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FOP OF OHIO

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Officer Phillip C. Wagner
Lorain Police Department
July 24, 2025



Trooper Nicholas P. Cayton
Ohio State Highway Patrol
October 24, 2025



Sergeant Scott Ries
Rittman Police Department
July 5, 2026



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TENTATIVE AGENDA (some times could vary on site)

90th Conference
Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio, Inc.
Holiday Inn – Independence Ohio

Saturday, July 18

FOP, FOPA and Auxiliary Registration	1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
FOP Pre-Conference Board Meeting	3:00 p.m.
FOP Foundation Spaghetti/Bourbon Dinner	5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (under tent)
Hospitality (limited)	8:00 p.m. – Midnight (under tent)

Sunday, July 19

FOP, FOPA & Auxiliary Registration	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Auxiliary Pre-Conference Board Meeting	9:00 a.m. (tentative)
FOP Merchandise	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
FOP Seminars (all welcome)	11:00-1:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
FOP Expo	12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
FOPA Executive Session	1:00 p.m.
FOP, Ohio Labor Council Conference	3:00 p.m.
FOPA Audit Committee Meeting	2:00 p.m.
FOPA Roundtable Discussion	3:30 p.m.
BBQ	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (under tent)
Hospitality	8:00 p.m.-Midnight (under tent)
Auxiliary's raffle	8:00 p.m. (under the tent)

Monday, July 20

FOP, FOPA & Auxiliary Registration	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
FOP Expo	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
FOP Merchandise	8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
Opening Ceremonies	9:00 a.m.
FOP Business Session	10:00 a.m.
FOPA Business Session	11:30 a.m.
FOPA Pres/Sec Workshop	3:00 p.m.
Auxiliary Business Session	45 min after close of opening ceremonies
Taste of Cleveland	5:30 p.m.– 7:30 p.m. (under tent)
Hospitality	8:00 p.m. – Midnight (under tent)
Piper and Toast to Fallen Officers	8:30 p.m. Time Certain (under tent)

Tuesday, July 21

FOP, FOPA & Auxiliary Registration	8:00 a.m.– 9:00 a.m.
FOP Expo	8:00 a.m. – Noon
FOP Business Session	9:00 a.m.
FOPA Business Session	9:00 a.m.
Auxiliary Business Session	9:00 a.m.
FOP Post Conference Board Meeting	½ hour after close of business
FOPA Post Conference Board Meeting	½ hour after close of business

Section Two

Standing

Rules

Standing Rules of the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio, Inc. Annual Conference of 2026

Rule 1. (a) The Credentials Committee, as the first order of business, shall report the number of delegates and alternates registered as present with proper credentials and shall make a supplementary report after the opening exercises at the beginning of each day that business continues. No other business may be conducted until the Credentials Committee report is adopted by the body.

(b) A member registered as an alternate may be transferred from alternate to delegate at any time during the business meeting on Monday, July 20th.

(c) A member registered as an alternate may be transferred from alternate to delegate by 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 21st, for purposes of conducting business on Tuesday, July 21st.

Rule 2. The standing rules of the conference shall be considered as the second order of business.

Rule 3. For admission to the conference room where the business of the FOP of Ohio, Inc. is being conducted, delegates, alternates and guests shall be required to wear the badge issued by the Credentials Committee upon registration.

Rule 4. A resolution offered by an individual delegate shall be in writing, signed by the maker and the seconder, each of whom shall be a voting member of the conference, and shall be sent directly to the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee.

Rule 5. A delegate must obtain the floor and be recognized by the presiding officer before beginning to speak.

Rule 6. A delegate can speak twice to a motion on the same day, but he or she can take the second turn only after everyone who wishes to speak the first time has spoken. If debate on the motion is continued at the next meeting, which is held on another day, the delegate's right to debate is renewed.

Rule 7. Speakers must address all remarks to the chair; cross talk between delegates is not allowed.

Rule 8. Speakers must be courteous and never attack other delegates or question the motives of the delegates. In controversial issues, the discussion is focused on ideas, not personalities.

Rule 9. All nominations for Office will be made from the floor. Remarks made by nominated candidates may be made from the podium or the floor and shall not last longer than three (3) minutes.

Rule 10. The election of Officers will be done by secret ballot.

Rule 11. GUIDELINES FOR POLITICAL ENDORSEMENTS

- A. The Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio will only endorse those candidates who participate in the screening process. The process includes a candidate submitting a written response to the FOP questionnaire and participating in the oral interview conducted by the Political Screening Committee (PSC).
- B. On the second day of the Conference, the PSC will make its formal recommendations to the delegates for consideration. These recommendations will be made based on the priorities of the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio. The PSC will provide to the Delegates:
 - A list of candidates requesting an endorsement.
 - A synopsis of any oral interview or communications
 - An overview validating said recommendation.
- C. Definition of Delegates for Voting. For purposes of Rule 11, the term "credentialed delegates registered as present" shall mean the total number of credentialed delegates registered as present pursuant to the Credentials Committee's report adopted by the Conference on the day the endorsement vote is conducted. Abstentions, blank ballots, or a delegate's failure to cast a ballot shall not reduce the number of delegates voting for purposes of calculating the percentage required for endorsement.
- D. To receive the FOP of Ohio endorsement, a PSC recommended candidate must receive the affirmative vote of at least sixty percent (60%) of the credentialed delegates registered as present.
- E. If a PSC recommended candidate fails to receive the required sixty percent (60%) vote of the credentialed delegates registered as present, nominations for endorsement may be made from the floor. Any such endorsement must receive sixty (60%) of the credentialed delegates registered as present. If the floor-nominated candidate fails to receive the required sixty (60%), no endorsement will be made in that race.
- F. If the PSC recommends no endorsement, it can be overturned by fifty percent plus one (50% + 1) of the credentialed delegates registered as present.
- G. If the delegates overturn a PSC recommendation of no endorsement under Section E of this guideline, any motions from the floor to endorse a candidate must obtain a vote of sixty percent (60%) of the credentialed delegates registered as present.

Section Three

Officers'

Reports



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2026 Conference Report President Jay McDonald

Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to welcome you to the 90th Annual Conference of the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio, the oldest State Lodge in the Fraternal Order of Police. Thank you for serving as delegates and alternates at this conference and for doing the important work of the Order.

I also want to thank the members of the 8th District for hosting our members and, as always, doing an outstanding job coordinating this conference.

VIOLENCE AGAINST POLICE

Since July 17, 2025, when we last met as a State Conference, through July 1, 2026, when this report was submitted, 103 of our Brothers and Sisters have died in the line of duty.

In 2025, 43 officers were killed by gunfire, eight by vehicular assault, and 23 in vehicle crashes. These numbers tell part of the story of the violence directed toward our members—but they do not tell the whole story. The number of officers who are shot and survive these attacks continues to rise.

As of July 1, the National FOP reported that 166 officers had been shot in the line of duty in 2026, including 36 in ambush-style attacks. During the first five months of the year, 21 American law enforcement officers were killed by gunfire. In 2025, a total of 347 officers were shot in the line of duty.

I was honored to attend both the Ohio and National memorial services for our Brothers and Sisters who died in the line of duty in 2025. The FOP of Ohio was

also well represented at the funeral of Trooper Nicholas Cayton, who was killed in a traffic crash on October 16, 2025.

The State of Ohio memorialized the following officers during the 38th Annual Ohio Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony:

Nicholas P. Cayton – Ohio State Highway Patrol

Larry Henderson – Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Daniel Weston Sherrer – Morrow County Sheriff's Office

Phillip Wagner – Lorain Police Department

More than 100 police vehicles participated in our Memorial Motorcade on May 7 to honor these fallen officers. I am grateful to everyone who participated.

I also want to thank all of our local lodges that held memorial services, fulfilling our promise that we will never forget the sacrifices made by our fallen Brothers and Sisters in service to their communities.

THIN BLUE LINE BENEFITS

I want to begin by thanking State FOP Secretary Travis Parker for all of his work assisting members who experienced issues with Thin Blue Line Benefits (TBL). Secretary Parker served as the primary point of contact between our members and TBL regarding complaints received by the FOP of Ohio.

