



Ohio FOP E-Focus

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Police Week Details

Those members going to Washington D.C. to pay their respects to the heroes who gave their lives in service to their communities should be aware of the following activities associated with National Police Week:

- May 5 Annual Blue Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 12:10 p.m.
- May 12 Arrival of the Police Unity Tour at the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- May 13 Candlelight Vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial at 8:00 p.m.
- May 14 7th Annual Honor Guard Competition at John Marshall Plaza at 8:30 a.m.
- May 15 28th Annual National Peace Officer's Memorial Service at the United States Capitol at 12:00 p.m.
- May 15 National Memorial Night at the Washington Senators

More Police Week Info

- The National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial is located on the RED LINE of the Metro subway system, at the Judiciary Square stop.
- The local memorial service in DC will be May 11 at the Metropolitan Police Department at 11:00 a.m.
- **Remember that all armed officers MUST have valid police credentials in order to enter the United States Capitol for the May 15 ceremony. All plain clothes officers WILL wear their departmental badge on the outside and visible.**

Check out www.blockparole.com

There is a website that's purpose is to draw attention to, and to fight against, the release of cop killers, child murderers and rapists. It can be found at www.blockparole.com and it is run by a man named Bret Vincour.

Mr. Vincour volunteers

his time to help keep the worst criminals in Ohio behind bars, where they belong. I have seen Mr. Vincour at the Statehouse, advocating on behalf of crime victims. I have gotten emails from him, asking to sign a petition to help keep cop killers in prison.

I do not know Mr. Vincour but I think his work is important and he deserves the small amount of recognition that this article can provide.

Please go to his website, read the articles and I am sure that you will join me in saying thanks to Mr. Vincour.

Members laid off in Richland County

The Richland County Sheriff's Office has laid off ten deputies because of the economic crisis. The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has laid off many more. Layoffs have been threatened from Lake Erie to the Ohio River.

The FOP remains committed to helping agencies and members through the lobbying for federal grants dollars and other means to save these members jobs.

The FOP also realizes that our members are

working harder and maybe even less safely due to the hiring freezes brought about by this crisis.

Stay safe and stay united in your fight to protect jobs across this great state.

US Court of Appeals rules for Chicago FOP

On March 28, the United States Court of Appeals ruled that the City of Chicago cannot deny the use of compensatory time, even if it results in overtime.

Providing that the requesting officer gives a sufficient notice the Appeals Court, based in Chicago, ruled that the employer must grant that time to them.

Mark Donahue, President of Lodge 7 in Chicago is requesting millions of dollars in damages for his members.

Enforcement Expo is coming fast - September 1-2

It has been proven for three years running that the Enforcement Expo is an outstanding event.

There will be a long list of vendors, there will be a long list of seminars for you to attend and there will be a long list of networking opportunities for you to experience.

**AND IT WILL BE FREE.
FREE TO GET IN. FREE**

**TO PARK (if you pre-register), FREE TO ATTEND THE SEMINARS.
FREE, FREE, FREE!!!**

Start making your plans, start speaking to your Chief and Sheriff about sending co-workers, start recruiting your neighbors to this regional event that will impress you. I guarantee it!

Critical Incident Response Golf Outing Coming

I know that the frost was on the ground this morning but it is time to start thinking about golf. August 3rd is the date for the third annual Critical Incident Response Foundation

Golf Outing and we need your help to make it successful again this year.

We have already gathered some door prizes and reached out to those who golfed last

year to get commitments for 2009, so if you want to golf, let us know. If you want to help sponsor the event, let us know.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE, August 3rd!!!

Do you know any officers who box?

Nick DiMarco, Chet DeLong and I had the opportunity to attend the 11th Annual Guns and Hoses Charity Boxing match in Jacksonville, Florida. About 8000 members attended this event between Northern Florida

Cops and Firefighters. This event raised over \$300,000 for FOP and IAFF charities.

President DiMarco is excited about possibly trying and event like it here in Ohio.

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in boxing, volunteering or working such a fundraiser, start making your plans now because it looks like we may just try something like this in 2010!!!

Country Music Star to help FOP

Two time entertainer of the year, Neal McCoy is going to be involved in a charity album to provide assistance to law enforcement officers and firefighters who have been disabled in the line of duty.

Neal McCoy is a well known humanitarian who has volunteered for the USO so many times, he was invited to perform at General Tommy Franks retirement party. He founded the East Texas Angel Network

and raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for children in East Texas.

Neal has had many top ten singles and three platinum records. Some of his most popular songs include: "Billy has his beer goggles on," "Wink," "Then you can tell me goodbye," and "No doubt about it."

