



## ***NATIONAL FOP WEIGHS IN WITH CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT*** **FOP ENDORSES TRUMP!**



The National FOP announced that they have endorsed former President Donald J. Trump for election as President of the United States.

Each local lodge was given the opportunity to vote for former President Trump, Vice President Harris or for no endorsement. 44 of the states with state lodges cast their vote for Trump and 2 states preferred no endorsement.

President Trump completed a questionnaire on his views on issues important to the FOP and that questionnaire has been emailed to everyone we have an email address for.

One of the things that makes the FOP different from our friends in other labor organizations is that each of our members had the opportunity to have their voice heard on this issue.



# Immediate Action Needed!!!

The "Social Security Fairness Act" would repeal both the "Windfall Elimination Provision" and the "Government Pension Offset" in current Social Security law. In the House, H.R. 82 was introduced by Representatives Garret Graves (R-LA) and Abigail Spanberger (D-VA). In the Senate, S. 597 was introduced by Senators Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Susan Collins (R-ME).

The repeal of the Windfall Elimination (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO) has been a top legislative priority for the FOP since 1997. In this Congress, we have historically high support for both the House and the Senate bills.

At this time, we are focused on bringing H.R. 82 to the House floor using a procedure called a discharge petition. A discharge petition is a legislative mechanism to move legislation directly to the floor provided the petition—an actual document—is physically signed by 218 Members of the House. Members can begin signing this petition on 10 September—one day after the House returns to session. We are asking that ALL FOP members use this Action Center to send an email to their House member asking them to sign the discharge petition for H. Res. 1410, which will bring H.R. 82 to the floor BY USING THIS LINK:

**<https://votervoice.net/FOP/Campaigns/71899/Respond>**

This effort will not succeed without YOU, so please send this message to your Representative and follow up with phone calls. Unless we act NOW, we will miss this opportunity to pass the Social Security Fairness Act in the House.



## FOP of Ohio makes Endorsements



The FOP of Ohio has endorsed the following people for the Ohio Supreme Court: Justice Melody Stewart; Judge Dan Hawkins and Judge Megan Shanahan.

The FOP also chose to make no endorsement in the US Senate race.

The FOP of Ohio also endorsed the following Congressional candidates to our members and supporters: Max Miller (7th District); Marcy Kaptur (9th District); Troy Balderson (12th District); and Mike Carey (15th District).





# FOP of Ohio Legislative Report

Mike Weinman - Director of  
Governmental Affairs



The Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) focuses on three pension-related bills: House Bill (HB) 296, HB 94, and HB 492.

HB 296, introduced by Representatives Abrams and Hall, aims to eliminate the difference in employer contributions to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F) between police and firefighters. The bill proposes gradually increasing the employer contribution from 19.5% to 24% over four years. Employers contribute 24% to OP&F for firefighters, and this bill seeks to address this disparity. The bill will bring equity to the uniformed services, as police and firefighters receive the same benefits from OP&F despite differences in employer contributions.

Notably, it has been 40 years since employers increased their contributions, while members of OP&F have made changes to support the system. In 2013, several changes were implemented, including increasing the minimum retirement age by four years, tying members' cost-of-living rates to the CPI, capping them at 3%, and freezing COLAs until age 55. Additionally, members lost their group insurance plan and transitioned to a stipend-based Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) for purchasing insurance in the marketplace.

HB 94 deals with service credit transfers from OP&F to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System for Law Enforcement (OPERS-LE). Amendments were made to SB 42 of the 130th General Assembly, which came into effect on March 25, 2015, without thorough review by the Ohio Retirement Study Council. One of these changes required former OP&F and State Highway Patrol Retirement System (SHPRS) members to work longer in OPERS to retire from OPERS, which negatively impacted lateral transfers and upward mobility for several individuals.

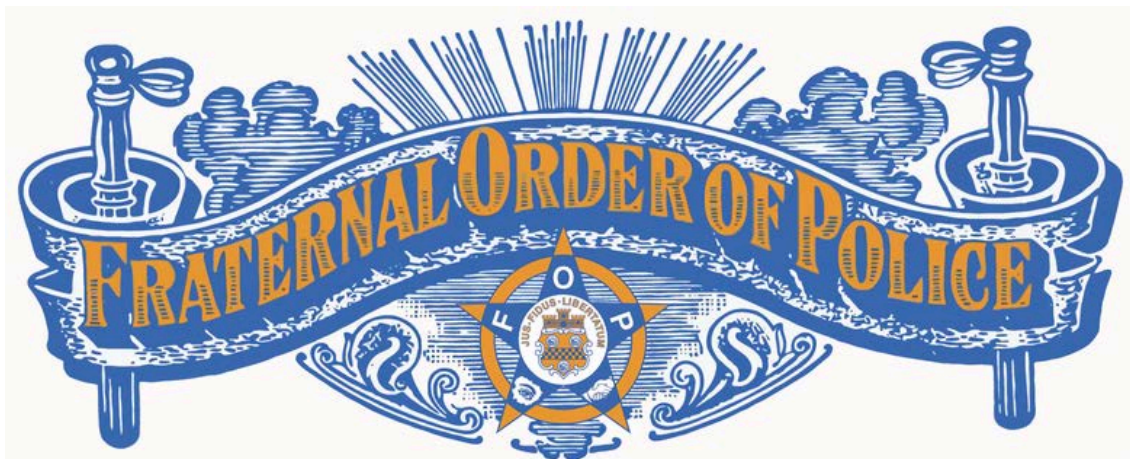
Finally, HB 492, introduced by Representative Kevin Miller, aims to establish a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) in OPERS-LE. This program, which is voluntary and cost-neutral to the system, allows eligible law enforcement officers to accumulate a lump sum for retirement.

