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## *Executive Director's Message*

*Time with families.....wow. I don't know if you have experienced this yet but it became more difficult to juggle family time during the holidays when Pat and I were married. We found ourselves torn between our families desire to have us at "home" for the holidays. Of course the holidays meant Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Now our daughters are gone and starting their families and it becomes even more difficult to satisfy everyone's desire to have their loved ones "home" for the holidays. Pat and I have tried to resolve this issue within our family. We have taken the stress off our girls and have told them to do what they have to for their "other" families during the holiday season. We will enjoy our time when it is best for them and their schedules.*

*As I sit here thinking that Christmas is almost upon us, I wonder what most people are thinking about right now. Full of anticipation, I am sure they are envisioning bright gifts under the tree, decorations around the house, manger scenes, and the traditional Christmas pageants at church. There are thoughts of Bing Crosby singing "White Christmas" (OK, so I am little older than most of you), cookies to be made, and time with family! All around us people prepare for parties, dinners, and presents. We get frantic and join in the panic to shop our way into the holiday spirit.*

*Sadly and tragically, not everyone is full of anticipation this holiday season. I can't help to think about the nine fatal traffic accidents that have occurred here in Walworth County over the past two weeks and the multitude of families affected by them. Of course, none of us should forget the four Parkland, WA officers who lost their lives needlessly this past week. Christmas will take on a whole new meaning for each of their families.*

*Hopefully they were never lost in the wilderness of distractions, of when families would get together, and the business of the season. Hopefully they were prepared for what is really important and they let the music and lights make them sensitive to the voice of this season.*

*From my family to yours .... May each of you have a Merry Christmas, a Cherished time with family, and a safe and Happy New Year!*

Bob Wierenga  
Executive Director, WCPA



# WCPA Friend "Saluted" by the National Law Enforcement Memorial

In 1994, at the WCPA annual conference in Lake Geneva Wisconsin, the WCPA was introduced to a young lady by the name of Vivian Eney. Ms. Eney was one of the primary movers in the founding of Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) after her husband was killed in the line of duty in 1984. Vivian gave a powerful and moving presentation to the WCPA members who were in attendance at that conference. The following is an excerpt from The Rose & Shield publication concerning a recent update on the Eney family:

"When the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial was dedicated on October 15, 1991, the names of two members of the Eney family were unveiled. Sergeant Christopher S. Eney, the first U.S. Capital Police officer killed in the line of duty in 1984, was among the more than 12,600 names of fallen officers initially engraved on the monument. In addition, the name of Vivian Eney, Chris's wife, was revealed that day. Her succinct and powerful quote, engraved under the lion statue in the monuments northwest corner, has

been read by millions over the years: "It is not how these officers died that made them heroes, it is how they lived."

On August 18, 2009, Vivian, and her two daughters, Shannen and Heather, and other family members joined U.S. Capital Police Chief Phillip Morse; NLEOMF staff; and others at the Memorial for a 25th anniversary remembrance of Sergeant Eney. Vivian and Chief Morse laid a wreath at the Memorial's center medallion, and the chief announced that the Chamber Training Venue within the Capitol Police's Practical Training Center in Cheltenham, MD, is being named in Sergeant Eney's honor. "

Vivian Eney Cross continues to be a moving force in the promotion of concerns of police survivors and the WCPA is proud to call her a friend!

## PROJECT BLUE LIGHT

*This information is provided courtesy of Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc.*

