





# Midnight Run for the Call 2024 5k Run/Walk Fundraiser

### WHAT IS COPLINE?

CopLine is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 dedicated to serving active and retired law enforcement officers and their loved ones by providing CONFIDENTIAL 24/7 trained, retired officers for callers that are dealing with various stressors law enforcements careers encounter both on and off the job. Whether it is just a "bad day" or a significant mental health crisis, we are here to listen. We are able to assist with a referral to a culturally competent mental health professional.

# WHY DO WE RUN ON NEW YEAR'S EVE?

We have chosen New Year's Eve to remind us that police officers all over the country are working and not with their families. We honor them and all those that have worn the badge with respect and dignity by starting the New Year healthy, sober, and safe. We remember that no matter how bad things are, there can be a new beginning. Vivian Eney Cross, Survivor, said, "It is not how these officers died that made them heroes, it is how they lived."

# **CAN I RUN VIRTUALLY?**

There will be a virtual run that will start at midnight in every time zone. We need you to spread the word to other LEOs in this country. Last year we had dozens of runners in NJ and virtual participants on elliptical machines, stationary bikes, and treadmills. You can pick a specific location to start and finish or on equipment inside your department. Our goal is to have someone from every department and field office in every county to have a participant in the Run for the Call.

# **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

Fundraising for the hotline is greatly appreciated. The Top 5 teams and Top 5 individual runners that raise the most money will be acknowledged that evening at Point Pleasant Beach (NJ) Boardwalk, where this year's event starts and finishes. Feel free to form a team, or run as an individual. All the money goes to CopLine, Inc. to fund trainings of peer listeners and technology that is needed to support the lines. CopLine is a 501(c)3 so all donations are tax deductible.

### WHO IS ON THE BACK OF OUR SHIRTS?

Each officer depicted on the back of the t-shirt is a hero to someone. All runners receive a shirt that can be individualized if the form is received by the cutoff dates listed on the website. Many of our runners have an officer's name on their back who holds a special place in their hearts. If you have a team name, that too can be placed on the back.

### **HOW TO PARTICIPATE!**

When: December 31, 2023 Time: 2359 hours

Where: Point Pleasant Beach (NJ) Boardwalk (Arnold Ave and Ocean Ave) OR Virtually

How to Sign Up: <a href="https://www.copline.org/copline-events/run-for-the-call">https://www.copline.org/copline-events/run-for-the-call</a>

\*Sponsorships and donations are greatly encouraged