

# Ohio Police



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***ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 5TH***

## FOP Endorses Donald Trump!



**We will be thinking of all of the heroes we lost, and we will thank God for the men and women of law enforcement.**

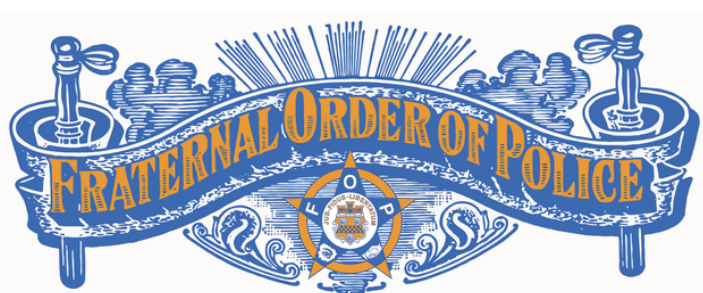
**President Donald J. Trump**  
National Peace Officers' Memorial - May 15, 2018

The National FOP has completed its process and has given its members the opportunity to vote and the results were overwhelming. The members chose Donald J. Trump as the candidate that should be the next President of the United States.



We know that some members disagree, as happens with all endorsements, but the process produced clear results.

The Fraternal Order of Police encourages all of our members to support the endorsed candidate, Donald J. Trump for President of the United States.



## 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 also endorsed the following Congressional candidates to our members and supporters: Greg Landsman (1st District)Max Miller (7th District); Marcy Kaptur (9th District); Troy Balderson (12th District); and Mike Carey (15th District).





# FOP of Ohio

## Statehouse Endorsements

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

District 4– Jason Allevato; District 6 – Hussein Jabari; District 7 – Allison Russo; District 10 – Brian Garvine; District 11 – Stephanie Kunze; 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 16 – Besa Sharrah; District 20 – Tim Schaffer; District 24 – Tom Patton; District 28 – Casey Weinstein

*Local lodges may have also endorsed additional candidates.*



# We need to act to secure our pensions

HB 296 is a bill that increases the employer contribution to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund. If we do not get the employers to pay their fair share, the funding gap that exists will have to be filled eventually by increased costs or decreased benefits for those active and retired members of that pension fund. If OP-F increases the costs and/or decreases the members benefits, how far behind will PERS-LE be in doing the same thing?

So, what do we need from you? We need you to contact your State Representatives and Senators and ask them to vote for HB 296, especially the Republican members of the General Assembly. If you do not know who your State Representative or Senator is, you can find that out here: <https://ohiohouse.gov/members/district-map>. Just plug in your address and it will tell you the members of the General Assembly who represent you. Once you have reached out your personal Representatives, reach out to the members of the Pension Committee in the House. Call and email them as well. you can find them here: <https://ohiohouse.gov/committees/pensions>

If your legislator tells you they have to investigate or learn more about it, refer them to Mike Weinman at [mweinman@fopohio.org](mailto:mweinman@fopohio.org). Then, ask them to call you back after they have looked into it. Do not let them brush you off. Be polite, be professional and be FIRM. Do not be rude, especially to staffers.

We need to get this done over the next 10 days. There is no time to wait. Make these calls and emails and get commitments from these legislators.

We expect this bill to be voted on in the Pension Committee on Nov. 19. We cannot let this time and opportunity pass us by.



## RECOMMENDED SCRIPT WHEN CALLING LEGISLATORS

Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I'm a member of the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio. I work at [Department Name] and I'm calling to share why, as a first responder, I hope you'll support HB 296 – the Public Safety Pension Modernization Act. (If you are civilian supporter of law enforcement like FOPA members, just modify the script to fit you.)

[Use two or three of the fact points below as reasons you believe the representative should support HB 296.]

