

If you have questions about who will be honored during the service, the Host Hotel, or any other events that are scheduled during the 2025 Texas Peace Officers' Memorial Weekend, please contact the Committee via Questions@txspom.org or contact your Texas Chapters of C.O.P.S. Representatives.

C.O.P.S. HOST HOTEL Your Cost and other Lodging Options

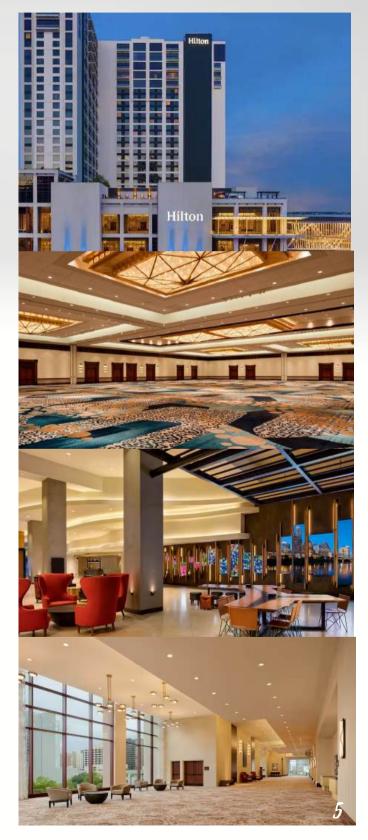
Hilton Austin-Downtown

The Texas Chapters of C.O.P.S. has secured a discounted hotel rate for you. To take advantage of this, visit the Memorial Website and Register to attend. Once your Registration has been submitted, you will receive a confirmation email, which will include the Hilton Booking Link. **The deadline to reserve a room for this event is March 24, 2025.**

Your Cost

You will be responsible for your transportation to and from Austin, your hotel accommodations, and any meals not provided by the Texas Chapters of C.O.P.S. Attendees may be able to request transportation financial assistance from their local C.O.P.S. Chapter or your law enforcement agency. There are no transfers from the airport to the host hotel. Uber and Lyft are both available In the Austin Metro Area.

Other Lodging Options Courtyard Austin Conv. Center 300 at E. 4th | 512-236-8008 Hilton Garden Inn Austin - Dntn/Conv. Center 500 North I35 | 512-480-8181 Hyatt House 901 Neches Street | 512-391-0000



Schedule of Events

Friday, April 25th

3 pm Host Hotel Check-In

5 pm- 8 pm Event Check-In 6th Floor

All registered Survivors, such as the family members of the Honored Officers, Escort Officers, Co-Workers, Agency Personnel, and their guests, will pick up their Memorial Attendance credentials. These credentials are required for admission to all C.O.P.S.-provided meals and transportation.

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Reception - Come & Go

The Texas Chapters of C.O.P.S. will provide a meal and offer bar options.

5 pm - 8 pm *Texas* C.O.P.S. Shop Location TBD

Each of the 3 chapters will have merchandise and the 2025 Roll Call Tshirt available.

Saturday, April 25th

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7:30 - 9:30 am Breakfast Room TBD

Breakfast is served to registered attendees staying at the host hotel.

9 am - Noon *Texas* C.O.P.S. Shop Location TBD Merchandise and the 2025 Roll Call Tshirt available.

9 am - Noon Event Check-In Location - TBD

All registered Attendees must pick up their Memorial Attendance credentials. These credentials are required for admission to all C.O.P.S.-provided meals and transportation.

Noon

Uniformed Personnel – Briefing 6th Floor – Room TBD

Escort Officers, Cordon Officers, or participating Honor Guard teams should attend this briefing to hear their duty details, get POC info, and report times.

1:00 pm Lunch Room TBD

Lunch will be served to registered attendees staying at the host hotel.

4:30 pm Participating Family Member Ceremony Muster Room TBD

All ceremony attendees and participating family members must attend this meeting to pick up seating assignments in preparation for transportation to the memorial Ceremony

5:30 pm Transportation to the Ceremony Begins Lobby Floor - Starbucks Exit This is for Registered Attendees.

7:45 pm

Texas Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony & Vigil Memorial Wall - Capitol Grounds

Reserved Seating is provided for participating survivors and Elected Officials. A Reserved Seating Section is also provided to Agency Heads and Command Staff. General seating is available on a first-come-first-served basis.

9:30 – 11 pm After Ceremony Reception Room TBD

Buffet options will be served for registered attendees staying at the host hotel.

Sunday, April 27th

7:30 - 9:30 am Breakfast Room TBD Breakfast is served to registered attendees staying at the host hotel.

> 9 am - 11 am *Texas* C.O.P.S. Shop Location TBD Merchandise and the 2025 Roll Call T-shirt available.

Hotel Check-out

Hotel check-out is at noon. Hotel guests may leave their vehicles parked in the parking garage until 5:00 pm.

Transportation to Memorial Wall to conduct Name Rubbings Lobby Floor – Starbucks Exit

Departure will be located outside the Hotel entrance next to Starbucks.

