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I became an auxiliary member as a gift when I turned eighteen years old. You see in my family you didn't have a choice, I come from an F.O.P. Police Family and you became a member whether you wanted to or not. I have been honored to be part of the Toledo Police Family since I was one years old. My dad, two brothers, sister in law are/were TPD officers. My mom worked as a civilian for TPD for 25 years. When I was

17 years old my father was shot in the line of duty and survived (as least the shooting). The aftermath of what he went through would haunt my father and our family for years to come. There is one thing for sure that I learned during that terrible time in my life, just how truly special it is to belong to this FAMILY we call the THIN BLUE LINE and all that it entails. I never realized how getting that membership for my birthday would change my life for the better. The people that I have met and the friendships I have made will last a lifetime . I started out as a member and have now been my local auxiliaries President for over 15 years. I became an F.O.P. State Auxiliary board member because I was elected by my district to be seated as a trustee. I ran because I wanted to learn more about the auxiliary and what they did. I was happy just doing that. In my second year as trustee for my district I received a call from then President Cherie Siehl, the Vice President had quit two weeks prior to our State Conference, and they needed someone to step up and fill her role. I had no idea what I was doing or what to expect but when the President calls and ask for help, you do whatever she needs. That year during elections I was nominated and accepted a run for Vice President and won. I was in that position for two terms and was again approached by that same President that she needed to step down from so much responsibility and spend time with her family. She asked me to think about running for President. I had no idea what to say and did a lot of soul searching. I am a perfectionist and if I can 't give it 100% then I won't do it. I spoke with my parents who had been long time F.O.P. / F.O.P. Auxiliary members and had held many offices themselves . With their and the LEO I was with at the time support I decided to run for President. I have learned so much about the F.O.P. and what it means to be a member of such an amazing organization . I have experienced things I would never have experienced if I had not joined this Family, we call the F.O.P (Police Week is on the top of that list). I wouldn't trade one single minute and I look forward to being involved in the F.O.P. for years to come.

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