We anticipate swift progress on all three bills after the legislators return from their break after the November election. We may very well need each of our members to be ready to contact their elected legislators to help convince them to support these three priority pension bills.



The FOP of Ohio is holding a raffle for two (2) Ohio State vs. Michigan tickets. The proceeds for the tickets are going to be funneled back to local lodges to assist them attend the National FOP conference in Miami. You can buy them on line here:

<https://unionly.io/o/fopohio/store/products/2024-fop-of-ohio-football-raffle>





# GREAT TRAINING

## FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE GREAT LAKES AREA COALITION TRAINING

### HOTEL / SEMINAR LOCATION

*Hilton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites  
120 W Market St, Indianapolis, IN 46204*

*A block of rooms are available at a rate of \$139 + taxes/fees.  
Cutoff to reserve a room is September 11, 2024.*

*Booking Info will be provided upon  
registration for the training*

*Seminar begins 8:30 am each day.  
Seminar ends 3:30pm Friday.  
Lunch Provided both days.*

*Hospitality Event  
Wednesday & Thursday*



**OCTOBER 3-4, 2024  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**

**Public Employee Labor Law Update**  
Rick Poulson  
LRIS

**AI and the Impact on Policing**  
Rick Poulson  
LRIS

**Brady Law**  
John Kautzman  
Ruckelshaus Kautzman Blackwell  
Bemis & Duncan, LLP

**Wellness / Chaplain**  
Rick Snyder  
Indy FOP / National FOP Chaplain

**PAC Funds & Your Lodge**  
PAC Directors & Lobbyists  
Chicago FOP Lodge 7

**Critical Incident Case Study**  
Mark Weaver  
Communications Counsel

**Finding the Money In Negotiations**  
Wade Steen  
Steen & Company

**Roberts Rules of Order**  
Chuck Canterbury  
National FOP Immediate Past President



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**\$99**

Includes Instructional Materials, lunch both days,  
hospitality reception and registration gift.

**REGISTER BY  
SEPT 26, 2024**



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- Three incredible PPO health insurance plans
  - Nationwide network access using Cigna PPO Network
  - Spouse and family plans available
  - Very competitive rates exclusive to FOP
- Eligibility:
- FOP Retirees in good standing

<https://thinbluelinebenefits.com/police/>



# FOP of Ohio

## Statehouse Endorsements

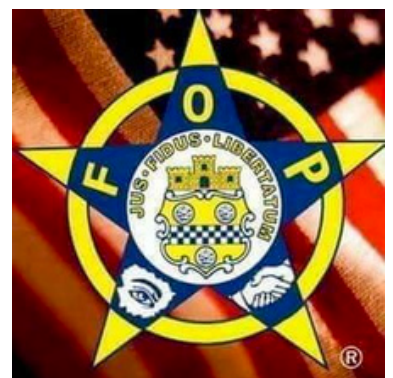
### **Ohio House Endorsed Candidates:**

District 14 – Sean Brennan District 23 – Daniel Troy District 29 – Cindy Abrams District 31 – Bill Roemer District 36 – Andrea White District 39 – Phil Plummer District 44 – Josh Williams District 48 – Scott Oelslager District 51 – Jodi Salvo District 52 – Gayle Manning District 56 – Adam Matthews District 58 – Lauren McNally District 60 – Brian Lorenz District 66 – Sharon Ray District 67 – Melanie Miller District 69 – Kevin Miller District 70 – Brian Lampton District 75 – Haraz Ghanbari District 78 – Matt Huffman District 86 – Tracy Richardson District 90 – Justin Pizzuli District 92 – Mark Johnson

### **Ohio Senate Endorsed Candidates:**

District 4 – Thomas Cooke District 6 – Willis Blackshear District 8 – Louis Blessing District 20 – Tim Schaffer District 24 – Tom Patton District 28 – Casey Weinstein

*Local lodges may have also endorsed additional candidates.*







**Department of  
Mental Health &  
Addiction Services**



**Department of  
Developmental  
Disabilities**

**Did you know that sworn law  
enforcement officers who work  
for these State of Ohio agencies  
are prohibited from carrying  
firearms to keep themselves and  
those they are sworn to protect  
safe?**

**We are committed to ending this  
administrative decision!**

# Important Dates

September 28, 2024	Poker Walk	Put-In_Bay
October 3-4, 2024	GLAC Training	Indianapolis
January 24-25, 2025	Ohio FOP Board Meeting	Columbus
February 11-12, 2025	Labor Summit	Las Vegas
February 17-18, 2025	Wellness Summit	Nashville
February 19-22, 2025	Leadership Matters	Nashville
May 1, 2025	Ohio Law Enforcement Memorial	London
May 2-3, 2025	Ohio FOP Board Meeting	Canton
May 13-15, 2025	Police Week	Washington D.C.
July 13-15, 2025	Ohio FOP State Conference	Cincinnati

## Ohio Police