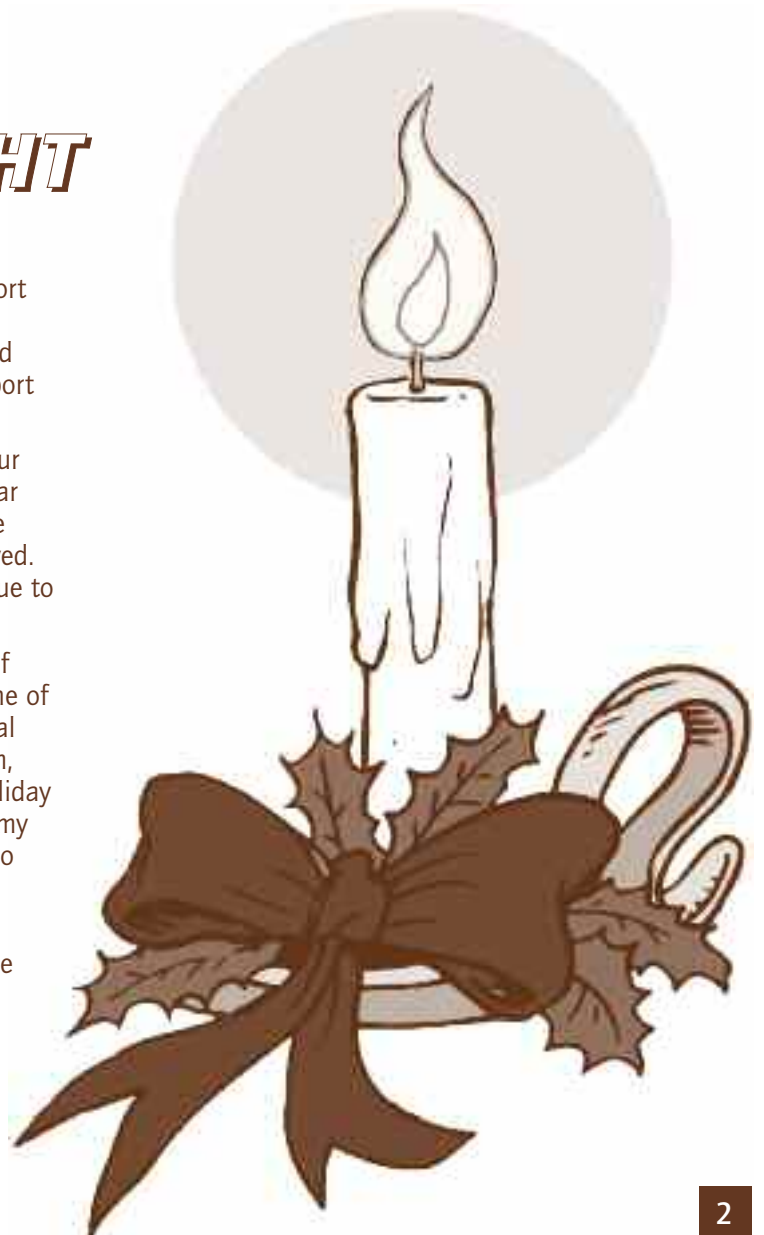
Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. (C.O.P.S.), a national grief support organization comprised of over 15,000 surviving families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty, is asking concerned citizens and law enforcement agencies nationwide to again support Project Blue Light.

During the holiday season you are asked to put blue lights in your holiday decorations and your windows and tie blue ribbons on car antennas to show support for law enforcement officers who have given their lives in the line of duty for the citizens they have served. Additionally, this will be a show of support for those who continue to work the streets 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

Several years ago, Mrs. Dolly Craig, the surviving mother-in-law of Daniel Gleason, a Philadelphia (PA) police officer killed in the line of duty in 1986, sent her Christmas message to the C.O.P.S. National office. Her daughter Pam, the surviving widow of Officer Gleason, had been killed in a car accident in August, 1989, before the holiday season. Dolly wrote, "This holiday I'm putting two blue lights in my living room window. One is for Dan and the other is for Pam, who believed so much in the C.O.P.S. organization."

Dolly Craig is now deceased as well, but her idea of Project Blue Light burns bright in the hearts of the over 15,000 families in the C.O.P.S. organization.

*For more information about Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc., or to support C.O.P.S.' programs for survivors and law enforcement agencies, contact C.O.P.S. at PO Box 3199, Camdenton, MO 65020, (573)346-4911, or visit [www.nationalcops.org](http://www.nationalcops.org).*



# Brown County Deputy Top in OVWI Arrests



In 2002 the Brown County Sheriff's Department founded the Wayne Truttman award to recognize the deputy, within their department, who makes the most OVWI arrest in a year. The award was named after Brown County Sgt Wayne Truttman, who was killed in the line of duty in 1973, and his son James, who was killed by a drunk driver in 1998.

This year's winner of this award is no stranger to it. Deputy Scott Vande Voort is the 2009 recipient of the award and has also won the award in 2004, 2006, 2007, and 2008. Vande Voort, who works the third shift, made 47 OVWI arrest this past year. The Brown County Sheriff's Department has made 569 OVWI arrest this year and more than 75% of traffic fatalities in Brown County are OVWI related.

In accepting the award Vande Voort said that "It's wonderful to be appreciated for the little things you do" and "people tell me I ruined their lives for arresting them" but he tells them "No, I didn't ruin your life. I saved your life."

## WCPA 2009 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The WCPA would like to congratulate the 2009 scholarship recipients!



