

Mitch Speed receiving chemotherapy at City of Hope Antelope Valley, Lancaster, California.

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Detective James "Mitch" Speed
March 28, 1965–July 7, 2018

"A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure despite overwhelming odds."

CHRISTOPHER REEVE

WHEN CANCER STRIKES OUR HEROES– BLUE CANCER CONNECT STRIKES BACK!

BLUE CANCER CONNECT



Blue Cancer Connect was founded by Vickie Speed, a nationally recognized advocate for law enforcement officers facing cancer. Five years after her husband Detective Mitch Speed of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department succumbed to job-related cancer in 2018, Vickie turned her pain into purpose, establishing the organization to honor Mitch's legacy and to serve others who have also heard the words ...
"You have cancer."

Our Mission

Blue Cancer Connect's core mission is to support law enforcement officers diagnosed with cancer by providing:

- Guidance on treatment options and second opinions
- Peer-to-peer officer support
- Resources for early detection and education

However, as Vicki connected with officers across the country, this fact became clear: Though many law enforcement agencies have established wellness programs, fewer than 5% have a comprehensive cancer wellness program in place. Clearly, there was work to be done at the agency level.

A Vital Partnership in Wellness

In 2024, *Blue Cancer Connect* proudly partnered with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to launch its first-ever law enforcement cancer wellness program. This groundbreaking initiative was designed to bring critical resources, early detection opportunities, and cancer education to its deputies

Why It Matters

Cancer rates are rising, and law enforcement officers are increasingly at risk of job-related cancer diagnoses. *Blue Cancer Connect* works with law enforcement agencies throughout the U.S. to:

- Educate departments on how to support officers with cancer
- Train departments in peer support practices
- Protect careers and promote a path forward after diagnosis

We're Here to Help

Blue Cancer Connect continues to lead the way in assisting officers diagnosed with cancer and advocating for proactive wellness support and cancer awareness in the law enforcement community.

Learn more. Get involved.
Help us make a difference.

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You do not have to fight this battle alone.