

# Ohio Police



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## ***HURRICANE HELENE WRECKS HAVOC IN THE SOUTHEAST***

# FOP Members need help!



FOP members, including Ohio FOP members, who live in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee have been severely impacted by Hurricane Helene and the FOP has responded.

The FOP has sent teams of volunteers to these states to help feed the first responders working in the aftermath of the storm and also to help remediate the damaged homes of FOP members.

If you are an Ohio FOP member who has had your residence made **uninhabitable** by the hurricane, there is a small monetary benefit from the FOP that is available to you. You can access by going to <https://fop.net/fop-foundation/disaster-relief/> Please send National Trustee Greg Toyas a copy of your application at [gtoyeas@fopohio.org](mailto:gtoyeas@fopohio.org).



You can help the FOP care for our Brothers and Sisters by donating to the FOP Foundation by clicking the above QR code or going to [fop.net/donate](https://fop.net/donate) to make a donation.

# Discharge Petition Successful!!!

An historic accomplishment was achieved in getting 218 signatures on the Discharge Petition to force a floor vote on HR 82, the Social Security Fairness Act. But....this is just the beginning!

The Congress has adjourned until after the election and are scheduled to return on November 12. We need to use this time to thank the Ohio members of the House of Representatives for being co-sponsors of the legislation and ask them to affirm their support of HR 82. The list of these people is: Troy Balderson: 202-225-5355; Dave Joyce: 202-225-5731; Max Miller: 202 225 3876; Michael Rulli: 202-225-5705; Mike Turner 202-225-6465; Joyce Beatty: 202-225-4324; Shontel Brown: 202-225-7032; Marcy Kaptur 202-225-4146; Greg Landsman: 202-225-2216; Emilia Sykes: 202225-6265. We also ask that you go to: <https://votervoice.net/FOP/Campaigns/71899/Respond> and send an electronic message to your Congressional Representative and ask that they vote for HR 82.

The State Lodge has been working hard to keep the momentum with our legislators and we need your help to push this over the finish line. Please keep calling and emailing these folks and do not waste your energy on those who are not supportive of this important legislation to end the unfair penalty that impacts every member of the Ohio FOP!





## 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



## FOP of Ohio Fighting for your PENSION!!

The FOP of Ohio is fighting to keep our pensions strong and stable. We have joined a coalition called the Alliance for Prosperity and a Secure Retirement. FOP of Ohio Pension Committee member Kathy Harrell is on the Board of the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems and the FOP has three members serving on the Board of the Ohio Police and Fire (OP-F) Pension System. We believe that having a strong relationship with the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) is so important that Vice President Assion will be working with me to make sure we are keeping tabs on OPERS and make our voices heard for our members in that system.

The FOP of Ohio's top priorities for the lame duck session of the General Assembly is HB 296, HB 84 and HB 492. All three are pension related bills. We will be working with our friends at the Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters on getting a vote on HB 296 to raise the employer's rates they pay towards our pensions. We will be asking for your help in reaching out to the legislature soon on that very topic.

Please reach out to me if you need any assistance at [mweinman@fopohio.org](mailto:mweinman@fopohio.org).





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 with attending the National FOP conference in Miami.

You can buy them online here:

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





# FOP of Ohio Pushes out App

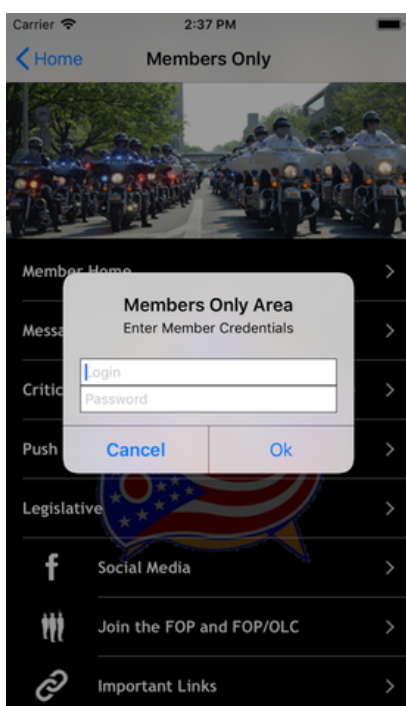
We have quite a lot going on at the State Lodge. We have hit the ground running and have been working hard. One of our ongoing initiatives is to ensure that we are getting information out to the membership in as real time as possible. Several of these initiatives will be better served with your participation.

If you have not already done so, we are asking each FOP member from Ohio to please go to [www.fopohio.org](http://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."



# NEW REPORT

## OFFICERS SHOT & KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY SO FAR THIS YEAR

DATA COLLECTED BY THE NATIONAL FOP

1 JANUARY 2024- 31 SEPTEMBER 2024

OFFICERS SHOT IN THE LINE OF DUTY

283

OFFICERS KILLED BY GUNFIRE

42

**69** LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS  
WERE SHOT IN **52** SEPARATE  
AMBUSH-STYLE ATTACKS

NUMBER OF OFFICERS SHOT IN THE LINE OF  
DUTY IS **-1%** FROM THIS TIME IN 2023



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The Fraternal Order of Police regrets to report that as of midnight on 30 September there have been 283 officers shot in the line of duty so far in 2024. Of those officers shot, 42 of them were killed. Leaders need to condemn violence at every opportunity and the Congress needs to pass the Protect and Serve Act!

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# FOP of Ohio

## Statehouse Endorsements

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

District 14 – Sean Brennan; District 23 – Daniel Troy; District 25 – Cecil Thomas; District 29 – Cindy Abrams; District 30 – Stefani Hawk; 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.*





What Is the Fraternal Order of Police Associates of Ohio, Inc. (FOPA Ohio)?  
The FOPA Ohio is a civilian affiliate of the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio, Inc. (FOP of Ohio). Our members are friends and families of law enforcement Officers, responsible and respected business people, 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 the parent organization to many FOPA local lodges in the state of Ohio. Those local lodges are affiliated with an FOP local lodge in the state of Ohio. The Fraternal Order of Police Associates of Ohio, Inc. was originally Chartered July 21, 1942, and obtained Non-Profit Status November 20, 1981. The corporation is a non-partisan organization without regard to race, creed, color or religious belief.


The FOPA Ohio's interests revolve around law enforcement and the men and women that have dedicated their lives to the protection of ours.

If you want to learn more about forming an FOPA Lodge in your area, contact Theresa Drennen at [Alodgeupdate@gmail.com](mailto:Alodgeupdate@gmail.com)



In cooperation with the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), the FOP offers a special FOP member-only license plate. These plates can be ordered at any local BMV Office, but first, you must receive an approved application from the Ohio State Lodge. In order to approve your application, you must fill out a form you obtain from the State Lodge. You will receive your approved application(s) in the mail, which you can complete based on the style of plates desired, and take to any local BMV.

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# Important Dates

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
March 13-15, 2025	NFOP Board Meeting	Salt Lake City
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

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