Aaron Abler, of Fond du Lac Wisconsin, graduated from St Mary's Springs High School with a 3.54 GPA. He will attend the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and major in Communications and Broadcasting. His father is John Abler who is a member of the Fond du lac County Sheriff's Department.

Briana Marie Clevon, of DePere Wisconsin, graduated from Wrightstown High School with a 3.35 GPA. She will attend the University of Wisconsin-River Falls where she will major in Dairy Science and Dairy Cattle Genetics. Her father is Bryan Clevon who is a member of the Brown County Sheriff's Department.



Kyle Deneys, of Pulaski Wisconsin, graduated from Pulaski High School with a 3.63 GPA. He will attend the University of Wisconsin-Stout where he will major in Computer Science and Applied Math. His father is Keith Deneys who is a member of the Brown County Sheriff's Department.

Continued success to the WCPA scholarship recipients in the pursuit of your career choices!

March 16, 2010 - Sheriffs, Chiefs & Command Staff

# Officer-Involved Domestic Violence

## Training to Improve the Response to Victims of Officer-Involved Domestic Violence

- Training features Diane Wetendorf, a national trainer and expert in police perpetrated domestic violence
- Learn how law enforcement policies and command staff decisions impact victim safety

This training addresses the unique challenges faced when investigating officer involved domestic violence and the impact on victims. We will explore the dynamics and complexities of police perpetrated domestic violence and strategies to enable effective investigation.

Participants will:

- Examine the culture of law enforcement, its subsequent impact on police attitudes and response toward violence against women.
- Explore how we can minimize negative consequences and best serve victims and their families
- Identify ways to secure the safety of victims of officer involved domestic violence, including victims who are officers.

### Faculty

**Diane Wetendorf** is an advocate, national trainer and consultant specializing in police perpetrated domestic violence. With over 20 years experience, she has counseled battered women and their family members; served as expert witness in both the United States and Canada; and provided technical assistance to police agencies, victim advocates, civil and criminal attorneys, and allied professionals. She is currently a consultant to the Battered Women's Justice Project Criminal and Civil Justice Office. Diane is the author of numerous books and articles. Her website is [www.abuseofpower.info](http://www.abuseofpower.info).

**Ray Maida** is a Law Enforcement Training Consultant to the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault and the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance. Ray is certified to instruct by the Wisconsin Department of Justice Training and Standards, a provisional instructor for Madison Area Technical College, and a trauma specialist for the Dane County District Attorney's Office Victim Witness Unit. Ray has 25 years of

active law enforcement experience, including 12 years as detective for the Madison Police Department specializing in sensitive crimes.

**Judith Munaker** is the VAWA Law Enforcement Trainer and Consultant to the Office of Justice Assistance, coordinating county wide trainings for law enforcement. Now retired, for 10 years as a specialized domestic abuse prosecutor her case load included cases of child physical and sexual assault that occurred in families where domestic violence was present. She currently works with counties to identify barriers to protecting victims and their children and to holding abusers accountable for their actions.

### Registration Deadline is January 15, 2010

This training is provided at no cost. Training hours may be applied toward officers' annual in service requirements.

Costs to participate in this training are funded by the Office of Justice Assistance through the STOP Recovery Act Program awarded by the Office of Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. The opinions, findings, conclusions and recommendations expressed in this training are those of the trainers and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women.

### Lodging

Lodging will be provided for all attendees traveling 60 or more miles to attend this training. If requesting lodging, please do not make a room reservation for yourself as this could result in double booking and you would be responsible for the extra room charge. You will receive an email confirmation of your registration/lodging. **Cancellations must be received no later than February 19, 2010.**

## Ramada Stevens Point

1501 North Point Drive, Stevens Point, WI 54481

March 10, 2010 8:00am - 4:00pm

Register online by January 15, 2010 at [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=8nGwzWpgcmPBKNIh50FpKA\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=8nGwzWpgcmPBKNIh50FpKA_3d_3d)

This training is provided at no cost; continental breakfast and lunch is included.

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\*For questions regarding registration, lodging, reimbursements or for cancellations, please contact:

Lisa Tiedemann, Meeting Coordinator  
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# LEGISLATIVE

WCPA LEGISLATIVE REPORT

## "UNDER THE DOME"

Ramie Zelenkova

### Traffic Stop Data Collection

Wisconsin law enforcement officers will be required to collect traffic stop data beginning January 1, 2011. The Office of Justice Assistance, with the assistance of the Traffic Stop Data Advisory Committee, is in the process of preparing the administrative rule on traffic stop data collection. The new rule, due to the Legislature by February 1, 2010, will determine the data collected, the collection method, and how the data is analyzed. The data will be used to determine whether racial minorities are disproportionately involved in traffic stops.