Below is a timeline of events regarding our members' complaints about TBL and our response:

- The marketing agreement between the FOP of Ohio and TBL was approved by the delegates at the 2023 Sandusky Conference.
- We began receiving complaints in the fall of 2024.
- We invited TBL representatives to address our Board and members at the January Board meeting to answer questions and help us better understand the issues. Complaints continued.

- We met with TBL representatives in Nashville in February 2025. Complaints continued.
- The Ohio FOP and National FOP met with TBL in Salt Lake City in March 2025. Complaints continued.
- We worked with OP-F in April to ensure that members negatively impacted could switch coverage without penalty if they met certain federal eligibility requirements.
- At the next Ohio FOP Board meeting, the Board voted to terminate the marketing agreement, effective in early May.
- The marketing agreement officially ended in early June 2025.
- On June 24, 2025, the Ohio Attorney General filed a motion in Franklin County Common Pleas Court seeking a temporary restraining order against Thin Blue Line Benefits Association. The court granted the TRO on June 25.
- On July 15, 2025, the court issued an injunction prohibiting TBL from conducting business in Ohio.
- On December 15, 2025, the court appointed Ohio Department of Insurance Commissioner Judith French as Liquidator for the premiums paid by Ohio customers of TBL.
- On June 17, 2026, the State of Ohio filed a motion asking the court to require TBL to show cause why it should not be held in contempt after funds seized pursuant to court order were discovered to be missing.
- Since the June 17th court filing, the FOP of Ohio has worked with the Governor's Office, Ohio Attorney General Andy Wilson, the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and other state and federal regulators and law enforcement agencies. We have also involved the National FOP in these discussions.
- The FOP of Ohio notified its membership on June 25, 2026.
- We continue to advocate for our members and remain committed to ensuring they receive the benefits for which they paid.

PROTECT OHIO POLICE

On June 5, 2025, the FOP of Ohio held a historic press conference to launch a new initiative called Protect Ohio Police. This initiative was created in response to the alarming increase in violence directed toward our members during the month of May of 2025.

We have continued to advance this initiative by aggressively pursuing legislative action.

- House Bill 20 has been signed into law, creating a HALO-style law in Ohio to better protect first responders.
- Senate Bill 321 has passed the Ohio Senate and is on the verge of passage in the Ohio House. This legislation authorizes state law enforcement officers employed by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities to carry firearms while performing their duties.
- The Larry Henderson Act has passed the Ohio House and has received two hearings in the Ohio Senate. This legislation provides that the only penalties available upon conviction for the aggravated murder of a law enforcement officer are death or life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.
- We have also created the Hall of Shame, highlighting five local elected officials whose actions or statements have been detrimental to law enforcement and public safety.

PASSING PTSI LEGISLATION

The FOP of Ohio has been the true leader in trying to obtain treatment of first responders who suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Injuries in Ohio. Since around 2011, the FOP of Ohio has been seeking a legislative fix to this issue, placing us at the forefront of organizations across the nation.

From 2013 to 2019, we could pass our bill through the House, but it died in the Senate or vice versa. Our opposition was always the business groups like the Chamber of Commerce who were afraid that the benefit would be applied to private sector workers. The Ohio Municipal League and the County Commissioners Association also always tried to block the legislation, claiming it to be an unfunded mandate.

In 2020, we had Rep. Tom Patton and Rep. Bridgid Kelly introduce HB 308 and this bill provided PTSI benefits through the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, and it passed the House overwhelmingly. However, when the bill got to the Senate, it was changed. While still a significant step forward because it recognized in law the need for treatment, it did not provide any. It created a fund and directed a study to be completed by the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund on the issue. This bill was signed by Governor DeWine in 2021.

In 2025, the FOP of Ohio and our partners, the Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters, switched tactics. We agreed to explore funding treatment outside of the Bureau or Workers' Compensation for the first time and this plan allowed us to get support from the business community and the employer groups for the first time. We attempted to get revenue from the taxes on recreational marijuana through the budget implementation bill, House Bill 184. Through intense negotiation, we were able to secure \$40 million of state general fund dollars to go into the fund created by HB 308 in 2020 and agreed to work out the details of how to obtain treatment before July 1, 2026.

In June of 2026, we had been working with Rep. Haraz Ghanbari, Rep. Cindy Abrams and Rep. Tom Patton to place an amendment into SB 321 that would detail the mechanism to obtain treatment. Again, at the last minute and through strenuous negotiation, the amendment was placed into another bill that contained budget corrections and that bill was passed. Gover DeWine signed the bill on June 24, 2026.

The bill creates a post-traumatic stress fund commission made up of a member of the fraternal organization representing police officers (us) and that person will be appointed by the Speaker of the House; a firefighter appointed by the Senate President; a mental health professional appointed by the Governor; the administrator of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation and the Chair of the commission will be the Administrator of the Department of Behavioral Health. The Director of the Office of Management and Budget will be a non-voting member as well. The Commission will be housed at the Department of Behavioral Health.

The law also outlines what the fund will cover and for whom.

Who and what is eligible:

- A qualified public safety officer at the time of the application. That means no retirees, no communications officers and no corrections as we understand the law.
- A person who has been diagnosed with PTSI without an accompanying physical injury as a result of the individual's duties
- A person who applies for reimbursement from the fund.
- There is generally a maximum cap of \$50k available to each person for reimbursement
- Reimbursements will be made for initial diagnosis; counseling or therapy; medication; mental health facility expenses; in-patient or out-patient treatment.

The law also expressly prohibits discharge, demotion, or any punitive action taken against someone seeking reimbursement from their employer.

This is a major accomplishment for the FOP of Ohio. I believe that this law will ultimately save lives. We can never know how many or which ones, but we can be confident that it will save lives.

It is not the very best-case scenario. It does not cover every single person who maybe it should. It is not included in BWC and that would be best. However, no piece of legislation is perfect, and this is way better than what we had before passing this legislation.

A lot of legislators helped with this: We mentioned Reps. Ghanbari and Abrams and Senator Tom Patton. I told Senator Patton that he is the father of this signature legislation, and I believe that. There have been many who have outwardly supported us and we are very grateful for their support.

Many FOP leaders have worked on passing this legislation and they are to be congratulated as well. By no means is this success limited to this administration.

FOP OF OHIO 2025–2026 LEGISLATIVE GOALS

With the start of the new General Assembly, the Legislative Committee established the following priorities for the 2025–2026 legislative session:

Equalize employer contributions to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund. This proposal has been introduced as House Bill 280. Status: *Pending*.

Establish a DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) for members of the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). This proposal has been introduced as House Bill 73. Correcting transfer credit issues for OPERS members also remains a priority. Status: *Pending*.

Authorize state law enforcement officers employed by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to carry firearms while performing their duties. Status: *Pending*.

Provide funding for PTSD treatment for first responders using revenue generated from adult-use marijuana taxes. Status: **PASSED — Funding was ultimately secured through General Revenue Fund appropriations.**

Establish reasonable guardrails for civilian review boards, including background check requirements, mandatory use-of-force training, and other accountability measures. Status: *Pending*.

Ensure due process protections for members placed on Brady lists. Status: *Pending*.

Please refer to the Legislative Report included in this conference packet for additional information on legislation the FOP of Ohio is supporting or opposing.

NFOP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

We spend a great deal of time discussing the legislative efforts of the FOP of Ohio, but we often spend less time highlighting the important work being done at the federal level. As of July 1, 2026, the following is an update on Ohio's support for the National Fraternal Order of Police's legislative priorities.

Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act (H.R. 1505 / S. 636)

U.S. House: 65 co-sponsors. Ohio co-sponsors include Representatives **Greg Landsman and Marcy Kaptur**.

U.S. Senate: One co-sponsor. Neither Ohio senator has signed onto the bill.