- Over the past 11 years, Ohio's first responders have seen cuts in benefits and increases in employee contributions to the Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund
- Employers' contributions to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund haven't changed since 1986.
- There are only two solutions to this problem – add funding or cut more benefits.
- Without action the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund will fall below the 30-year funding minimum
- HB 296 layers in modest increases in the employer share of police and fire pensions over five years.
- The legislature can support first responders or, if they don't respond, they'll force further benefit cuts for police and fire retirees.
- There is no reason for police and fire not to have the same contribution rate, the benefits are the same. And, it is still below the employer rate the State of Ohio pays for Troopers.
- HB 296 and the strong and stable pensions it will ensure is crucial to the recruitment and retention of the men and women who keep our communities safe



# Bill to eliminate GPO/WEP expected to get vote!

An historic accomplishment was achieved in getting 218 signatures on the Discharge Petition to force a floor vote in the US House of Representatives 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: 202-225-6265. We would also like for you to call Bob Latta at 202-225-6405 and ask that he support the bill as well.

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 Members help those impacted by Hurricane Helene

Members of Lodge 69 in Cincinnati heard the call for help and responded to North Carolina to feed hundreds of first responders and soldiers who were working on the recovery effort after an historic and devastating hurricane. They were joined by members of Lodge 9 in Franklin County as well.

These Brothers are a true example of **FRATERNALISM** and we are grateful for their work. We know those in North Carolina are grateful as well.

Due to the generosity of our members and lodges, we were able to make monetary donations to the FOP State Lodges in North Carolina, Florida, South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee.

We also matched the NFOP Disaster Relief benefit for Ohio FOP members who had their homes made uninhabitable.





# FOP of Ohio Legislative Report

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On October 24th, House Bill (HB) 56 went into effect. HB 56 was commonly referred to as the "Hooning Bill." The bill, now an Act, increased the penalty for willfully eluding a police officer from a first-degree misdemeanor to a fourth-degree felony. If the suspect is fleeing immediately after committing a felony, the penalty becomes a third-degree felony. However, the bill's main focus was street takeovers and stunt driving.

The Act creates two new offenses related to stunt driving and street takeovers. One of the new offenses prohibits a person from knowingly participating in stunt driving, and another prohibits knowingly participating in a street takeover. Continuing law prohibits street racing, but like the two new laws, it expands the prohibition to private property otherwise open to the public.

The Act also addresses the Ohio Supreme Court ruling on utility vehicles and mini-trucks. The Act expanded the types of vehicles that fall under vehicular homicide and assault to include utility vehicles and mini-trucks. This correction also affects criminal sentencing laws by changing the "motor vehicle" reference to "vehicle".

The FOP weighed in on this bill and was contacted by the sponsors when some members of the General Assembly wanted a statewide pursuit policy. The FOP opposed a statewide policy and asked that the policy be left to individual jurisdictions. Through compromise, each agency continues to set its policy. But, they must consider best practice recommendations from the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board.



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

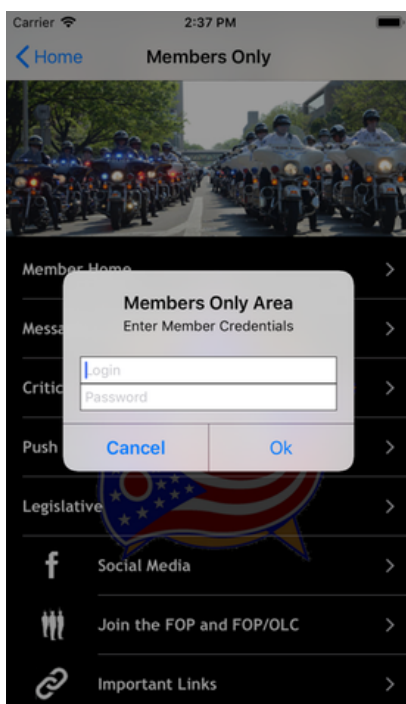
We have quite a lot going on at the State Lodge. We have hit the ground running and have been working hard. One of our ongoing initiatives is to ensure that we are getting information out to the membership in as real time as possible. Several of these initiatives will be better served with your participation.

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."





# **RETIREMENT DOESN'T MEAN STEPPING AWAY FROM THE BROTHERHOOD.**

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**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](mailto:rhawley@fopohio.org).**



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

November 5, 2024	Election Day!
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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