Neal is currently working on this album and he and the record label will donate \$4 per record to a fund, which will be controlled by

the FOP to assist those officers who have been disabled in service to their communities.

I am sure that the Grand Lodge will get more information out about this as soon as possible, but I wanted you to know the basics now. If Mr. McCoy gets anywhere near your city, you should go see him perform and let him know we are thankful for his efforts.

NY Supreme Court to hear GPS Case

The New York Supreme Court will hear a case to determine if the government can attach a GPS monitoring device to a vehicle of someone (without their knowledge) without a warrant. State courts in Oregon and Washington have struck down such practices but a federal appeals court in Chicago has approved warrantless GPS usage from a Wisconsin case. The US Supreme Court declined to hear an appeal in this case.

This case could set case law throughout the country and it will be worth watching.

FOP Member/Lodge of Year Nominations

The nominations for Officer and Lodge of the Year are due by May 22, 2009.

The criteria for Member of the Year is that you must be a member in good standing (either active or retired) and the nominating lodge submits 7 copies of the application. Nominees will be considered on the basis of their career in Law Enforcement, their Fraternal Order of Police involvement and service that they have rendered to the community. Members who currently serve on the State or National Board are not eligible to receive this award.

Criteria for Lodge of the Year is it must be in good standing with both the State and Grand Lodge, Participate in State Board Meetings and Conferences, Active in the Community and local Charities, Provide current communication to membership (e-mail, website, newsletter), Provide representation before City Council, County Commissioners and/or Pension Boards to members; And provide assistance to members in need.

The criteria and directions for applying are available at: www.fopohio.org Look on the FOP News page, under the Communications Menu.

Senate Bill 77 has big impact on law enforcement

Senate Bill 77, which was introduced March 11 by Senator Goodman from Bexley, has a full array of implications for Ohio's cops.

This bill mandates the collection and preservation of DNA evidence for all people arrested on a felony. While this may prove to cause some problems for cases in which the collection was missed, generally we are not opposed to this provision.

However, this bill also mandates that all custodial interrogations shall be recorded on video, with a small exception for interviews that take place outside of a detention facility, then they have to be audio recorded. We are watching and working on this bill and will keep you up to date on the progress.

FOP Motorcade will take place May 5

The annual motorcade from the FOP of Ohio office in downtown Columbus (222 East Town Street) to the Ohio Peace Officer Memorial in London will take place on May 5th.

The motorcade will go around the Statehouse and eventually onto I-70 to the Ohio Peace Officer Memorial. We arrive just prior to the official Ohio Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony and

we make quite an impact on the families and other guests who gather to pay their respects to those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. I look forward to seeing you there.

Ohio State FOP Auxiliary 2009 Reverse Raffle

Saturday July 25, 2009

Doubletree Hotel, Worthington, Ohio

Doors Open at 6:30 PM

GRAND PRIZE: \$2,000.00

\$80.00 includes 1 dinner and 1 raffle ticket, Cash Bar

Additional Dinners may be purchased for \$30.00 each

Buffet Dinner includes: Mixed Field Greens salad, Baby Shrimp & Wheatberry Orzo Salad,
Slow Roasted Sliced Beef Brisket with a Grilled Corn Barbeque Glaze,
Potato Crusted Walleye with Lemon Herb Tartar,
Pan Seared Chicken Breast with Asparagus Coulis & Tomatoes,
Cheesy Garlic Potato Au Gratin, Grilled Summer Squash with Baby Carrots,
An Assortment of Warm Rolls,
Carmel Apple Pie or Old Fashioned Carrot Cake with Cinnamon Whipped Cream

Any questions call: Peggy 419-727-3830 or Susan 614-895-0668

TICKET ORDER FORM

Please complete the form and mail with your check to:

Peggy Mohr, Auxiliary Vice President

2728 117th St. Toledo, OH 43611

(Checks made payable to Ohio State Auxiliary)

_____ ticket(s) @ \$80.00

_____ dinner(s) @ \$30.00

Ticket number (s) requested _____

(numbers will be held on a first come basis)

**A confirmation will be e-mailed and/or mailed to you
upon receipt of order and payment**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone () _____ E-Mail _____

All tickets can be picked up after 6:30 pm at the door.



FOP of Ohio Calendar

April 16-19	Federal Officer's Weekend	Huntsville, Alabama
May 4	Police Fishing Tournament	Indian Lake
May 5	Ohio Peace Officer Memorial	London
May 14-17	Police Week	
May 18-19	FOP / OLC Annual Conference	Columbus
June 14-18	FOP Week at Put-In-Bay	Islander Inn
June 26-27	Tent Town for Special Olympics	Columbus
July 25-28	FOP of Ohio Conference	Columbus
August 16-20	National Conference	Long Beach, California