



Ohio Police

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FOP of Ohio holds Winter Board meeting

On January 24, 2026, the members of the Board of Trustees of the FOP of Ohio and leaders from across the Ohio FOP gathered in Columbus to talk about the issues that are important to our members. Those issues included:

- Violence against law enforcement
- Thin Blue Line Benefits and the Ohio Department of Insurance (see related article in this newsletter)
- Movement to eliminate property taxes (see related article in this newsletter)
- Modernizing the FOP of Ohio operation by
 - Implementing electronic registration for upcoming conference
 - Eliminating court reporter and replacing with technology for conference
- Discount for Master's Degree from Case Western Reserve
- Effort to bolster the FOP of Ohio Foundation
- Recruitment of new members
- Passed a balanced budget for 2026
- NFOP looking for members to perform at National Memorial Service
- Improved communication on CIRS callouts
- Ohio members named to NFOP committees (see related article in this newsletter)
- Assisting Lodge 9 with defense of member charged with murder (see related article in this newsletter)
- Memorial Motorcade is set (see related article in this newsletter)
- Lodge 8 is getting a new home
- Construction has begun on the new lodge hall in Cincinnati at Lodge 69
- We collected blankets for the needy
- We received updates on the progress of Officer Dakota Wetzel from St. Clair Township
- Lorain Lodge 3 thanked us for our support in their time of need

Photos from the Board Meeting





Lodge 9 needs our help

Since 2020, four members of Capital City Lodge #9 have been indicted in connection with police-involved shootings. These indictments were malicious, politically motivated, and driven by a rogue prosecutor rather than facts or law.

To date, the outcomes are as follows:

- One officer was wrongfully convicted
- One officer was found not guilty
- One deputy's case resulted in a mistrial and is scheduled for retrial
- One officer is awaiting trial later this year

There is no question that politics and media pressure have played a significant role in these cases. In response, Capital City Lodge #9 has launched a media campaign ahead of the upcoming second trial of Deputy Jason Meade.

The Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio is requesting assistance from local lodges and individual members to help expand this campaign. No contribution is too small. Your support helps protect due process, correct false narratives, and stand behind an officer who acted lawfully in the line of duty.

Deputy Meade's first criminal trial ended in a mistrial, highlighting both the complexity of the case and the lack of consensus regarding criminal culpability.

In the weeks and months leading up to that trial, activist groups coordinated public pressure campaigns that included:

- Labeling Deputy Meade a "murderer" on social media
- Circulating his mugshot while portraying the armed suspect as a harmless, hardworking individual—deliberately omitting the firearm he possessed

These efforts were clearly designed to influence public opinion and potentially taint the jury pool. This is exactly the type of false narrative the FOP must confront, not ignore.

When misinformation goes unanswered, it creates a dangerous precedent:

- Officers are tried in the court of public opinion before entering a courtroom
- Prosecutorial decisions become politically driven instead of fact-based

The FOP has a responsibility to defend lawful police work, protect the reputations of its members, and reinforce public trust through truth. The foundational elements of this campaign are already funded. Any additional donations from lodges or individual members will be used to expand and strengthen the campaign's reach and effectiveness.

Please consider making a contribution by mailing a check to:

Capital City FOP Lodge #9
6800 Schrock Hill Court
Columbus, Ohio 43229

Contributions may also be made online at:

<https://unionly.io/o/foplodge9/misc-payments>

Thin Blue Line Update

The Board of Trustees met with representatives from the Ohio Department of Insurance on Friday, January 23rd. They responded to our request for information in the ongoing Thin Blue Line Benefits Association issue. The following questions were asked: The answers provided are in bold.

How much money is in the fund; how much is still owed on outstanding claims?

- **There is approximately \$2.9 million in the fund from premiums of Ohio residents for July and August of 2025. It is unknown how many unpaid claims there are currently**

If there are outstanding claims that are not yet reported, what is a deadline to report them?

- **The Department of Insurance will soon request all customers with unpaid claims to fill out of Notice of Claim form (that is not yet available) along with all of the documentation to support that claim. Customers will be notified of when to file this notice through many different methods. The FOP of Ohio will alert our members through our Facebook page and our email system if we have valid email addresses as a backup to the Ohio Department of Insurance. Customers who have filed a complaint already through the Ohio Department of Insurance will be notified by them. Customers who have unpaid claims and who have not yet filed a complaint with the Department of Insurance should do so in order to make sure you receive timely information from ODI in the future. You can file this at ODI - Complaints Form. Customers who have paid claims themselves that should have been paid by TBL will also need to file the Notice of Claim when that form becomes available. When the Notice of Claims form is made available, it will be important for customers to file that notice timely with the Ohio Department of Insurance because that Notice of Claims form will have a hard deadline.**

What should members do who are threatened with collections?