To gather public input on the development of the rule, the Traffic Stop Data Advisory Committee held listening sessions across the state. Written comments on the development of the rule will be accepted until December 11, 2009 and can be sent to the address listed below. A formal public hearing on the rule will be held in the Spring of 2010.

*Office of Justice Assistance  
Traffic Stop Data Collection Project  
1 South Pinckney St., Suite 615  
Madison, WI 53703-3220*

### OWI Legislative Highlights

The Wisconsin Legislature made overhauling OWI statutes a priority this session. The State Assembly passed Assembly Bill 283 on September 17; the State Senate passed Senate Bill 66 on November 5; however, both houses must

pass identical bills before forwarding a bill to Governor Doyle.

The two bills have some similarities including, making first offense OWI with a minor passenger a criminal misdemeanor offense, making fourth offense OWI a felony, if the offender had a prior offense within the previous five years, and increasing the minimum confinement period for multiple OWI offenders. The two bills also have very similar provisions on ignition interlock devices. The main difference between the bills is the funding source.

The bills are estimated to cost between \$15.1 million to \$27.9 million each year, and do not include costs for county jails and other local government expenses. identification of an adequate and appropriate revenue stream to fund the proposed changes has been a challenge for the Legislature.

AB 283 mandates the first \$10,000,000 collected from the beer and liquor tax each year be distributed in a new program revenue account in the Department of Corrections to fund various treatment programs and probation costs. AB 283 also creates a district attorney surcharge of \$100 on OWI convictions to fund the cost of OWI prosecutions. SB 66 is primarily funded with a \$143 increase in the criminal action surcharge and a \$40 increase in the license reinstatement fee. The two lead authors of the legislation, Representative Tony Staskunas (D-West Allis) and Senator Jim Sullivan (D-Wauwatosa) have worked out the

differences and are expected to announce details of a deal on Monday, December 7.

The Legislature is expected to pass the comprehensive package on December 16.



### Concealed Carry for Retired Law Enforcement

On Thursday, December 10 the Assembly Committee on Criminal Justice heard testimony on Assembly Bill 474 authored by Representative Ann Hraychuck (D-Balsam Lake) and Senator Jim Holperin (D-Conover); Representative Don Friske (R-Merrill) also played a key role in the development of this important legislation. The bill makes changes to Wisconsin law to account for federal law, H.R. 218, which permits local law enforcement agencies to certify qualified retired law enforcement officers to a carry concealed firearm. Under AB 474 local law enforcement agencies "may" issue permits to retired law enforcement officers to carry concealed. The Wisconsin County Police Association supports AB 474, and further supports an amendment to substitute "may" with "shall," which would mandate local law enforcement agencies to issue permits. In addition to the Wisconsin County Police Association, Attorney General JB Van Hollen and the Wisconsin Professional Police Association support AB 474.



### Wood County Donation

Wood County Sheriff's Department deputies Joe Zurluh and Ryan Bannerman receive a \$500.00 donation from Wisconsin County Police Association Executive Director Bob Wierenga. The Wood County Deputy Sheriff's Association, which has 100% membership in the WCPA, in turn made a \$500.00 contribution to the Wood County Family Center & Personal Development Center. The centers have a mission to care for homeless women and women involved in domestic violence situation. The WCPA commends the Wood County Deputy Sheriff's Association for their selection of the Family Center. We are sure it is greatly appreciated, especially at this time of the year!

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## Registration Membership

If you received this newsletter you are already a member of the WCPA Ltd. Please feel free to pass this on to a non-member when you are done with it. If you are not a member of the Wisconsin County Police Association, all you have to do is fill out this application. Membership is open to any employee of a Wisconsin Sheriff's Department. Your application entitles you to a lifetime membership as long as you are employed. There are no membership dues!

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Mail to: Wisconsin County Police Association, Ltd.  
P.O. Box 764, Delavan, WI 53115

**Membership Application**

Take a moment and review the mailing information contained on your mailing address below. Use this space to make any corrections, changes, additions, deletions, verify suite or apartment number, add telephone number or e-mail address if you wish. If the information below is correct, no action is necessary. If you make any changes, simply detach this card and return the card to us. If you have questions, contact us at 262-728-2233 or info@wcpawi.com

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