Law Enforcement Officer Equity Act (H.R. 3226)

U.S. House: 71 co-sponsors. Ohio co-sponsors include Representatives **Mike Turner, Greg Landsman, and Marcy Kaptur**.

U.S. Senate: Legislation has not yet been introduced.

Protect and Serve Act (H.R. 1551 / S. 167)

U.S. House: 117 co-sponsors. Ohio co-sponsors include **Representatives Troy Balderson, Mike Carey, Greg Landsman, Max Miller, Michael Rulli, Marcy Kaptur, and Mike Turner**.

U.S. Senate: 25 co-sponsors, including **Senators Bernie Moreno and Jon Husted**.

LEOSA Reform Act (H.R. 2243 / S. 679) — PASSED THE U.S. HOUSE

U.S. House: Ohio members voting YES included **Representatives Troy Balderson, Mike Carey, Warren Davidson, Jim Jordan, Dave Joyce, Marcy Kaptur, Greg Landsman, Bob Latta, Max Miller, Emilia Sykes, Mike Turner, and Brad Wenstrup**. Ohio members voting NO included Representatives Joyce Beatty and Shontel Brown.

U.S. Senate: Eight co-sponsors. Senators Moreno and Husted have indicated their support but have not yet signed onto the legislation.

HELPER Act (H.R. 2094 / S. 978)

U.S. House: 144 co-sponsors. Ohio co-sponsors include Representatives **Shontel Brown, Mike Carey, Marcy Kaptur, Max Miller, Emilia Sykes, and Mike Turner**.

U.S. Senate: 25 co-sponsors. Neither Ohio senator has signed onto the bill.

Expanding Health Care Options for First Responders Act - The FOP of Ohio worked with Representative **Greg Landsman** to introduce this legislation, which would expand health care options for first responders. The bill currently has five co-sponsors, including Representative **Marcy Kaptur** of Ohio. A companion bill has been introduced in the U.S. Senate but has not yet attracted any co-sponsors.

QUALIFIED IMMUNITY

Proponents of eliminating qualified immunity must collect 413,487 valid signatures from at least 44 Ohio counties to qualify for the statewide ballot. The group did not submit signatures for validation in time to qualify for the 2026 ballot. They have announced their intention to pursue ballot access in 2027.

If the proposal qualifies for the ballot, we will follow the successful strategy we used during the Senate Bill 5 campaign.

Our Strategy

1. Build Coalitions

We continue to strengthen partnerships with organized labor, police and fire organizations, the Ohio Mayors Alliance, elected officials, and other organizations that have committed to working with us to defeat this proposal.

2. Engage Experts

Our communications team, including Bob Paduchik, remains engaged and prepared for the campaign ahead.

In the meantime, local lodges should:

- Continue building their social media presence.
- Grow email and text message databases.
- Develop fundraising plans and financial resources.
- Encourage members to register to vote and remain engaged.

Where the FOP of Ohio Stands Today

- The FOP of Ohio War Chest continues to grow and has been building since the Senate Bill 5 campaign.
- We will continue expanding our social media presence to reach more members and the public.
- We will work with local lodges to significantly increase our email and mobile app databases.

Messaging

Until polling and message testing suggest otherwise, our core messaging remains:

- *Eliminating qualified immunity will raise taxes, increase crime, and reduce the number of people willing to serve their communities as public employees.*
- *Eliminating qualified immunity affects far more than law enforcement—it also impacts teachers, firefighters, EMS personnel, and other public employees who serve Ohio's communities.*

It is important to remember that there are two distinct audiences for our messaging:

- *To our members: Explain how eliminating qualified immunity directly affects them so they fully understand the risks.*
- *To the public: Focus our messaging on how eliminating qualified immunity would negatively impact the entire community—not just law enforcement.*

PROPERTY TAX ABOLITION

Proponents of eliminating all property taxes must collect 413,487 valid signatures from at least 44 Ohio counties to qualify for the statewide ballot. They fell short of that requirement in 2026 and have announced plans to pursue ballot access in 2027.

Approximately 100 township police departments in Ohio rely almost entirely on property tax revenue to operate. In addition, roughly 400 township fire departments—including many that provide fire and EMS services to municipalities—would be severely impacted by the complete elimination of property taxes.

Eliminating property taxes without a replacement funding source would remove approximately \$20 billion from public services across Ohio. Every one of our employers receives some level of property tax revenue, and eliminating that funding without a viable alternative would create a significant fiscal crisis for our state and threaten the delivery of essential public safety services.

The proposal has been opposed by both major gubernatorial candidates, as well as statewide candidates from both political parties, because of the enormous fiscal risks it presents.

ATTACKS ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Lastly, it would not be a Jay McDonald report if I did not discuss Right to Work and collective bargaining.

We must always remain vigilant in protecting our union rights. The Buckeye Institute, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), and other anti-union organizations continue to promote legislation designed to weaken organized labor, including:

Senate Bill 1, which has been signed into law. According to We Are Ohio, SB 1 represents the most significant attack on workers' rights since Senate Bill 5. The law prohibits strikes and limits collective bargaining subjects for unionized employees at Ohio's public colleges and universities.

Senate Bill 8 (Senator Steve Huffman, R-Tipp City), which would eliminate release time for public employee unions. This proposal is a solution in search of a problem and was not requested by any public employer. It is modeled after legislation enacted in Arizona in 2022.

House Bill 965, introduced by Representative Levi Dean (R-Xenia), which would prohibit public employees from being required to pay dues or fees to an employee organization.

President Trump's executive order invoking national security provisions of the Civil Service Reform Act to eliminate collective bargaining rights for approximately one million federal employees. The order terminates existing contracts, ends grievance processing, and halts dues collection across numerous federal agencies.

West Virginia enacted legislation eliminating civil service protections and grievance procedures for newly hired state employees.

Utah enacted a Senate Bill 5-style law eliminating collective bargaining rights for public employees. Public employees responded by forming the Protect Utah Workers coalition and collecting enough signatures to place the issue before voters. Ultimately, the governor abandoned the effort to strip workers of their collective bargaining rights.

ALEC's 2025 Essential Policy Solutions continues to promote model legislation designed to weaken organized labor by defunding public-sector unions, preempting local labor laws, reducing occupational regulations, and expanding the use of independent contractors.

Among the model bills ALEC continues to promote are the Union Recertification Act, first adopted in 2018 to make it more difficult for public employees to maintain union representation, and the Fair and Accountable Public Sector Authority Act, adopted in 2021 to eliminate collective bargaining for public employees. The fact that ALEC continues to advance these proposals year after year demonstrates that they remain a serious threat to organized labor.

Right-to-work legislation modeled after ALEC proposals was introduced this year in New Hampshire (HB 238), Maine (LD 187), and Montana (SB LC4333). None of these bills became law. In Virginia, lawmakers also considered a constitutional amendment to establish right-to-work protections, but that proposal was defeated in the Virginia Senate.

Bills prohibiting automatic payroll deduction of union dues—another long-standing ALEC priority already enacted in states such as Florida, Arkansas, and Kentucky—were introduced this year in North Carolina (SB 47) and Montana (SB 277). Neither proposal was successful.

Americans for Prosperity (AFP) and ALEC continue to support these types of legislative efforts across the country. AFP also supported the successful campaign to eliminate qualified immunity in New Mexico.

Many states have attempted to divide organized labor by exempting public safety employees from legislation that weakens unions. While I appreciate that our members are sometimes spared from the immediate effects of these proposals, those exemptions are a slippery slope that ultimately isolate public safety unions from the broader labor movement. Organized labor is strongest when we stand together.

Always remember: Right to Work is WRONG!

LEADERSHIP GOALS

I remain proud to fight every day for the members of the Fraternal Order of Police in the Buckeye State. It is an honor to defend law enforcement officers and to stand up and speak out on behalf of the men and women who serve our communities. That commitment has never wavered, and there have been plenty of opportunities to fulfill it since our conference last year.

I promised the members of the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio that your State Lodge would be more active, more aggressive, and more communicative. I believe the record demonstrates that we have kept those promises.