- **The Ohio Department of Insurance suggests giving the provider a copy of the liquidation order from the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas. It is attached to this email.**

If the fund has less money than claims, how will the ODI determine which claims get paid?

- **That will be up to the court but in other comparable instances, the court has allowed for pro-rated payments to be made/**

Are there any other recourses available to members, specifically criminal charges?

- **This question was not answered directly by the representatives due to being outside their scope of expertise**

What is the timeline for action?

- **Courts move at their own pace; however, ODI assured us they would give ample time to customers to file their Notice of Claim. Our Board took this to mean that a resolution to this issue will not take place in the very near term.**

What should our members be doing now?

- **Compile all of the documentation to support your Notice of Claim, including explanation of benefits information and bills from providers; advising providers of the ongoing situation with the TBL and the courts/ODI. When the Notice of Claim form is available, please provide complete documentation to ODI as soon as possible with the hope of expediting the process for everyone.**

The FOP of Ohio will continue to seek updated information from the Ohio AG and ODI to keep our members informed of the process as it moves along through the court.

FOP of Ohio Legislative Report

Mike Weinman - Director of
Governmental Affairs



January was a very quiet month at the Statehouse. The Senate was to return at the end of the month, but the winter storm forced them to cancel.

There were some bill introductions, such as HB 642/Municipal Income Tax, to remove a five-year limit on municipal income tax net operating loss carry-forwards. HB 653/Parking Tickets, to establish maximum late fees for civil parking tickets. HB 656/Peace Officers, to create the offense of negligent assault of a peace officer. HB 654/Corpses, to enact Amanda Dean's Law to increase the penalties for abuse of a corpse. HB 662/Lawful Meetings, to increase the penalty for disturbing a lawful meeting under certain circumstances. HB 667/ Law Enforcement Programs, to enact the Reagan Tokes and Patrick Heringer Act, to require certain warrants to be entered into LEADS, to require GPS monitoring of offenders released from prison, and to modify T-CAP requirements. SB 340/Traffic Cameras, to require elector approval for a municipal traffic camera program and to streamline the traffic camera laws.

The General Assembly returns in the first week of February and will be at work until a short break in April, then through May before taking a summer break.

Be on the lookout for more information on the FOP of Ohio Lobby Day which has been set for March 11.

111 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FATALITIES

The number of law enforcement professionals nationwide who died in the line of duty in 2025 decreased 25% compared to the previous year, according to preliminary data gathered by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), the leading authority on officer fatalities. Our data shows that 111 federal, state, county, municipal, and U.S. Territories officers have died in the line of duty in 2025, representing a 25% decrease compared to the 148 officers who died in the line of duty in 2024.



↓ 25%

Law Enforcement
Line-of-Duty Deaths
down Approximately
25 Percent in 2025



NEW REPORT

OFFICERS SHOT & KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY THIS YEAR

DATA COLLECTED BY THE NATIONAL FOP 1 JANUARY 2025 - 31 DECEMBER 2025

OFFICERS SHOT IN THE LINE OF DUTY

347

OFFICERS KILLED BY GUNFIRE

45

90 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
WERE SHOT IN 67 SEPARATE
AMBUSH-STYLE ATTACKS

NUMBER OF OFFICERS SHOT IN THE LINE OF
DUTY IS +1% FROM THIS TIME IN 2024

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44 FIREARMS-RELATED FATALITIES

Firearms-related fatalities have claimed the lives of 44 officers in 2025, which represents a 15% decrease from the 52 officers killed by gunfire in 2024, and was the leading cause of death.

34 TRAFFIC-RELATED FATALITIES

Traffic-related fatalities decreased by 23% with 34 deaths in 2025, compared to 44 deaths in 2024. The 21 fatal crashes in 2025 (automobile/motorcycle) represents a decrease of 22% compared to the 27 fatal crashes in 2024. "Struck-by" fatalities, defined as an officer struck outside of their patrol vehicle, decreased by 24% from 17 in 2024 to 13 in 2025.

NATIONAL FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
5 January 2026

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Violence Against Officers in 2025: 347 Officers Shot in the Line of Duty

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Patrick Yoes, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, released the following statement regarding the National FOP's year-end report on officers shot and killed in the line of duty:

"Almost daily in 2025, a police officer was shot in this country. This number has remained stubbornly high for five years now, which means since the start of 2021, over 2,000 police officers have been shot in the line of duty. This is a national disgrace and a stain on our society."

