



John Petropoulos Memorial Fund

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About John Petropoulos

- Const. John D. Petropoulos was born on May 13, 1968 in Calgary, Alberta. He obtained his Diploma in Criminology from Mount Royal College and then moved to Abbotsford, B.C. to earn his Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice in 1995. John married his girlfriend of eight years, Maryanne Pope, in July of 1996 and then fulfilled his life long dream of becoming a police officer with the Calgary Police Service in October of that same year.
- John passed away on Sept. 29, 2000 at the age of 32. He died in the line of duty while investigating a break & enter complaint at a warehouse. He died from brain injuries sustained after falling through a false ceiling, as there was no safety railing to warn him of the danger. There was no intruder in the building and the call ended up being a false alarm.

About the John Petropoulos Memorial Fund (JPMF)

- After his death, several of John's recruit classmates set up the John Petropoulos Memorial Fund (JPMF) and raised funds through the sale of memorial pins to fellow officers. Subsequent pin sales, grants, ongoing donations and volunteer efforts continue to sustain the Memorial Fund.
- The JPMF is a non-profit society incorporated in Calgary, Alberta. As of Dec. 29, 2005, the legal name is the John Petropoulos Memorial Fund Society.
- **Mission Statement:** In the spirit of John's dedication to helping make his community a safer place, the JPMF promotes the message to the public that workplace safety for emergency services workers is a shared responsibility. When communities work together, many risks to these workers can be minimized.
- **Vision Statement:** The JPMF creates partnerships which strive to eliminate preventable workplace fatalities and injuries to emergency services personnel.
- **Board of Directors:** The JPMF board consists of five directors, including three Calgary Police Service members and two civilians. John's widow, Maryanne Pope, is the board chair.

JPMF Public Service Announcements (PSAs)

- ***Put Yourself in Our Boots workplace safety campaign:*** Using a 10-minute safety video, PSAs (video, radio and print) and a new website, the JPMF is educating the public about the importance of workplace safety to emergency responders. The campaign asks viewers to put themselves in the boots of emergency responders, identify workplace hazards and make changes that will save lives.
- ***SLOW DOWN: It's No Picnic Out Here PSA:*** This 30-second video spot communicates the message to motorists to slow down when passing emergency services personnel and give them room to work. It has aired over 100,000 times in Canada and the U.S. since December 2005. The award-winning PSA has been used by the Emergency Responders Training Institute, the Homeland Security channel and police, fire and EMS departments across North America. A print version of the PSA was also created and published throughout Canada.
- ***Make Your Workplace Safe for Everyone PSA:*** This 30-second video is a highly emotional and personal message that uses John's on-duty death to communicate to the public the importance of making workplaces safe for everyone. The PSA has now aired over 100,000 times throughout Canada and the U.S.