During the past year, members of the State Lodge Executive Board have attended local lodge meetings in every district and every corner of Ohio. We have expanded the role of our Trustees by sending them to National FOP conferences and training programs. We have participated in local lodge meetings, memorial services, community events, and fundraisers throughout the state. Without question, we have become a more active organization.

We have also been more aggressive in standing up for our Brothers and Sisters. We have pursued meaningful legislation, defended our members, and supported local lodges whenever we have been asked.

Finally, we have dramatically increased communication with our membership. We launched regular video updates, instituted a monthly newsletter, and expanded email communications. During the past year alone, the FOP of Ohio Facebook generated 3,917,498 views, allowing us to reach more members and more Ohioans than ever before.

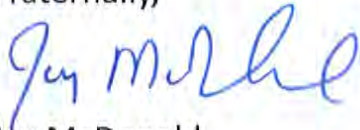
IN CONCLUSION

I want to thank my fellow members of the FOP of Ohio Board of Trustees. It is an honor to work alongside each of them on behalf of our membership.

I also want to express my sincere appreciation to our outstanding staff. They work tirelessly every day for our members, and I am grateful for their dedication and commitment to this organization.

Finally, I want to thank the local FOP leaders who accept the difficult responsibility of representing our members within their own departments. They often assume these leadership roles at great personal and professional sacrifice. Local lodge leaders perform the most important work in our organization—serving the men and women who protect our communities—and they deserve our deepest gratitude and unwavering support.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay McDonald", is written over the printed name.

Jay McDonald
President



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Brothers & Sisters,

Welcome to Independence and to the 90th Annual FOP of Ohio State Conference. I look forward to conducting the business of the State Lodge over the next few days and more so than that, to catching up with all of you. The work we will do is critical to our organization and it is important that we stand united at the close of business. I want to thank the 8th District and Trustee Steve Fioritto, who is our Conference Chair, for all of their hard work and dedication as our hosts.

From the time we left Cincinnati last July, the members of your Executive Board has been extremely busy. For my part, I have been in attendance at local lodge meetings from Conneaut to Cincinnati; Toledo to Athens, and everywhere in between. It has been quite amazing to get out and meet, in person, our members throughout Ohio, enjoying their hospitality and seeing how individual lodges differ from one another while accomplishing the same goals. Local lodge leaders and their members are the heart and soul of this organization who always make me feel welcome and are truly dedicated to our mission.

OPERS (Ohio Public Employees Retirement System)

After being endorsed by this body at last year's conference I ran for the Ohio county employee's trustee seat on the OPERS Executive Board. There has never been a law enforcement officer represented on that board. OPERS does not make running for these seats easy at all, which is par for the course for them in their efforts to keep the status quo. The deadlines were very tight and their rules governing campaign material and behavior are very strict. But our members across this state stepped up to help as only they could. I was given less than three (3) weeks to collect five hundred (500) signatures from current active county employees across Ohio, which had to be represented from a minimum of 10 counties with at least 20 signatures from each of those counties. With help from our FOP family, I was able to submit over 1,000 signatures from 21 counties, along with the mandatory affidavits and campaign finance materials. I was formally placed on the ballot on August 19, 2025. All campaign material had to wait until that date to be submitted to OPERS legal counsel, who had to greenlight everything and took 3 days to do so. Ballots were mailed out by OPERS on August 26, 2025, so we had an extremely tight window to campaign. But through email blasts, social media posts, phone calls and in-person visits, I feel we ran a great campaign. There are over 86,000 active county employees throughout Ohio and I lost to a two-term incumbent by less than 500 votes. Now that we know the procedures for this specific kind of election, the FOP of Ohio should actively recruit and support our members to run for these positions whenever feasible.

OPERS ended 2025 with a defined benefit funded ratio of 82 percent, and an unfunded actuarial accrued liability amortization period of 17 years, as confirmed by an external actuary for the 2025 actuarial valuation. Both measures are based on the funding, or smoothed, value of assets. The funded ratio measures the funding value of assets against our accrued liabilities. The goal is to be 100 percent funded or more. The valuation helps determine the number of years required to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities (i.e., debt) given the established contribution rates and assumed investment return. This amortization period generally reflects the time in which OPERS is projected to pay off its unfunded accrued liabilities, based upon the funding assumptions. Ohio state law requires that period to be 30 years or fewer. The purpose of the actuarial valuation is to measure the financial position of OPERS' defined-benefit program. It also assists the Board in establishing employer and member contribution rates, subject to statutory limits, and in determining the employer contribution rate allocation between pensions and health care. The funding value



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of assets is a separate measure that smooths out recent investment experience. It recognizes the difference between OPERS' actual market return and the assumed return over a four-year, rolling basis. The funding value of assets at the end of 2025 was \$107.1 billion, and the funding value rate of return was 5.0%. The funded ratio declined and the amortization years increased despite the double-digit investment returns mostly because of the double-digit negative investment return in 2022 – OPERS smooths returns over four years, so that negative experience in 2022 will not carry over to further years. The system's investment return in 2025 was 14.7%, which exceeded the assumed investment rate of return of 6.9%. The market value of the Defined Benefit Fund at the end of 2025 was \$114.2 billion. Unofficially, the market value of assets as of May 26, 2026 were \$120.6 million (Defined Benefit Fund) and just under \$16 billion (Health Care Trust Fund) with a year-to-date return of 6.57% (DB) and 7.78% (Health Care).

OPPC (Ohio Public Pensions Coalition)

President McDonald, Director of Government Affairs, Mike Weinman and I have joined with other public sector union leaders from throughout Ohio in a group called the *Ohio Public Pensions Coalition* (OPPC). The purpose of this group is similar in nature to what "We Are Ohio" was during the fight against Senate Bill 5. However, this group has a more narrow focus, with maintaining the sovereignty and solvency of Ohio's 5 public pension systems. There are several bills in the legislature that can be deemed detrimental to the pension systems and this coalition has come together in a united front to combat those changes. We have monthly meetings where we discuss strategy, updates on pending bills and what is being done to proactively influence opinion, such as online media and videos.

Committees

- Foundation Committee

We have been extremely active in growing our Foundation. This past year saw the addition of Alex Zoldan, Vice-President of Phantom Fireworks, to our Foundation board. Alex provided the tickets to the Cleveland Guardians and the fireworks from our most recent raffle fundraiser. We look forward to all of the good work we will be able to do together to benefit our Foundation, and the mission behind it. We are working with the Cleveland Browns to see if they will sponsor a "First Responders" appreciation game, where our members will hold the field-size flag during the National Anthem and get to attend the game. We are also attempting to see if the Browns will allow us to be a beneficiary of their 50/50 raffle during that game. President McDonald is also actively working to add Dan Ponton, CEO and President of Roosters Restaurants, to the board. Rob Hawley continues his outstanding performance as our fundraising coordinator and I can tell you firsthand how dedicated he is to our members and our mission.

- Legislative Committee

As part of the State FOP Legislative Committee, I have taken part in advocating for many of the bills that we support and continue to support, to include the employer contribution increases for the Police & Fire Pension, adding a DROP benefit for our OPERS members, arming our brothers and sisters who work for certain state agencies, juvenile justice reform, the HALO bill, the Larry Henderson Act and our efforts regarding Post-Traumatic Stress treatment. I gave proponent testimony for the pending DROP benefit for OPERS members to the House Committee this past October.



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- Recruitment Committee

President McDonald and I were named to the National Recruitment Committee where we have attended virtual meetings and have helped to slate the agenda as part of the Grand Lodge's efforts to increase membership. We have also met with the Toledo Patrolman's Association, the Toledo Ranking Officer's Association and the Cleveland Police Patrolman's Association in an effort to bring them into the FOP. President McDonald and I also met with Deputies from the Lucas County Sheriff's Office. They are a relatively new Ohio Labor Council Unit and we have been successful in getting them to join Lodge #40 in Toledo.