"Thankfully, because of dramatic improvements in medical trauma science and anti-ballistic technology, the lethality of these attacks has been reduced and only 45 of the officers shot in the line of duty were killed. There were 67 ambush-style attacks on law enforcement officers this year, which resulted in 90 officers shot, 22 of whom were killed."

"Many will often look at this data and just see numbers, but we MUST remember that they represent officers, sons, and daughters. The scale of violence against our officers is horrifying and simply unacceptable. It is no wonder that our profession continues to face a recruitment and retention crisis. What father or mother would want their child to become an officer knowing the dangers they face every day?"

"For years now, we have been asking Congress to pass the Protect and Serve Act, which would address the national problem of ambushes and unprovoked attacks on our nation's law enforcement officers. They have not done so. Today, given these numbers, what more would it take for lawmakers in Washington to see how necessary it is to pass this legislation?"

"We now have years of hard data, and the truth is undeniable. There is an epidemic of violence against law enforcement officers. It is incumbent upon our elected officials and community leaders to speak out and support our heroes by acting against the violence that targets our law enforcement officers. The current status quo is simply unacceptable."

Founded in 1915, the Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the United States, with more than 382,000 members. With national offices in Nashville, Tennessee, and Washington, D.C., the FOP is committed to improving the working conditions of law enforcement officers and the safety of those served through education, legislation, information, communication, and employee representation. Please visit <https://www.fop.net> for more information.

THE VOICE OF OUR NATION'S LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
- Since 1915 -

Ohio's 2025 Fallen Heroes



Special Deputy Sheriff
Larry Henderson, Jr.

Hamilton County Sheriff's Office | OH

END OF WATCH: May 2, 2025

Deputy Sheriff Daniel
Weston Sherrer

Morrow County Sheriff's Office | OH

END OF WATCH: May 26, 2025

Police Officer Phillip C.
Wagner

Lorain Police Department | OH

END OF WATCH: July 24, 2025

Trooper Nicholas P.
Cayton

Ohio State Highway Patrol | OH

END OF WATCH: October 16, 2025

FOP Lobby Day

March 11, 2026



**We need your help on
pension and officer safety
bills. More info to come!**

FOP of Ohio gets Medicare at 50 Bill introduced

The FOP of Ohio has achieved a primary goal in getting the Expanding Health Care Options for First Responders Act (HR 6147) introduced in Congress.

Rep. Greg Landsman from Cincinnati introduced the bill at our request.

The legislation would allow first responders – including police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical service personnel – ages 50 to 64 who retire early or separate from service due to disability the option to buy into Medicare.

“Most first responders retire before 65 and face uncertainty about how they’ll access quality healthcare, despite all their sacrifices. After everything they did to keep our communities safe, it’s only right we make sure they get the proper care they deserve,” said Landsman.



Expanding Health Care Options for First Responders Act

Rep. Greg Landsman (D-OH-01) and Senator Gallego (D-AZ)

Endorsing Organizations: Fraternal Order of Police

Issue Overview:

First responders such as law enforcement and fire fighters are dedicated public employees who perform critical jobs serving our communities. After years of hard service, many first responders retire earlier than the typical retirement age due to the physical nature of these jobs. Often times, local, state, and federal agencies mandate that first responders retire before the age of 65.

With Medicare eligibility beginning at the age of 65, these retiring first responders risk losing their employer-provided health insurance after retirement without an affordable, quality, and flexible alternative. First responders shouldn’t have to experience gaps in health care coverage after years of dedicated public service. We need to provide quality health care options for those who have served our communities.

Legislative Details:

The *Expanding Health Care Options for First Responders Act* would allow first responders ages 50 to 64 who are separated from service due to retirement or disability the option to buy into Medicare.

This bill gives first responders – including police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical service personnel who retired early the opportunity to obtain quality health care through Medicare after years of service to our communities.



FOP of Ohio members named to NFOP Committee

- **Awards & Recognition:** Dan Mitchell
- **DART Sub-Committee: Food Preparation:**
 - David Light
- **Education and Outreach:** John DiPetro
- **EXPO:** Nick DiMarco – Chair
- **Grievance:** Jim Fitsko
- **History:** Dewey Stokes
- **Labor:** Brian Steel
- **Memorial:** Travis Parker
- **Memorial Sub-Committee: Credentialing**
 - Travis Parker
- **Pension:** Kathy Harrell - Chair
- **Program Development:** Chet DeLong
- **Recruitment:**
 - T.J. Assion
 - Jay McDonald
- **Recruitment Sub-Committee: North Central Region** T.J. Assion
- **Urban Policing:** Brian Steel



THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

11 a.m. Public Ceremony

Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy
1650 State Route 56 | London, Ohio 43140

Please join Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost and the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission in honoring Ohio's fallen law enforcement officers at our annual statewide memorial service. Our continuing pledge to one another and to the surviving family members of our fallen heroes is that these officers and their sacrifices are never forgotten.

