

# THE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON 21ST CENTURY POLICING

## **Dianne Bernhard**

Dianne Bernhard is the Executive Director of Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.). She retired from the Columbia Missouri Police Department as the Deputy Chief after 21 years of service. During her tenure she spent time in Patrol, Investigations, Bike Patrol, the Mounted Team and the Community Action Team, eventually working her way through the ranks of the department. She concluded her career being responsible for overseeing all operations of the Police Department and the budget of the department. Director Bernhard became familiar with C.O.P.S. after one of her co-workers was killed in the line of duty. C.O.P.S. provided excellent support to the officer's family and the police department and Director Bernhard was honored to become a part of this organization dedicated to the survivors of officers who die in the line of duty. Director Bernhard received her Bachelor's Degree in Justice Systems from Truman State University and has a Master of Science Degree in Public Administration from the University of Missouri.