- Benefits Committee

I entertain solicitations from multiple companies and organizations from around the country who have the desire to do business with the FOP of Ohio. The ones that I believe may be beneficial to our members are passed to 5th District Trustee Jeff Spires, who is the Chairman of our Benefits Committee. Jeff does an outstanding job in this role, especially with all of the negativity we have experienced with Thin Blue Line. Please see Trustee Spires for more information regarding the Benefits Committee.

- Political Screening

On June 8th, 9th and 10th, I sat in on the interviews conducted by our Political Screening Committee. This was indeed a critical and interesting process. My hat goes off to the members of this committee, who take the time to scrutinize each candidate, ask the tough questions and represent the Fraternal Order of Police in the most professional way possible. Committee Chair Virgil McDaniel is outstanding in this role, he demands excellence from the rest of the committee and commands the respect of the candidates and all the rest of us. I look forward to their report and to this body making the decisions on which candidates will be fortunate enough to receive the endorsement of the FOP of Ohio.

- Fallen Officers Memorial Committee

I attended the Ohio Fallen Officers Memorial on May 7th in London, Ohio. Our procession, which took off from our State Office in Downtown, Columbus, was one of the largest I have seen to date. Special thanks to 11th District Trustee Kevin Davis, who organized all of the officers and marked units from all over Ohio. He is truly dedicated to this event, this organization and to the importance of never forgetting our fallen Brothers and Sisters. I also attended Police Week in Washington DC this past May. 2026 has been another year where our State Secretary Travis Parker serves on the National Fallen Officers Committee. A tremendous amount of work goes into this event, and I know no one more dedicated to this initiative than Travis. He takes this solemn responsibility extremely seriously, puts in countless hours making sure this event is special to the families of the fallen and to our Brothers and sisters who attend and he makes all of us proud.



Vice-President 12 Month Re-Cap

- August 2025
 - Attended the National FOP Conference in Miami, Florida
 - Attended the Ohio Labor Council's annual retreat
- September 2025
 - Met with the Toledo Patrolman's Association in a recruitment effort
 - Met with the Toledo Ranking Officer's Association in a recruitment effort
 - Met with the Cleveland Police Patrolman's Association in a recruitment effort
 - Met with local, state and federal law enforcement officers from throughout Northern Ohio who are assigned to US Marshall Task Forces, with US Marshal Pete Elliot (FOP member) in a recruitment effort
- October 2025
 - Gave proponent testimony to the House Committee regarding HB73 – DROP for OPERS
 - Attended the FOP Women's Conference
- November 2025
 - Attended training put on by Brother Robert Meader (Retired Columbus Division of Police Commander) – Brother Meader is a true professional, his training classes are excellent and it is readily apparent how much he cares for our members and our mission
- December 2025
 - Attended Governor DeWine's official signing of an amended budget bill that allocated \$40 million in funding for our PTSI initiative
- January 2026
 - Attended a fundraiser in Michigan for FOP of Michigan Vice-President John Marasco, who is currently fight, and BEATING, pancreatic cancer – John is the definition of courage and resilience
 - Attended our State Winter Board Meeting
 - Attended meetings with the Lucas County Sheriff's Office Deputies where they have been joining Lodge #40
- February 2026
 - Organized and attended Day on the Hill in Washington DC
- March 2026
 - Attended a meeting with Brother Dan Ozbolt and 8th District Trustee Steve Fioritto where we have been attempting to recruit the Deputies from Cuyahoga County to join both the OLC and the FOP
 - Attended our Lobby Day
 - Attended a meeting with OPERS Executive Director Karen Carraher, along with Sister Brook Cano, Brother Ryan Emahiser and Brother Ricky DePuccio to discuss OPERS' opposition to DROP



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- April 2026
 - Attended the National State Presidents and National Trustees Meeting in Anaheim, California with our State Treasurer and Ohio National Trustee Greg Toyneas, 9th District Trustee John Halusek, Lodge 9 President Brian Steel and Lodge 69 President Ken Kober
- May 2026
 - Attended our State Fallen Officers Memorial in London, Ohio
 - Attended Police Week in Washington DC
 - Attended local Fallen Officer Memorials in Akron, Canton, Marion, Mansfield, Columbus and Youngstown
- June 2026
 - Attended the candidate interviews conducted by our Political Screening Committee
 - Attended the FOP of Michigan State Conference

Over the course of the past 12 months, I have attended several local lodge meetings. Some of these include Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland, Akron, Dayton, Euclid, Western Lake, Hamilton, Mahoning County, Youngstown, Zanesville, Greater Cuyahoga, Eastern Hamilton, Athens, Munroe County, Parma, Conneaut, Steubenville and Clermont County. We truly have the most outstanding and dedicated members and it is great to see how dedicated they are to the Fraternal Order of Police.

In closing, I want to thank all you for the opportunity to serve as your Vice-President the past 2 years. It has truly been honor and one that I hope you'll allow me to continue doing. I would be remiss if I did not thank our staff at the State FOP. These individuals are true professionals who care deeply for our members, our mission and our service.

Stay Safe & God Bless,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T.J.'.

T.J.



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State Conference Report 2026

Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the 2026 Ohio FOP Conference in Independence, Ohio! I would like to thank the members of the 8th District and Conference Committee Chair Steve Fioritto for hosting our 90th FOP Conference. I have attended their planning meetings, so I know how much work has gone into preparing for this event. I know we are in store for a productive and entertaining conference. Thank you all!

In the Ohio FOP office, we continue to look for ways to make our organization more effective and efficient. One big change you have noticed is how registration and credentialing for our conference is different this year. We conducted registration for the conference using the Event Create website. We began working with that software earlier this year for our Lobby Day event and also our Spring Board Meeting. To prepare for this conference, which is our largest event, we sent Peggy and Diane to the Michigan State FOP Conference in June where they use the same technology. Peggy and Diane assisted with registration to prepare for our first conference using the system. We will evaluate how things went after this conference is over. Most likely, we will continue to use this system for our different events (Lobby Day, Board Meetings, Women's Conference, etc.)

Another change we are considering entails a change in the way we record our minutes for our meetings and conferences. Traditionally at the conference, we have a court reporter transcribe our minutes. The National FOP has been using a digital recording device to do this function at the National Conference for many years. After discussing this with National Secretary Jimmy Holderfield and the National FOP staff, we are testing the equipment at this year's conference. We will see if this process will work for our needs going into the future.

Continuing the theme of change, last year, the National FOP switched to a new Membership Database referred to as AA. The system was very different from the old Velarium system. I know from speaking with local lodge secretaries from around the state that the transition was a big change. To be blunt, most secretaries were not happy with the new system. There were conversations throughout the year at the National level about the new system and some of the shortcomings. At the National FOP Spring Board Meeting this year, the Board voted to change to a different system (which will be Ortu3). It was good to see our National Board take the input from members across the country and change directions. I think that is a hallmark of good leadership. Too often people are afraid to

change courses when things are not working well. As I am writing this report, we just received an email from the National FOP that Ohio will be switching over to the new system right after the 4th of July. My hope is that the Ortu3 Database is more user friendly than the AA system. As always, if anyone needs any help with the transition, please reach out to Denise Young or me at the State Office.

As a member of our State Legislative Committee, one of my duties has been to coordinate our Lobby Day event. Our Lobby Day this year was held on March 11, 2026. We had 46 members attend from around the State of Ohio. We had 77 meetings with members of the House that day and we had 25 meetings with our Senators. The following week, Mike Weinman, Bob Paduchik and I met with Speaker of the House Matt Huffman. In the end, we met with 79% of the members of the House and 76% of the members of the Senate. This event is a major key to our success at the Statehouse. Our committee works year-round and does an incredible job, but what pushes things over the top is when FOP members from a Representative or Senator's voting district sit down with them to talk about the importance of these bills. Thank you to everyone who attended Lobby Day this year. Please consider attending the next one. Our success depends on it.

It continues to be my honor to serve as a member of the National Memorial Committee. I work on the Credentialing Sub-Committee as well as coordinating the on-site media on the day of the service. Also on the National Memorial Committee are Linda Hennie and Cherie Siehl from the Dayton FOP Auxiliary. Cherie Siehl is responsible for the logistics for the survivor families. This year, our board was able to send 3rd District Trustee Tracey Susana to assist Cherie Siehl in Washington D.C. with that enormous task. I encourage everyone to attend the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Service on May 15th at the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C.