The 38th Ohio Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony will begin at 11 a.m., rain or shine, on the grounds of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy in London – where the Ohio Fallen Officers Memorial Wall bears the names of those lost in the line of duty since 1823.

Your agency can send cruisers and motorcycle units to join the pre-ceremony motorcade, which will depart for OPOTA by 10 a.m. from the Fraternal Order of Police's Ohio State Lodge in downtown Columbus. To reserve your spot(s) in the motorcade, contact Denise Young by May 1, 2026, at 614-224-5700, Ext. 1127 or dyoung@fopohio.org. Please note how many cruisers and/or motorcycle units you plan to send.

FOP Associates Report



The Fraternal Order of Police Associates of Ohio are proud to offer a Scholarship Program for the children of Ohio's FOP members. We will be awarding three four-year scholarships. The total amount of each scholarship will be \$4000.00 payable over a four-year period. \$500.00 to be paid in August and December of each year.

In addition to the four-year scholarships, we will also be awarding two one-time scholarships, thanks to generous funding from the FOP of Ohio. These two onetime scholarships are in the names of two long time FOP Ohio leaders, Virgil McDaniel and Nick DiMarco. These two scholarship recipients will receive a one-time payment of \$1000.00 in August.

The application for these scholarships is available online at FOPOhio.org under the Associates tab. All applications must be received by May 1st.

The FOPA of Ohio would also like to recognize a member of the FOP of Ohio who has gone above and beyond in his duties or in his personal time in service to his community. The Virgil McDaniel Award applications are also available under the Associate section of FOPOhio.org and are due by May 1st. Please help us recognize those FOP members who put their heart and soul into what they do.

Our organization was established to support the men and women of law enforcement. If there is anything we can do to help or if you are interested in more information about opening your own local FOPA lodge, please reach out to us.

Fraternally,

Theresa A Drennen, State President FOPA Ohio
ALodgeUpdate@gmail.com

Tammy White, State Vice President FOPA Ohio
whiteohstatevp@gmail.com



Do you know someone who **“BACKS THE BLUE”?** The FOPA is the organization for them!

The FOPA Ohio is a civilian affiliate of the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio, Inc. Our members are friends and families of law enforcement Officers, responsible and respected business persons, professional men and women, and citizens from all walks of life—people willing to devote a portion of their time and efforts toward assisting the various law enforcement agencies of our communities, states and nation.

The FOPA Ohio is an organization formed for the purpose of increasing our understanding of the rights, duties and problems of law enforcement officers; of fostering respect for them; and of bettering conditions under which they serve society. We accomplish this through public relations, as well as legislative and educational efforts. It is our aim and objective to support law enforcement throughout Ohio in every way possible. We believe that Law is the safeguard to freedom, and it is our duty to defend it.

We all need to help the FOPA help us, by recruiting a member or two to join the FOPA. If you need information on the FOPA, please email alodgeupdate@gmail.com

Should Ohio abolish property taxes?

Property taxes have been the hot topic in Ohio politics so far in this General Assembly. Numerous new laws have been passed to lower the burden of property taxes and there is an ongoing effort to collect enough signatures to place a ban on property taxes into the Ohio Constitution.

The FOP understands and supports the effort to rein in the rising costs of property taxes but opposes a complete abolition of property taxes.

There are about 100 township police departments in Ohio, funded solely by property taxes. Each city gets what is called “inside millage” in property tax that is often used to pay their pension obligations. Counties use property taxes to pay for Children’s Services and Developmentally Disabled agencies. If property taxes are eliminated, those agencies will not disappear and will be fighting for funding against Sheriff’s Offices.

Eliminating property taxes will make raising the rates of what our employers pay for pensions much harder impacting retiree benefits and raises for working cops less likely.

To wrap it up succinctly, an abolition of property taxes will hurt public safety, cause layoffs and be bad for all essential services.

