

TENTATIVE AGENDA (As of April 6, 2011)

The Illinois Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.)
7th Annual Cycle Across Illinois

This charity bicycle ride began in 2005 from the inspiration of Lt Gary Dudley, of the Indiana State Police. Gary was the organizer of a similar COPS ride in Indiana. In 2006, Gary came to Illinois and rode across the entire state of Illinois with many of us. As only Gary could, he endeared himself, and became our friend. On August 22, 2006, Gary and Gary Martin (retired Chief) were killed in the Indiana COPS cycle around Indiana. We will never forget Gary and all of our fallen colleagues in law enforcement.

In 2005, there were just 11 riders and 2 support trucks of the Joliet PD. Since then, the ride has grown to over 50 riders and 6-10 police/support vehicles. The riders consist of law enforcement officers from many different agencies and backgrounds, in addition to several survivors and supporters. The goal of the ride is to raise money and awareness for the families of fallen officers in Illinois.

The Cycle Across Illinois (300+ miles) will begin at the Mississippi River in Alton, IL and end at Gold Star Families Memorial and Park, just east of Soldier's Field. The ride will include daily dedications and ceremonies.

Each day, the group will begin with a dedication to a nearby officer who has died in the line of duty. The passage and safety of the entire ride is made possible by the help of the support team and the law enforcement colleagues who escort them through their area.

The following is a tentative itinerary:

July 13 th @ 1830	Riders arrive in Cahokia, IL. Their dinner is provided by the Jeremy Chambers Hero Fund, Chambers/local families and the Cahokia Police Department
July 14 th @ 0700	Ceremonial back tire dip into the Mississippi River, in Alton.
@ 1300	Lunch in Waverly, IL (home of a survivor)
@ 1630	Riders arrive at IL Peace Officers Memorial, State Capitol. Riders then proceed to dinner.
July 15 th @ 0745	Riders leave Springfield, towards Normal, thru Atlanta, IL
@ 1600	IL riders arrive in Bloomington/Normal-Riders will visit a VIP/family
July 16 th @ 0700	IL riders leave Bloomington/Normal, northbound towards Pontiac
@ 1230	IL riders arrive in Dwight: Lunch
@ 1600	IL riders arrive near Joliet (refreshments at home of survivors)
July 17 th @ 0730	Riders leave University of St. Francis, towards Orland Park PD
@ 1230	Ceremony @ the Orland Park PD @ 0900. Meet family of fallen officer C.O.P.S. riders arrive at CPD HQTs and meet Chicago's Medal for the Police+riders.
@ 1300	Ceremony @ CPD Hqts honoring 2010 Chicago officers*
@ 1330	Both riding groups leave for Gold Star Families and Memorial Park**
@ 1500	Both groups arrive back at CPD and conclude rides

*At CPD Headquarters, the riders will be joined by the Chicago Police Department's Superintendent, the Bagpipes and Drums of the Emerald Society/Chicago Police Department, CPD Memorial Foundation members and members of the Chicago Police Department's Gold Star Families.

** At Gold Star Families and Memorial Park, riders will be greeted by the CPD Memorial Foundation and have the opportunity to walk the grounds of the memorial park.