Thank you to our FOP Staff! Denise Young, Aaron Crawford, Peggy Middendorf, Diane Fuchs, Georgette Nichols, Mike Weinman, Rob Hawley, and Deirdre DeLong. We are fortunate to have staff that are committed to our organization and care so much about our members!

It is my honor to serve as your Secretary of the Ohio FOP for the past two years. Thank you for the opportunity.

Lastly, I hope each of you enjoy the camaraderie and fellowship of your brothers and sisters this week as we conduct the business of the Ohio Fraternal Order of Police.

Fraternally,

Travis Parker Secretary – Ohio Fraternal Order of Police



Ohio National Trustee and Treasurer

Greetings brothers and sisters, friends and guests,

I attended the 2026 Police Memorial in Washington D.C. and passed medals out to the families of officers killed in the line of duty. It is a special honor, and I was grateful to be there. Four officers from Ohio were honored and they were;

Special Deputy Sheriff Larry R. Henderson Jr. Hamilton County Sheriff Office
Deputy Sheriff Daniel Weston Sherrer Morrow County Sheriff Office
Police Officer Phillip C. Wagner Lorain Police Department
Trooper Nicholas P. Cayton Ohio State Highway Patrol

I attended the Miami conference last August and the board meeting in California in April. I have also been on all the monthly Zoom calls and send those PowerPoints out. If you are not receiving them, please send me an email, not from work, but a personal email address and we will get you added to the list. I have also attended my local lodges retired, e-board and monthly meetings.

Our investments are doing good and our financials are as well too! Thank you to Diane Fuchs, Peggy Middendorf and Denise Young and all the other state-lodge employees for all of their assistance in keeping our lodge running smoothly!

I want to thank all our members who help in their local lodges and on the state and national committees that you volunteer for. Our lodges picnic was held again this year, and the weather was near perfect, which brought out a record number of members and their families. Our picnic committee chairman, Charles Bell, does a great job along with all of our other committees and the members who volunteer!

Again, thank you to everyone for assisting me in this position! If you ever would like me to attend a lodge meeting or event, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. We belong to a great organization!

Fraternally,
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Bill Saringer Second Vice-President Report

July 2, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Welcome to the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio's 90th Annual Conference in Independence, Ohio. Thank you to all my brothers and sisters from the 8th District, FOPA and Auxiliary members and the State staff for assisting in the preparation for this conference.

It is a shame that shortly after last year's conference in Sharonville, the shooting of three Lorain Police Officers, Phillip Wagner, Peter Gale and Brent Payne occurred. Officer Phillip Wagner, losing his life. It seems we have this discussion every year during, near or around conference time. I say it every year and I will say it again. As individual members of the FOP and as a member on the Executive Board, we all must hold elected officials accountable and condemn those who do not rise to the occasion and stand united with the men and women in blue. It is super easy to request our endorsement, but when push comes to shove, do they really check that box. Back in June of 2025, the Ohio FOP during an organized press conference vowed to recruit public officials more supportive of law enforcement. During the endorsement process for this year's elections, our political screening committee needs to really hammer down and due their due diligence. Then once time to vote, it is up to us, the members, to vote for those who truly back the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio and not just ride our coattails. Actions speak louder than words.

We need to continue tracking these politicians once they receive our endorsement. Ensuring those that talk the talk are walking the walk. ProtectOhioPolice.com started the "Hall of Shame": Exploiting those politicians who are nothing but a nuisance to law enforcement.

As of April of 2026, the following are on the Hall of Shame:



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Hall of Shame

Name	Position	Reason
Amy Harcar	City Councilwoman Whitehall	Undermining public safety through illegitimate firings, misconduct, & retaliation.
Iris Poley	Paid Consultant for city of Cincinnati	Harassing multiple Police Officers.
Eric Garrett	Akron City Council	Undermining public safety.
Lori Elmore	City Councilwoman Whitehall	Undermining public safety through illegitimate firings, misconduct, & retaliation.
Michael Bivens	Whitehall Mayor	Undermining public safety through illegitimate firings, misconduct, & retaliation.

I call on all members to reach out to our legislative committee if you feel other politicians need to be on that wall. And do not forget to go to ProtectOhioPolice.com and fill out your information to receive updates and check out the latest hall of shame listings. As our State President has said, "Enough is Enough".

Serving on your Executive Board for numerous years, I want to ensure you that the board and trustees are working hard on your behalf. Since our last conference President McDonald has allowed as many as four individuals on the board to attend FOP functions. Representing the Ohio FOP and/or advocating on behalf of our membership. At the same time, absorbing knowledge to advance our organization forward and continue to be the best organization we can for our membership. The following is just an example of where board members had the opportunity to attend and be present:

- Great Lakes Coalition
- FOP Day on the Hill
- Labor Leadership
- Leadership Matters
- Police Week
- National Spring Board Meeting



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This list may not be all inclusive, but just an example of how your Board represents the membership. Most importantly, collaborating with FOP members from other states, goal-sharing, networking, educating, and gaining knowledge from one another. Pushing the trajectory of this organization in an even better place than it is now while continuing to maintain efficiency.

The State of Ohio Fraternal Order of Police continues to fight for you legislatively. On March 11th of this year, Secretary Parker organized Ohio's FOP Lobby Day. I would like to personally thank Travis for the job well done. Organizing everything this day entails is no small feat. Especially, with all the moving parts. I would also like to thank all the FOP members from around the state who attended. This is a time-consuming event but so important to our organization. I was disappointed that I could not attend this year's event due to a family obligation. I encourage all members reading the conference booklet, if you have never attended a lobby day, it only takes one. After you attend one, you will be hooked. It is not often that you as a member but most importantly as a citizen are in control of the interview with the politicians for your allotted time. Meeting with your state senators and representatives advocating the near and dear issues which are FOP of Ohio priorities which included:

- HB 280: Equalizes employer contributions between police & Fire in the OP&F pension system.
- HB 73: Establish DROP program for OPERS.
- HB 424: Eliminating roadblocks from transferring from one pension system to another.
- SB 321: Arming our sworn officers in the Departments of Mental Health and Addictive Services and Developmental Disabilities.
- Larry Henderson Act.
- Opposing any attempts to weaken collective bargaining.
- Advocating due process for Officers placed on a Brady list.

As far as pension reform, there is no reason why the Association of Mayor's or League of Cities, shouldn't step up to the plate. Our members have upped the ante already and it is now time for the city to do their part. Members have seen their benefits cut while their contribution has increased. We as an organization need to understand and be ready to act when Mayor's turn their backs on us, again, "follow the money".



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Recently, the Ohio FOP and Phantom Fireworks held a raffle benefitting the FOP of Ohio Foundation. I would like to personally like to not only thank those who purchased tickets, but especially those in my home district, District 8. \$9,000.00 raised in realistically less than a month was amazing, Hopefully, next time we can make that \$18,000.00. Looking forward to seeing everyone attending the upcoming FOP of Ohio Foundation Golf Outing on Monday, August 10th at The Golf Club at Little Turtle. Thank you Rob Hawley for what you do for our organization.

Finally, I continue to be a proud member of the Fraternal Order of Police and proud to be on your executive board, representing not only our organization, but you the member. I will always fight for the men and women in blue. If I ever can be of assistance and you need me for anything, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at 440-336-0635 or email me at bsaringer@fopohio.org.

Enjoy the conference and take care of one another because if we don't, who will.

Stay safe Brothers and Sisters,

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**Shari Robertson
Sergeant-at-Arms
2026 FOP State Conference Report**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It has been my pleasure to serve our great membership at the state level for the past four years. I am grateful and honored for the opportunity to work alongside other FOP Board representatives as we continue moving our organization forward. During that time, I have had the privilege of interacting with many of you while we work together to provide the best representation possible and enhance the FOP experience for our membership.