FOP of Ohio adds first 2 members to the #ProtectOhioPolice Hall of Shame

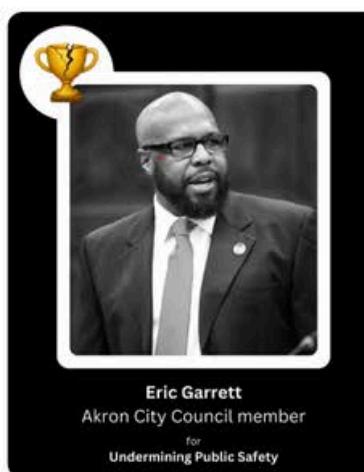
The FOP named Cincinnati rabble rouser Iris Rowley its very first member of the Protect Ohio Police Hall of Shame. Rowley, an anti-police activist and city paid consultant, has been harassing officers for simply doing their job. Lodge 69 created an online petition calling for Rowley to have her consultant contract terminated. You can find it here: <https://www.cincypolice.com>

The FOP added Akron At-Large Councilman Eric Garrett to the “Hall of Shame” for undermining public safety in August. Garrett has been a consistent and vocal opponent of the police in Akron. Most recently, he put out a statement fomenting distrust in local police after he disagreed with the decision of the grand jury not to indict officers in a 2024 officer-involved shooting.

Protect Ohio Police, an initiative by the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio, exists to hold public officials accountable when they undermine the rule of law in Ohio

Protect Ohio Police Presents:

THE HALL OF SHAME





FOP OF OHIO – A GREAT LEGACY



Joseph Pence – 1935-1936



Jack Dudek – 1946-1965



Dewey Stokes – 1987-1995



Steve Young – 2001-2003

Did you know that the FOP of Ohio is the oldest state lodge in the FOP and the NFOP has spent more years under the leadership of an Ohioan than any other state?

The FOP of Ohio is building on this legacy and working to grow the FOP in the Buckeye State.

If you know of any members or agencies who would like to join the FOP of Ohio, contact Rob Hawley at rhawley@fopohio.org

PATHWAYS TO EXCELLENCE

EDUCATION & EMPOWERMENT SUMMIT

MARCH 29 - APRIL 3, 2026

South Point Hotel & Casino | Las Vegas, NV



Exclusive Deal for Attendees!

We are pleased to offer a special room rate of **\$104 per night** (includes all fees) for event attendees. This rate is available Sunday, March 29 through Thursday, April 2.

Registration will open in the coming months, and you won't want to miss it! Slots are expected to fill quickly once it goes live. If you'd like to be among the first notified of open registration send an email request to FOPEducation@NationalFOP.org and we will put you on our priority list.

Wellness Professionals' Forum - \$200

(March 29)

The Wellness Professionals Forum brings together mental health and wellness professionals for a day of learning and networking. Highlights include an introduction to FOP wellness initiatives, seminars on working with law enforcement, and a networking session.

Officer Wellness Summit - \$450

(March 30 - 31)

This interactive event offers 20+ breakout sessions, expert panels, and hands-on wellness activities, plus access to FOP-approved programs supporting officers, families, and clinicians.

Labor Leadership Summit - \$525

(March 30 - 31)

This exclusive course delivers the latest strategies for today's evolving law enforcement environment. Build leadership skills, stay ahead of trends, and prepare your team for tomorrow's challenges.

Legal Counselors Seminar - \$675

(March 30 - 31)

The Legal Counselors Seminar delivers two days of specialized training for attorneys representing law enforcement. Topics include Brady/Ciglio, arbitration, workers' comp, PTSD, officer wellness, duty to intervene, corrections, social media, key cases, and expert witnesses.

Excellency in Chaplaincy - \$300

(March 31 - April 1)

