

135 law enforcement officers have lost their lives in the line of duty already this year, most (65) from COVID-19. It's no longer a question of if, but when. Has your agency prepared for the "unthinkable?"



**Escondido Police Dept. Training Division
and PoliceFunerals.com**

**present training to address a difficult but
important issue for police managers and executives**



PLANNING FOR THE UNTHINKABLE: THE POLICE FUNERAL

Conducted by John Cooley, founder of PoliceFunerals.com and retired LAPD funeral coordinator (over 80 police funerals, 25 LODDs)

Date/Time:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020

(0800-1700 hours - 1 hour lunch)

Escondido Police Department
Community Room
1163 N. Centre City Parkway
Escondido, CA 92026

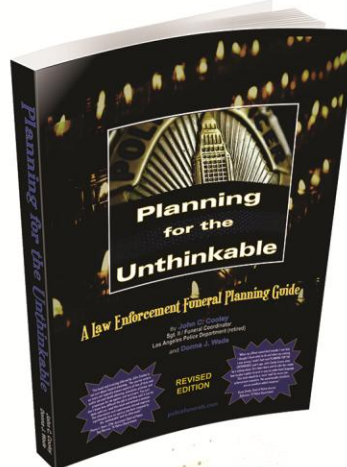
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**Registration deadline:
Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020
Cost: \$130**

To Register:
Send an email with EPD Seminar
as the subject, your contact info
and number of seats requested to
donna @policefunerals.com

The book and training offered by John Cooley is not just about funeral planning. The course covers so many not-typically-known aspects of line-of-duty and public servant death planning. You just don't know how difficult the job is and how well it can be done until you read this book and take the seminar.

Penny L. Dunn, Chief of Police
Richardson, NC PD



**Seminar attendees
receive a thumb drive
with a copy of our
funeral planning guide
and other resources to
assist with your funeral
planning and response.**

**For further information or questions about registering contact Police Funerals admin:
Donna Wade - Ph: 909.338.9778 or email: donna@policefunerals.com**

Did You Know?

The primary cause of death for LEOs so far in 2020 has been COVID-19. The pandemic has claimed the lives of 65 officers.

That drops deaths by gunfire to second place with 29 deaths

Auto crashes are third, claiming 14 officers, followed by:

Struck by Vehicle: 5

Vehicular Assault: 5

Heart attack: 4

9/11-related Cancer: 3

Vehicle pursuit: 2

Motorcycle accident: 2

Duty-related illness: 2

Gunfire (inadvertent): 2

Aircraft Accident: 1

Drowning: 1

Seminar Topics

PART I: You Only Get One Chance to Get It Right

1. Defining a Line-of-Duty Death – Ceremonies vs. Benefits
2. Honors for Line-of-Duty and Active-Duty Deaths
3. Choosing a Funeral Coordinator – “Who Me?”
4. Funeral Notices and Obituaries – Inclusions and Omissions
5. Bereavement Material – More Than a Hand Shake and a Hug
6. Traditional Funeral Services – Family and Officer’s Wishes
7. Funerals for Female Officers
8. Civilian Funerals
9. Retiree Funerals
10. Unwanted Attendees – Who Could That Possibly Be?
11. Traditional Honors Ceremonies – Should and Shall

PART 2: Choose the Best Way, Not Just the Right Way

1. Death Notifications (I) – Time Is of the Essence
2. Death Notifications (II) – On and Off-Duty Personnel Issues
3. Notifying Our Own About Their Own – They Deserve Better
4. Determining the Next-of-Kin – Trust But Verify
5. Emergency Contact Information – Inaccurate Won’t Work
6. Trust and Memorial Funds – Protect the Children
7. Scheduling the Services – Guidance vs. Instruction
8. Strategic Planning Team – 12 Important Positions
9. Collecting Agency and Personal Property – A Simple Policy
10. Suicides – Not If, But When
11. Pandemics
12. Multi – Agency Mutual Aid – Know Now, Plan Now
13. Protocols – Your Agency, Your Protocol

Texas leads the nation in LODDs with 31, followed Illinois with 9, Louisiana with 7. Florida, California and the US government report 6 each, Georgia with 5, Mississippi with 4, Alabama, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Washington and South and North Carolina with 3 each. Gender breakdown: 122 men, 13 women.

We are living in a time when medical science preempts our most treasured collective societal rituals surrounding our experiences with death and dying. We have been robbed by necessity of our ability to gather and mourn together. This complicates by an order of magnitude the support we are able to render to not only the surviving family but grieving agency members, and it’s time we talk about devising new, but no less significant, ways of honoring our dead. We don’t claim to have all the answers but it’s long past time we had the conversation. Join us!