

# Joint Statement Regarding National Police Week 2021

## To Assure Opportunity for In-person Attendance, National Police Week Events Postponed to October

*Planned events include honoring fallen officers from 2019 and 2020.*

Washington, D.C., (March 10, 2021) — Host organizations of National Police Week, which includes the National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum, the Fraternal Order of Police and Auxiliary (FOP), and Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S), have made the difficult, but necessary, decision due to the ongoing pandemic to postpone in-person events of National Police Week to October 13-17, 2021, in Washington, D.C. The rescheduling of the originally planned events to be held May 11-16, 2021, is due to the inability to secure necessary permits in time for in-person gatherings due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions.

The National Police Weekend will offer the same honor, remembrance, and peer support as the extended National Police Week, while allowing law enforcement, survivors, and citizens to gather and pay homage to those who gave their lives in the line of duty.

### The planned schedule of events includes:

- **Thursday, October 14 - NLEOMF Candlelight Vigil**
- **Friday, October 15 - C.O.P.S. National Police Survivors' Conference**
- **Saturday, October 16 - FOP 40th Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Service**

The three host organizations remain committed to their missions and to honoring the fallen law enforcement heroes from 2019 and 2020, while making sure their survivors are supported. In addition to the in-person events in October, each organization will host virtual events on originally scheduled dates in May 2021. More information on these events are forthcoming.

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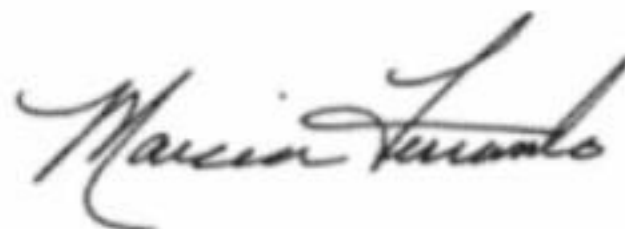
### About National Police Week (NPW)

*In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 designating May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week. While the actual dates change from year to year, National Police Week is always the calendar week, beginning on Sunday, which includes May 15. Main events are hosted for law enforcement, survivors, and the supporting public by three organizations: National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Fraternal Order of Police and Auxiliary, and Concerns of Police Survivors.*



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**Questions you may have:**

**Will officers who were to be honored in May of 2020 and 2021 be honored at National Police Weekend in October?**

*Those officers who would have been honored in May of 2020 and 2021 will be honored in October.*

**I already registered for National Police Week for May 2021. Do I need to re-register for the National Police Weekend in October?**

*Yes, because of the schedule change everyone will need to re-register for National Police Weekend in October. Your previous registration may have included family members who cannot go, or you may have added family members who can now attend. Also, C.O.P.S. will need to know your travel plans, arrival and departure day, and which events you plan to attend.*

**When will registration for National Police Weekend in October open?**

*The C.O.P.S. staff is working hard to open the new registration by April 5th. An announcement will be made when registration is open. Check the C.O.P.S. website of [concernsofpolicesurvivors.org](http://concernsofpolicesurvivors.org) for further information.*

**Do I need to cancel my hotel if I registered through C.O.P.S.?**

*No, the information you provided to C.O.P.S. has not been released and no credit cards have been charged.*

**What if I can't cancel my flight?**

*Check with your airline to reschedule for October, determine if they offer travel vouchers or if they can explain their refund policy.*

**What if I have already paid my returning survivor fee?**

*All returning survivor fees will be refunded.*

**What if I purchased Blue Honor Gala Tickets?**

*All Blue Honor Gala Tickets will be refunded. At the time of this release, it has not been determined if the Gala will be held during the National Police Weekend in October 2021 or if the next Gala will be in May of 2022. An announcement will be made soon!*

**If you are feeling overwhelmed by the postponement of National Police Week and need to talk to someone, please call our office!**

**Concerns of Police Survivors**

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