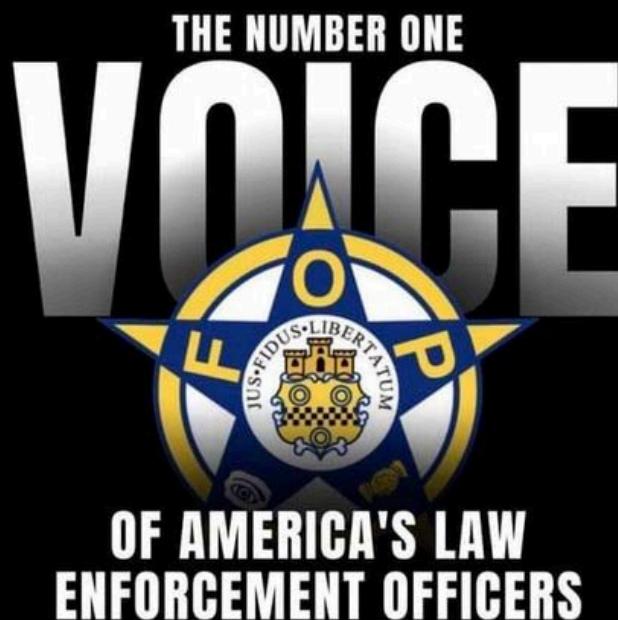
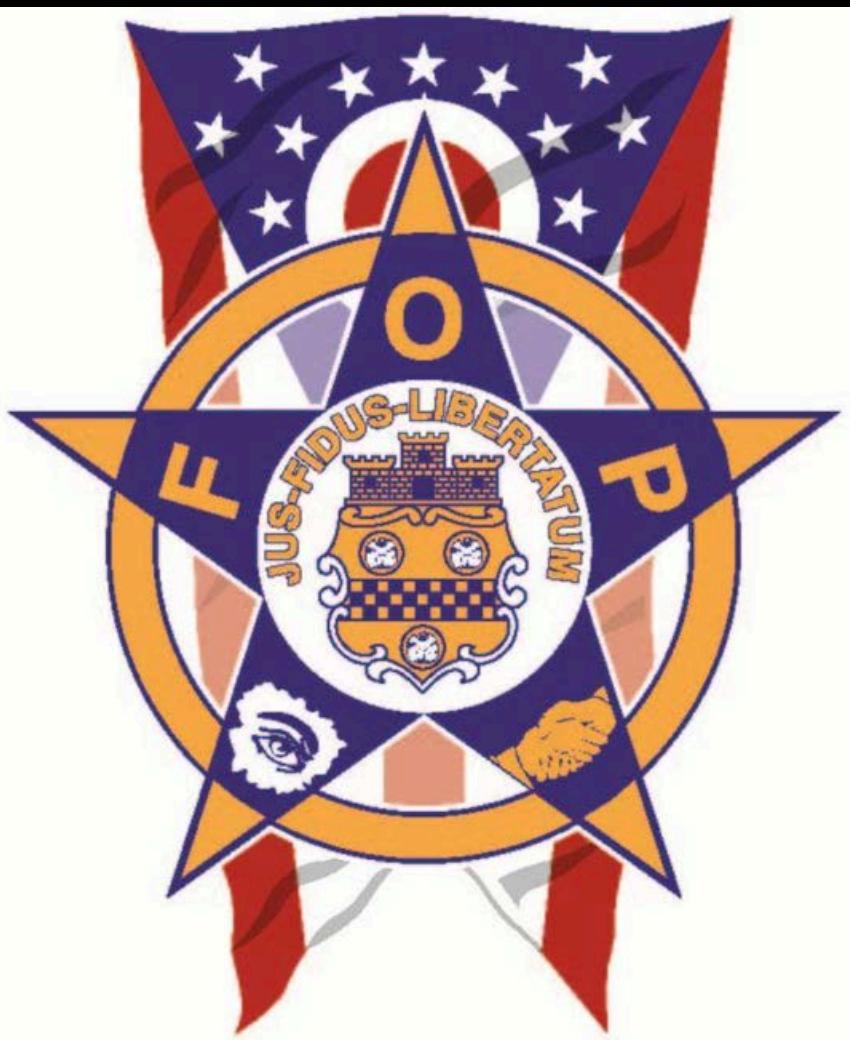
Join the first national gathering of FOP Chaplains! This "Back to Basics" event connects new and seasoned chaplains for growth, networking, and advanced development opportunities.

Leadership Matters - \$500

(April 1 - 3)

Leadership Matters is designed for new and aspiring leaders seeking a full view of the FOP. Choose tracks for key roles like secretary or treasurer, or explore topics such as effective meetings, Robert's Rules, labor, and legal defense.

Packages are available.



FOP of Ohio Needs to be able to communicate with you

FOP of Ohio Pushes out App

We have quite a lot going on at the State Lodge. We have hit the ground running and have been working hard. One of our ongoing initiatives is to ensure that we are getting information out to the membership in as real time as possible. Several of these initiatives will be better served with your participation.

If you have not already done so, we are asking each FOP member from Ohio to please go to www.fopohio.org and create an account. This is a fairly simple process and does not take up a lot of time. Once you have your account created, please go to your Apple or Google Play Store on your phone and download the app titled “FOP Ohio”:

Once you install the app and sign in, your smartphone app will be linked to the FOP of Ohio website.

Creating your account will not only allow us to send you important information on a real time basis but it also helps to solve our ongoing issue about keeping up-to-date contact information (member’s email address and phone #) on file with the state lodge.

Please push this out to all of your members and encourage them to create their account. Keeping our members as informed as possible does nothing but benefit our organization.”



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The FOP of Ohio is looking to keep all of its members updated on important happenings in our organization. Is your private (non-work) email on file with the state lodge? Does your local lodge president and secretary have their contact info on file with the FOP?

Are you following the FOP social media?



Follow us on 

@FOPofOhio

RETIREMENT DOESN'T MEAN STEPPING AWAY FROM THE BROTHERHOOD.

