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Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office Welcomes Traveling C.O.P.S. Children C.O.P.S. (Concerns of Police Survivors) Summer Camp for Children Who Lost Family Member in Line of Duty



Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr., sheriff's deputies and police officers from around the state were on hand today, July 27, at General Mitchell International Airport to welcome children attending a weeklong camp in East Troy sponsored by C.O.P.S. (Concerns of Police Survivors). C.O.P.S. is a national organization that assists families of fallen officers. Motorcycle units, organized by MCSO, then escorted the Lamers buses from the airport to camp.

According to C.O.P.S., between 140 and 160 officers are killed in the line of duty nationally every year. Family members are left to cope with the tragic loss, but C.O.P.S. Inc., a non-profit organization, helps grieving families rebuild their lives. Dozens of children pass through General Mitchell International Airport as they head to the summer camp for young survivors.

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Sheriff Clarke, members of the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office met the children at the airport gates and a reserved hospitality room filled with activities, lunch and snacks. The V.I.P. treatment is designed to show the children that their parents' ultimate sacrifice is *not* forgotten and MCSO deputies care about surviving family members.

Kids Camp is one of the hands-on programs sponsored by Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) and is planned for surviving children, ages 6-14, and their parent/guardian of America's fallen law enforcement heroes killed in the line of duty. Kids Camp provides family interaction, camp activities, grief counseling, relaxation and lots of old-fashioned fun for campers.

The Wisconsin Chapter of C.O.P.S. works in coordination with the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office to provide assistance on the arrival and departure days to and from the airport.

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