

Ohio Police

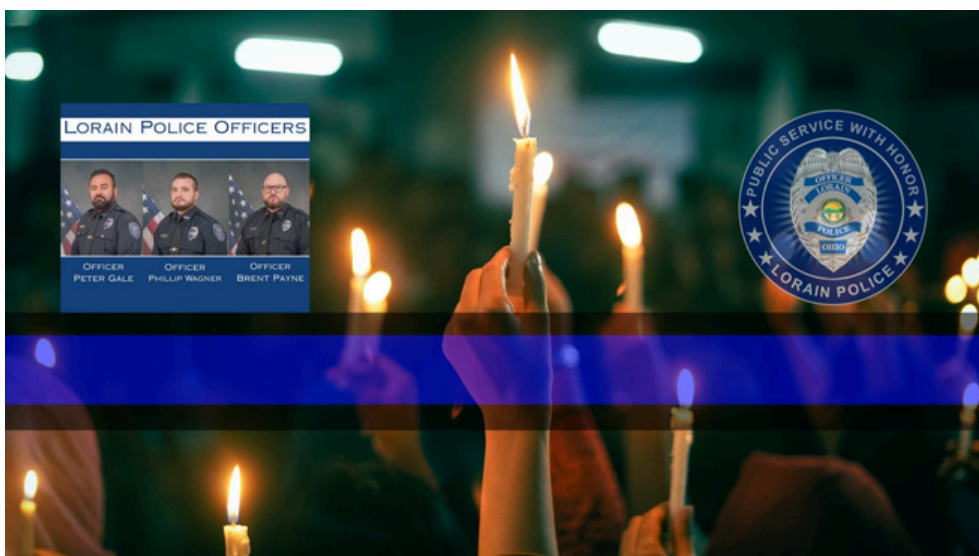
July 30, 2025

Tragedy in Lorain

3 OFFICERS SHOT, 1 FATALLY

On July 23, 2025, two Lorain police officers were sharing a pizza around 1:00 p.m. when a crazed assassin opened fire upon them without any provocation at all. Both Officer Phillip Wagner and Officer Peter Gale were shot. Officer Brent Payne was also shot, as he rushed to help his brothers.

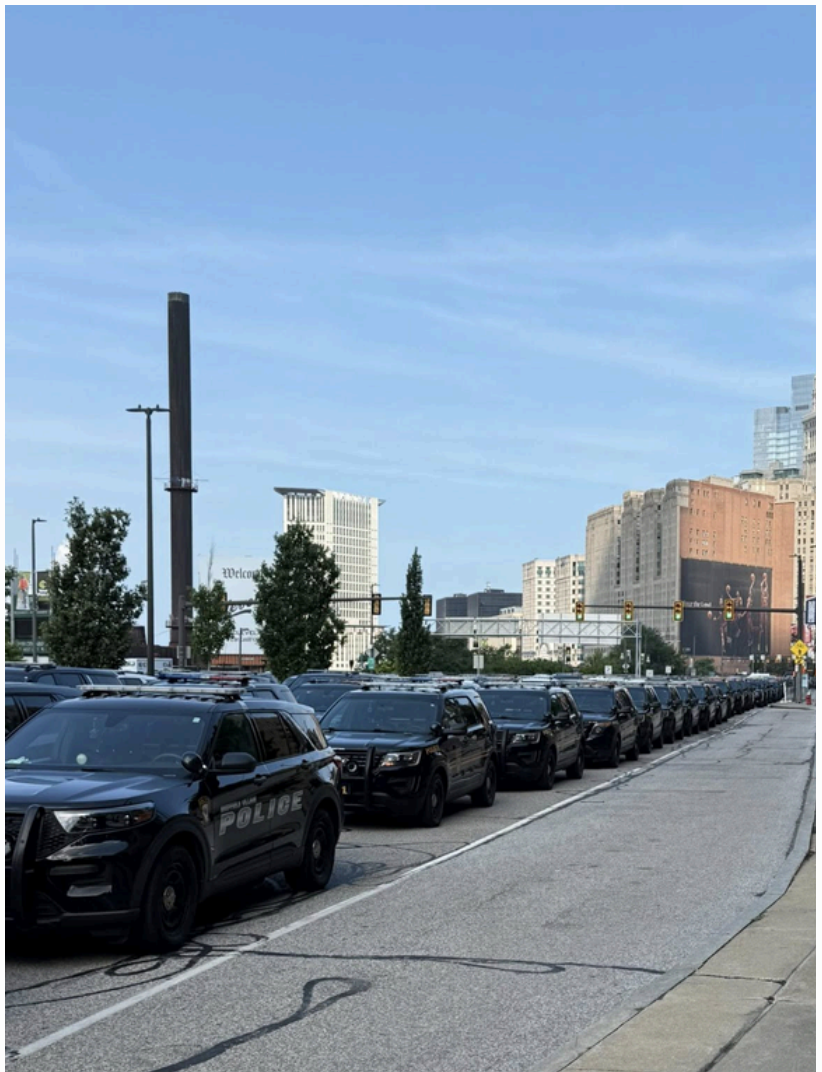
Tragically, Officer Wagner died of his injuries the following day. Officers Gale and Payne will survive their injuries, although they are serious, and we pray for a full recovery.



On July 30, thousands of law enforcement officers attended the funeral of Officer Wagner at Rocket Arena in downtown Cleveland.

Governor DeWine, Lt. Governor Tressel, Attorney General Yost, Congressman Latta, US Marshal Elliott were among those in attendance for the service.

Mayor Bradley said "Today we gather with hearts that are broken, but united," he said. "United in gratitude and united in honor of a man who gave everything for the city he loved and served. We are here to remember officer Phillip Wagner, a devoted husband, a loving father, a brave protector and a true hero of Lorain. To his wife, Jessica, your love was his foundation. Your strength was his peace. To his three children, your father was a champion. He loved all of you with his whole heart and worked to make the world safer for you every single day."



FOP raises money for the families of the Lorain Officers

Anyone who wants to contribute funds for these officers and their families may do so by either mailing a check to "Lorain Police Officers Charitable Foundation" at 100 West Erie Ave. Lorain, OH 44052 or by using a credit or debit card and donating through the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio Foundation website, where all donations between now and September 1 will go to those officers affected by this incident.

To donate online or via credit card, the site is:
unionly.io/o/fopohio/officer-assistance-fund

I want to thank the members of the Board of the FOP of Ohio who have stepped up to help Lorain Lodge 3 with media interviews, bringing food to the members multiple times, being there for support. Thank you!

I also want to thank our members of Cleveland Lodge 8 and the members of the CPPA for their outstanding work to help our members of Lorain Lodge 3.



The FOP of Ohio has used a consistent message since the murders of officers in Morrow and Hamilton Counties in May, and throughout this tragedy.

The message is: We sincerely appreciate well wishes and thoughts and prayers but now is a time for action. We need the following:

- 1) We need Congress to pass the Protect and Serve Act (provides federal penalty for violence against the police) and we need the Ohio General Assembly to pass the Larry Henderson Act (mandates penalty for killing an officer be the death penalty or life without parole).**
- 2) We need Judges, Prosecutors, Legislators to act in the interest of keeping cops and our communities safe.**
- 3) We need everyone to band together and say “Enough is Enough” and stop the narrative that violence against the police is somehow acceptable.**