JOIN THE NATION'S LARGEST POLICE
ORGANIZATION.



The FOP works in the Statehouse and Congress on pensions and Social Security to benefit all of our retired members.

We are proud to offer our concealed carry legal protection through the FOP Legal Defense Fund for only \$75 a year! You can learn more at <https://foplegal.com/>.

If you know a retired law enforcement who is interested in joining the nation's Largest Police Organization contact Rob Hawley at rhawley@fopohio.org.



Concealed Carry Coverage for Retired Law Enforcement

Stay protected in retirement.

As a retired law enforcement officer, you've earned the right to carry - and the peace of mind that comes with knowing you are protected.

The FOP Legal Defense Plan's Concealed Carry Coverage provides unlimited legal defense for civil and criminal claims associated with the legal carrying and use of a concealed weapon by a retired law enforcement officer authorized to carry concealed.

For just \$75/year, you receive:

- Unlimited legal defense (with plan attorney)
- Coverage for criminal and civil charges if you are legally carrying concealed as a retired Law Enforcement Officer, according to LEOSA or state laws



Member benefits,

OPTIMIZED

Optavise engages, educates, and provides benefit guidance for your members.



\$10,000 Accidental Death Benefit

- ▷ Pays a cash benefit if a member dies accidentally or suffers a severe injury, such as loss of motion, sight or limb.
- ▷ Offers coverage 24 hours a day, 365 days a year
- ▷ No financial obligation
- ▷ No medical exams, forms, or waiting period
- ▷ First 12 months complimentary at no-cost



Discount Mortgage Programs

- ▷ **Mortgage program** offers no lender fees, 1% rate buy down for 2-years, and loan forgiveness up to \$525k for on-the-job deaths in certain industries.



Member Engagement and Education

- ▷ In-person and virtual engagement available
- ▷ On-site visits at roll calls one time per year
- ▷ Drawings and prizes for members who review the new benefits



Voluntary Benefits

Offer voluntary benefits specifically beneficial to law enforcement.

- ▷ **Accidental Injury protection:** Important protection from the costs of unexpected covered injuries
- ▷ **Critical Illness protection:** A simple solution that helps cover the costs of covered critical illness, including cancer, heart, stroke.
- ▷ **Hospital coverage:** valuable protection against the costs of hospital stays
- ▷ **Life insurance:** permanent, portable and term options
- ▷ Many policies include a premium-return option, which means members get their money back after a specified period of time.*
- ▷ Coverage available for members, spouses, children, & grandchildren.
- ▷ Rates never increase due to age



Membership Services

Let us help empower your organization with impactful initiatives, such as:

- ▷ Sponsoring local, state and national conventions
- ▷ Recognizing your officers at annual awards ceremonies or galas
- ▷ Being involved in outings or charities that are important to your group

To learn more, contact:

Amanda Krieg

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Member benefits
well-advised.

*The premium-return benefit is subject to state and product availability. The benefit has an additional charge and may pay minus claims or regardless of claims based on the policy selected. The policy must remain in force until the end of the premium-return period for the benefit to be paid.

LIMITED-BENEFIT POLICIES. These policies have limitations and exclusions. For costs and complete details of coverage, contact the agent. Most policies underwritten by Washington National Insurance Company, home office: Carmel, IN. AD&D insurance provided by third-party affiliate.

Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio 2026 Golf Outing



The Golf Club at Little Turtle
5400 Little Turtle Way
Westerville, Ohio 43081
Phone: 614-212-4000

Monday August 10, 2026
Cost: \$125 per player
Registration 9:00AM
Shotgun start 10:30AM

Enjoy 18 holes of golf
(including cart), lunch, dinner,
prizes, and an exciting awards
banquet.

All for just \$125.00 per player

- Closest to the pin challenge. Winner will receive an Odyssey Putter
- Longest drive contest Winner will receive a New Titleist driver
- Titleist Driver Raffle

Please contact:
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Columbus, Ohio 43215
614-224-5700 ext. 1150

FOP Strong

Fraternal Order of Police 2026 Golf Outing- 4 Man Scramble



This year's event will be held, August 10th at the well-manicured Golf Club at Little Turtle in Westerville, Ohio.

Registration begins at 9:00 am, shotgun starts at 10:30 am.

The cost for this event is only \$125 per golfer. The price includes 18 holes of golf, riding cart, drink tickets, dinner, and various awards.

All Sponsorships are 100% tax deductible

HOLE SPONSOR - \$150.00

Showcase your company's logo as your logo will be prominently displayed on signage at the sponsored hole.

