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The John Petropoulos Memorial Fund is a non-profit society that raises public awareness about the importance of workplace safety for

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“*It is my hope to encourage others to awaken to what’s*

*important in their own lives and the world around them…and if something needs changing – be that on an individual, societal, environmental or political level – to do it.”*

– Maryanne

# About Maryanne

Maryanne Pope is the author of A Widow’s Awakening, the upcoming book, Barrier Re- moved; a Tough Love Guide to Why, How and When to Pursue Your Dreams and the award- winning playwright of The Widows and Sav- iour.

Maryanne, a respected advocate of workplace safety, is Chair of the John Petropoulos Memo- rial Fund (JPMF), a non-profit society commit- ted to reducing preventable workplace injuries and fatalities to emergency services workers. The JPMF was set up in memory of Maryanne’s husband, Cst. John Petropoulos of the Calgary Police Service.

# Experience

Maryanne speaks to diverse audiences in- cluding emergency services personnel, victim support volunteers, mental health profession- als, health and safety managers, the business community, and women’s groups. Her broad audience appeal, combined with extensive ex- perience with the media enables Maryanne to speak confidently and engage audiences of all sizes and backgrounds.

# Topics

* Workplace Safety
* Overcoming Adversity
* Deconstructing Grief
* Writing Creative Non-fiction
* To Be or Not To Be . . . a Mom

# Why Book Maryanne?

On September 29th, 2000, Cst John Petropou- los of the Calgary Police Service was investigat- ing a break and enter complaint at a warehouse when he stepped through a false ceiling, fell nine feet into the lunchroom below and suc- cumbed to brain injuries. There was no safety railing in place to warn him of the danger. He was 32.

So began Maryanne’s difficult journey of com- ing to terms with John’s death and her new life without him. Nine years later, she has success- fully transformed her loss into positive change through the John Petropoulos Memorial Fund’s safety initiatives as well as through her compa- ny’s creative works.

Whether she is speaking about the circum- stances that led to John’s death, her experience with grief and post-traumatic stress, workplace safety, or discussing the pros and cons of moth- erhood, Maryanne brings passion, enthusiasm, honesty, life experience, and always a touch of humour to her presentations.

Maryanne presents to a variety of groups, asso- ciation members, conference attendees, semi- nar participants, and students at the secondary and post-secondary level.

# Testimonials

*“Maryanne’s presentation to our volunteers was noth- ing short of remarkable. The journey she shares is insightful, heartbreaking, hopeful and even hilarious at times. Her open and honest presentation is a must*

*for anyone working in the field of grief and loss.”* Penny Ferguson – Coordinator, Calgary Police Service Victim Services Unit

*“Maryanne is an energetic speaker with an important message about facing life’s challenges head on and reaching for your dream.”* Brian Willis – Winning Mind Training

*“Maryanne’s passion for the subject of workplace safety is evident. She had a room full of people absolutely silent when she spoke of her experience.*” Sarah King

– 2009 NAOSH Week Edmonton Committee Co-Chair

*“A heartfelt and emotional tale of desperate sorrow was turned into inspiration as Maryanne used the passion*

*of her lost love and her eloquence to reach out and touch the hearts of hardened police veterans…not an easy feat.”* Mike Turcotte – Calgary Police Veterans Associa- tion

*“Hearing Maryanne’s heartfelt and touching account of John’s death really brought to light the hazards emer- gency responders face while working to protect all of us. Maryanne’s presentation was a valuable addition*

*to our North American Occupational Safety and Health Week Conference and Trade Show.”* Michelle Roth

– 2009 NAOSH Week Calgary Committee Member

*“Thank you so much for your (creative non-fiction writ- ing) workshop. Your energy, passion and sincerity was truly an inspiration for me. I gained so many insights throughout the day, I am still struggling to make sense of it all.”* Cristy Hayden, workshop participant – Alexan- dra Writer’s Centre

*“The students thought you were ABSOLUTELY AMAZ- ING! You were incredibly inspirational to them in so many ways. I know that your presentation touched all of us...you have such power to motivate and inspire. Thank you!”* Linda MacGillvray, Teacher – Bishop Gran- din High School