Unfortunately, law enforcement continues to face significant challenges. Staffing levels remain dangerously low across Ohio, creating safety concerns for our members, their families, and the communities they serve. The number of officers being attacked and murdered remains unacceptable, and there is no doubt these realities have affected officers' well-being. As Chair of the Critical Incident Committee, I want to thank CIRS Director Deirdre DeLong for providing numerous training courses throughout the year, as well as supporting our members impacted by critical incidents. I encourage anyone who wishes to participate in a CIRS Unit, or who would like assistance, to reach out to their local teams or contact Deirdre or me. Additional information is available on the FOP of Ohio website and on the FOPOhio App under the "CIRS" tab. I also ask that you support the FOP Foundation in its future efforts to fund our CIRS programming, which is a critical component of the program's success.

Over the past several years, I have seen firsthand how our active-service Brothers and Sisters have been challenged in ways that, at times, caused them to question the value of their oath to their communities. Through that adversity, our membership has continued to stand tall and remain steadfast in the face of constant scrutiny. Fortunately, we are beginning to see a gradual turning of the tide as communities across Ohio and the nation recognize that our honored profession has too often been unfairly attacked and criticized based on false narratives, broad generalizations, and the actions of a few. We continue working persistently to ensure our voices are heard and to help our communities recognize the importance of their support for our members.

At the state level, President McDonald, the FOP Board, and office staff have worked in collaboration with the FOP Ohio Labor Council to provide training, support our Critical Incident Response Service, and represent members throughout Ohio and beyond. Mike Weinman and our legislative team have done a tremendous job advancing legislation that benefits our membership. I am honored to have participated in FOP Lobby Days at the Statehouse and to serve as both your CIRS Committee Chair and FOP Awards Committee Chair. I also had the opportunity to attend the Great Lakes Area Coalition training in Michigan last fall, which focused on officer

wellness and labor issues. These multi-state FOP collaborations strengthen our organization and better equip us to serve our members at the national level.

Over the past two years, this Board has worked collaboratively to improve our financial standing, pass needed legislation, and represent our members at every level. Although my tenure at the state level has not been lengthy, this has been the most active, focused, and well-represented FOP State Board I have had the privilege to serve with. Be assured, your representatives are doing their best to improve this great organization.

It was a privilege to work with Ohio Labor Council Executive Director Gwen Callender and her staff, along with the FOP state office staff, to bring back the Women's Training Conference in October 2025. This one-day educational training focused on wellness and the aftermath of critical incidents. Capital City Lodge 9 graciously hosted the event, which drew nearly 50 attendees. Over the past few months, we have raised funding for this year's Women's Training Conference, which will again be hosted by Capital City Lodge 9 and is scheduled for October 28th.

I want to say thank you to all the FOP and FOP-OLC office staff who have provided service, support, and advice over the past year to me, our members, and our staff. I appreciate their professionalism and their willingness to step up whenever help is needed. Rest assured, your state FOP and FOP-OLC office is in excellent hands.

I also want to thank my District 8 Brothers and Sisters for the hard work that went into this year's conference. Their efforts helped provide delegates, alternates, members, and guests with an opportunity to network, address the issues currently facing our membership, and celebrate the Fraternal Order we proudly represent.

Brothers and Sisters, we must continue working together to find solutions that improve the daily conditions our members face. We are your voice, and we must ensure that voice is heard to facilitate positive change. As we move forward, we must remain focused on practical ways to work through these challenges and achieve better outcomes for the members who serve their communities every day. I am proud of our Brothers and Sisters for their continued dedication to their communities and to one another. With your blessing, I look forward to continuing to work with the FOP State Board and our members to improve the conditions of law enforcement in Ohio. In closing, I want to thank the members of the FOPA who continue to advocate on our behalf. We appreciate your dedication to our members and our mission.

Stay Safe!

Fraternally,

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1st District Trustee

Brian Armstead

Last year, I began my report writing about the passing of a brother from Lodge #7. This morning, I write to you again with a heavy heart. I woke again this morning to the news of officers from the Rittman Police Department and a K9 from Wayne County who were involved in a terrible incident with an armed suspect. I worked with Brother Kurzinsky and others to arrange the escort of our fallen brother from Akron back to Rittman. Tragedies are never scheduled. Somehow, we are always able to rise to the occasion when the unthinkable happens and provide resources during these hard times. This is a testament to the FOP and the strong relationships that are built within the FOP.

If you are a leader in your local lodge, it is imperative that the State Lodge have accurate information for your president, secretary and when you are normally meeting. As you probably have heard from President McDonald, the lodge is pushing out information on a regular basis. Accurate contact information is the best way for us to do that.

I want to thank all of you who welcomed me to your lodges over the past year. Whether it was a business meeting or an installation, I certainly enjoyed connecting with you all in between conferences. I am proud to have sworn in police recruits, FOP and FOPA executive boards. I am also proud to have worked closely with Summit County Deputies Lodge 139 as they have worked to completely update their constitution and bylaws.

Stay safe, watch each other's backs and never forget that unity is the key to success.

Fraternally,

Brian Armstead.

Second District Trustee Report

Trustee David Kurzinsky

Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the 90th Annual State Conference of the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio. It is always a pleasure to return to Independence, and I look forward to this event.

Each May, we pause to honor our fallen brothers and sisters who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their communities. It is humbling to see so many of our members take time to remember them through local ceremonies, the memorial motorcade in London, Ohio, and the national observances in Washington, D.C. Their presence at these events reflects the deep respect, loyalty, and commitment that define the FOP and remind us that those we have lost will never be forgotten.

Lobby Day was another success, and it was encouraging to see such strong participation from our district. Among the FOP's many accomplishments, the passage of Post-Traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI) legislation into law this year stands out as one of the most significant. These continued successes are strong examples we can share with prospective members when they ask what the FOP can do for them.

The Second District's newest lodge, Monroe Lodge 216, has embraced its role with enthusiasm. From raffles to BBQ events, its members have stayed active and engaged, which is always great to see.

Lodges across the Second District continue to be highly active, strengthening both our organization and our profession. Their dedication to their communities often goes unnoticed, but it makes a meaningful difference. Programs such as Shop with a Cop demonstrate that our members continue serving their communities even while off duty.

The FOP is the finest law enforcement organization, and it is an honor and privilege to serve as your Second District Trustee. Please feel free to contact me with any issues or questions. I will do all I can to support the members of the FOP.

Fraternally,

David Kurzinsky
FOP Second District Trustee
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Welcome to the 90th Annual State Conference Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio. On behalf of the delegates from the 3rd District, I want to thank the Brothers and Sisters of the 8th District for hosting this conference and for the great hospitality we experience every time we are in Independence.

As we all know, it has been a very difficult and trying year with all the attacks on law enforcement both throughout the country and right here in Ohio. During all of this, our membership has stayed strong and our FOP state leaders have been present to assist in any way possible whether it be financially or making statements supporting our officers. I had the honor to be present for Lorain Lodge #3 in their time of need and want to thank the other members who volunteered their time to raise funds for Ofc. Phillip Wagner's family and the other injured officers. It doesn't matter what patch we wear, we are all cut from the same cloth.

I was able to participate in many events this year from Lobby Day in Columbus to annual board meetings as well as attending lodge meetings within my district. The most impactful for me was assisting the National FOP Auxiliary with the logistics for the survivors whose fallen family members were to be honored at the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington DC. The time and effort put in by the FOP, FOP Auxiliary, COPS and many more volunteers is truly amazing. They work all year long to ensure every need is met for the survivors and the fallen officers are remembered in an honorable fashion. The undertaking and dedication by the members is to be commended. Seeing the other side of this memorial service has given me a new perspective on what true dedication is and should be; people from all over the United States coming together as one to honor our fallen. Here's to strangers that became friends and family in a matter of days.

In closing, I would like to thank those who continue to assist me along the way in my efforts to serve the 3rd District as trustee. I will continue to do my best to serve these lodges and the FOP as a whole.