Closest to the Pin SPONSOR - \$250.00

Showcase your company's logo as your logo will be prominently displayed on signage at the golf course

Dinner SPONSOR - \$750.00

Showcase your company's logo as your logo will be prominently displayed on signage at the golf course.

President's SPONSOR - \$2,500.00

Champion Sponsorship package includes:

- One (1) foursome.
- Recognition on banner at golf course.

Please RSVP and return with payment by March 1, 2026
Make checks payable to FOP of Ohio Foundation.

FOP Supporter Information

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip: _____

Email Address _____

Golfer 1 _____ Golfer 3 _____

Golfer 2 _____ Golfer 4 _____

Do you have FOP/FOPA Plates?



In cooperation with the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), the FOP offers a special FOP member-only license plate and a FOPA member-only license plate.

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1

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2

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3

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FOP of Ohio Program Review

\$82.3 Million

In-Force Coverage for Active Members

\$39,480

Annual AD&D Premium Subsidized by AIL

3,069 *(2024 renewal period)*

*Members Returning Response Cards**

262 *(2024 renewal period)*

*Life, Health & Accident Insurance Applications Received**

\$171,636.03 *(duration of program)*

*No-Cost AD&D Claims Paid to Members & their Families***

\$263,722.09 *(duration of program)*

*Individual Claims Paid to Members & their Families***

\$435,358.12 *(duration of program)*

*Total Claims Paid to Members & their Families***

*Figure based on historical Company data since 2009

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- ✓ \$150 Doctors office or Urgent Care visit
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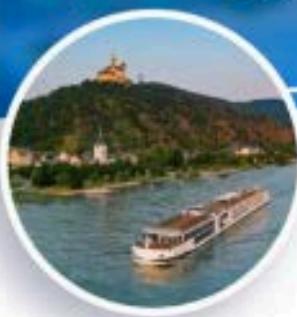
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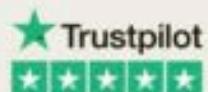
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Members receive benefits in the form of actual tuition cost reduction or extensive credit for past degree work, POST training and FBI Academy training.

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CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY Weatherhead School of Management

I am delighted to bring to your attention information on a new partnership developed with the Weatherhead School of Management (WSOM) at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), and our organization. Leaders at the Weatherhead School are making a concerted effort to welcome law enforcement personnel and their families into the Weatherhead community. They have already solidified a relationship with the Cleveland Police Department and with several area departments and agencies. The current focus of this relationship is on the nationally ranked Part-time MBA program for all qualified departmental personnel, their immediate families, and retirees. The Part time MBA may be taken online or in person and typically takes just over 2 years to complete. Flexible pacing allows for acceleration or extension based on individual student needs.

Here are the benefits of the partnership:

Tuition benefits from Weatherhead will be 20% of tuition costs (not counting any tuition benefits from non-Weatherhead sources).

For those eligible students admitted to the January 2026 class only, there will be a substantial added promotional tuition reduction to help jump-start the relationship.

The \$100 application fee is waived.

Any additional funding from the department or funding from other external sources will be in addition to the tuition reduction being offered by WSOM.

Individualized student advising and support services for law enforcement personnel and their eligible families or retirees.

A Weatherhead representative will follow up with any interested individual who wishes to avail themselves of this opportunity.

This relationship reflects our continued interest in the investment in the growth and well-being of our officers, staff, and their families. This opportunity supports our broader goals of professional development, community engagement, and career advancement in partnership with one of the most respected institutions of higher education in the world and located on our doorstep.

We look forward to the opportunities of this collaboration which could include additional programs in the future, and we are excited to work with Weatherhead leadership to make this partnership a success. If you are interested in learning more about WSOM programs, schedule a personal 1:1 call with Director of Admissions Steve Scheidt at this calendar link. Steve can also be reached at 216.368.6208 or stephen.scheidt@case.edu.

Ohio Police Important Dates

March 11, 2026 Lobby Day Columbus

March 30-31, 2026 Officer Wellness Summit Las Vegas

March 30-31, 2026 Labor Leadership Summit Las Vegas

March 31 - April 1, 2026 Excellency in Chaplaincy Las Vegas

April 1-3, 2026 Leadership Matters Las Vegas

April 24-25, 2026 FOP of Ohio Spring Board Newark

May 7, 2026 Ohio Peace Officer Memorial London

May 13, 2026 National Candlelight Vigil Washington D.C.

May 15, 2026 National Peace Officers' Memorial Washington D.C.

July 18-21, 2026 FOP of Ohio 90th Annual Conference Independence

January 22-23, 2027 FOP of Ohio Winter Board Columbus

August 9-12, 2027 National Conference Salt Lake City