2 - 2:45 pm

Texas Peace Officers' Memorial Ride Ceremony Memorial Wall – Capitol Grounds

The TPOMR concludes a 150-mile ride at the Memorial Wall in honor of a fallen officer. After a short ceremony, the riders will want to meet with the families of their honored officers. For more information about TPOMR, go to https://www.tpomr.org.

Departure & Transportation

<u>Neither the Hilton Austin nor Texas Chanters of C O P S, provide airport transfers</u>





Host Hotel

All events held at the Host Hotel are casual dress, including the "C.O.P.S. Meet & Greet." We encourage Surviving Families, Friends, and Co-Workers to wear their Fallen Officer apparel and memorabilia.

Capitol Ceremonial Events

- The Texas Peace Officers' Memorial Ride Ceremony is casual dress as well as conducting rubbings of the engraved officers' names.
- The Memorial Ceremony and Vigil is held in the evening and begins just before sunset. We ask that Participating Family Members wear business/business casual or "Sunday Best."
- <u>As we are in Texas, please be prepared for ANY WEATHER! The events are Rain or Shine.</u>

Uniformed Personnel

- Family Escort Officers should wear an agency-approved Honor Guard or Class A Uniform.
- Cordon Officers and Honor Guard Team Participants should wear an agency-approved Honor Guard Attire.
- Heads of Agency, Command Staff, and any other Active Duty, Sworn members of Law Enforcement should wear a Class A Dress Uniform.

Who is Concerns of Police Survivors?

a Survivor

is a family member or co-worker of a law enforcement officer who died in the line of duty.

Line-of-duty deaths include felonious, accidental, medical/illness, and suicide (in accordance^{ACE}withcetherePublic Safety TOfficerACES0ppopers' Met^{or} of 2022, PSOSA/Federal.)

We Po it For Our Survivors ...

Since 1984, Concerns of Police Survivors has embodied the mission of rebuilding the shattered lives of surviving family members and co-workers impacted by law enforcement line-of-duty death. C.O.P.S. began by serving 110 survivors and has now grown to over 75,000 members who identify as law enforcement survivors. Through offering healing Weekend Getaways and Camps, presenting special events to honor our Fallen Heroes and law enforcement conferences and training, creating informative publications, and providing access to mental health professionals—all supported by a dedicated National Board and Staff, C.O.P.S. has helped families and co-workers begin to navigate their grief, honor their Fallen Hero, and connect with other survivors who have walked a similar path. Peer support is the very heart of this organization. There is never a fee to be a member of C.O.P.S. because the price has already been paid.

You rever have to go through this alone.

Returning Survivors Registration & Check-In

We welcome all Returning Survivors to the Texas Peace Officers' Memorial Weekend! If you are a Returning Survivor, not participating as a Volunteer, and you are planning to attend any meal during the Texas Peace Officers' Memorial Weekend a \$50/person Returning Survivor Fee is required and can be paid via the Registration Portal.



Sign-Up to Volunteer & Give Back!

If you are interested in being a Volunteer, you may do so by sending an inquiry to <u>Volunteer.TPOM@txspom.org</u>. Once your inquiry is received, we will request specific information, and then a Volunteer Schedule will be shared with you. The Volunteer Sign-up will contain the duties and various shifts still available. If you choose a Volunteer position, the Returning Survivor Fee is waived.



Your Texas Chapters of C.O.P.S. Team

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C.O.P.S. defines survivors as spouses, children, parents, siblings, fiancés, significant others, extended family members, co-workers, and friends. Co-Workers are included in the current year survivors' and returning survivors' definitions.

Current Year Survivor

All survivors of those fallen heroes who be honored during this year's Memorial Ceremony and Vigil, even if their EOW occurred in another year.

Returning Survivor

Any Survivor whose Fallen Hero was honored in a previous year at the Texas Peace Officers' Memorial.

Participating Family Member or Primary Survivor

These survivors include the Honored Fallen Heroes' spouses, children, parents, and siblings. If the officer was not married or if the spouse is not present, the State Medal and Resolutions will pass to the next in line, and they will serve as the "primary survivor." These survivors may be Dependent Children, Adult Children, Parents, and Siblings.

Non-Participating Family Member

This group includes extended family members such as aunts, uncles, grandparents, nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, friends, and co-workers of the Fallen Hero being honored.

Family Escort Officer

A Family Escort Officer walks with and presents the family to the Governor during the Roll Call portion of the Ceremony. Family Escort Officers participating in the Ceremony should wear "Class A" uniforms unless their duty assignment requires alternate attire. In this case, the FEO should dress in business attire. All Family Escort Officers must attend Orientation at the Host Hotel and report to the T.P.O.M. Uniformed Personnel Coordinator before the Ceremony.

Thank you

Our dedicated team could do none of what we do without the financial support and heartfelt service give so freely by our Sponsors and Volunteers.



If you would like to help sponsor or learn more about this event, please go to our website at www.texaspeaceofficersmemorial.org.

It is time for a Memorial Wall facelift. Maintenance of the Texas Peace Officers' Memorial is funded solely by Patrons, Sponsors, and Donations!

Look for the yellow "Donate" button on the website or email us at Questions@txspom.org for more information on how to help and for ways to be a part of this amazing experience.

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Map of the Capitol Complex



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