Fraternally, Tracey Susana- 3rd District Trustee

4th District Report

Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the 90th Annual Conference of the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio. Hats off to the members of the 8th District for their hard work in preparing for and hosting this year's conference.

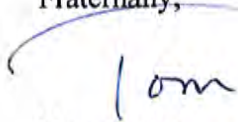
I have traveled to the local lodges in my district and attended their meetings and social events. I am proud to say that I have attended every lodge meeting in my district. The lodges, along with me, have continued working to grow membership and have remained active in state events, Lobby Day, and meetings. Targeted recruitment efforts were focused in Coshocton and Morgan Counties. This year, the 4th District was able to host the Spring Board Meeting in Newark, and I would like to thank Lodge 127 for the hard work they put into hosting that event.

This is my last trustee report, as I have decided not to seek re-election. It has been both a pleasure and an honor to serve in this capacity. I have truly enjoyed working with all the members of the Board, members from across the state, and especially those within my district. My associate trustee, Pamela Wells-Exline, has decided to seek this position, and I believe she will do an excellent job representing our members.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for what you do for your membership, and I also want to thank those who work in the Columbus office and support all of us. Without their efforts and dedication, our jobs as leaders of the FOP would be far more difficult.

Enjoy your conference, and always STAY SAFE!

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Tom Porter
4th District Trustee
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23 June 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings. I will keep this report brief as I update the Fifth District membership, as well as all members of the State FOP. I am pleased to report that all is going well in the Fifth District.

Many departments throughout the district held their own or combined ceremonies to commemorate Police Memorial Week. The Fredrick J. Beard Lodge #117 once again had its memorial motor unit featured in numerous memorial events. If you are interested in having it at your event, please reach out to Brother DiPietro.

I was able to attend the National Memorial this year for the first time. It is an amazing and awe-inspiring event that every officer should attend at least once to truly experience its magnitude.

I have attended several local lodge meetings this past year and look forward to attending many more. If you would like me to attend a meeting or event, please do not hesitate to reach out—I will do everything I can to be there.

In our southern area, there has been an ongoing battle with a prosecutor. President McDonald has issued a statement on this matter. We are also getting close to adding a new lodge in Monroe.

As part of this report, I would also like to provide a brief update from the Benefits Committee. We recently discussed offering a VA disability benefit assistance program for our members, similar to one currently being offered in Colorado. However, due to concerns regarding cost and the availability of other potential options, we decided not to move forward at this time. We continue to explore alternatives that may better meet the needs of our membership.

I look forward to continuing the progress we have made in the Fifth District and working together to build an even stronger future. If you have not already done so, please follow the State of Ohio FOP social media pages. These are the fastest and most reliable ways to stay informed about important news and updates.

Fraternally,

Jeffery J. Spires
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Report of 6th District Trustee

Mike Watkins

The past year has been a busy one in the 6th district. Lodges have been busy with activities for their members and their communities. Numerous lodges held their annual Children's Christmas Shopping. Toledo Lodge #40 continues to host their Food Pantry. Williams County lodge members support many activities for youth throughout the year. Lodges in the district support those involved in Junior fair and 4-H activities. Wood county Lodge sponsors a fishing experience and movie matinee. Van Wert has become very active in the community since revitalizing their lodge. They support youth organizations ad individuals throughout the county. They have donated funds to individuals who suffered catastrophic medical conditions

We have had some great things done by the lodges in the district. All of these have gone a long way to maintain a positive image of law enforcement and the FOP.

Report of the 7th District Trustee

It is good to be back in Independence again for our annual state conference. It will be good to see all the familiar and new faces as we attend to our important business as the preeminent voice of police officers in Ohio and the USA. I want to thank 8th District Trustee Steve Fioritto and his members for hosting this conference and their always exceptional hospitality. I have attended all the executive board and general membership meetings this term and assisted as our Lodge 8 moved from downtown Cleveland to the near West side of the city. Although it was tough to leave our lodge building after decade's of memories it was necessary and we look forward to a great future in our new building. Enjoy yourself and have a great conference and safe travels.

Damian Glaser
7th District Trustee



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Welcome to the 90th Annual Fraternal Order of Police Conference in Independence. On behalf of the brothers and sisters of the 8th District, I hope you are enjoying your time up north.

Since we last met, most of our time has been spent preparing and organizing this conference for our brothers and sisters from across the state. I want to thank the brothers and sisters of the district for their help. As many of you know, hosting a conference is a huge task, but many hands make light work. I have been able to attend many of the lodge meetings and events throughout the district.

I have been working side by side with the Labor Council attempting to recruit the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department into both the Labor Council and a local lodge. I believe that we are close at both.

I have volunteered to be the liaison between the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run and the FOP. We are trying to get back to the relationship Trustee Tracy Susan had in the past. It has been a struggle, but we are slowly getting there. In June the District hosted the Final Leg Tour to a pizza party while they were in Cleveland. This was a relaxing atmosphere for both the athletes and their law enforcement partners where no photos or speeches were expected. They were able to enjoy dinner, Lakewood Park and Lake Erie.

In November, I plan on attending the 2026 International Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) Conference in Grand Rapids Michigan as the representative of the Ohio FOP. I hope to have information on upcoming events that you or your lodge can participate in.

Steve Fioritto

Welcome to Independence.

Since we last met, I have attended most of the meetings that have been held. I missed the Spring Board Meeting because I was in California attending the National Presidents Meeting. I also missed both the State and National Day on the Hill events, something that is very unusual for me. I was at the Waste Management Open in Phoenix during the National event and on vacation during the State event. This marks the first time in nearly 20 years that I have missed either of those essential functions.

As for next year's Conference, we are already ramping up preparations. We will once again be using the Delta Hotel, as we did last year, and room rates should remain the same. Everyone seemed to enjoy the format we used for the BBQ and the Taste of Cincinnati, and since Independence is using a similar format, we will be doing the same. Registration for both events will remain at \$100.00.

I also plan to continue using electronic registration, just as we are doing here in Independence.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable, productive, and informative Conference. I look forward to seeing all of you, and I promise not to be—as Sean would say—too grumpy.

Jon Halusek

9th District Trustee



10th District Report



Welcome to the 2026 FOP Conference!

I am pleased to welcome everyone to this year's conference. It is always a great opportunity to come together, share ideas, and discuss the issues that matter most to our members. I would like to give a special welcome to our FOP brothers and sisters from the 10th District and thank the 8th District for hosting this year's event. Your hard work and dedication have made this conference possible.

One of the important issues we continue to work on is ensuring that Department of Mental Health and Department of Developmental Disabilities officers have the ability to carry firearms they need to safely perform their duties. We have seen positive movement on this issue through Senate Bill 321, which has passed the Senate and is now being considered in the House. We remain hopeful that this legislation will be approved and put into effect, giving these officers the tools they need to protect themselves and the individuals they serve.

The FOP is strongest when we work together. By sharing ideas, supporting one another, and standing united, we can continue to make progress on the issues that affect our profession and our members.

I look forward to meeting with many of you throughout the conference and hearing your thoughts and concerns. Thank you for your commitment to law enforcement and to the FOP. I hope you have a productive and enjoyable conference.

Fraternally,

Aaron Bramel 10th District Trustee

11th District Trustee Report

Brothers and Sisters,

First, I want to thank District 8 for their hospitality. I attended one of my first state conferences in Independence and I always enjoy coming back.

This month at the Lodge 9 general membership meeting, we unanimously voted to name our lodge the Dewey R Stokes Capital City Lodge 9. I think our President Brian Steel said it best, "Far too often we memorialize our members after they are gone. We must celebrate them and their accomplishments while they are still with us."

Dewey Stokes is a bold and highly influential FOP leader who helped grow the organization into a stronger national voice for law enforcement. His achievements are many as he reached the rank of National FOP President from 1987 to 1995. During his leadership, he worked to unify the membership, expand the FOP's visibility, and build stronger relationships with government leaders and the public. He also helped win important improvements for officers, including better death benefits, and stronger labor protections. In addition, he backed memorial and charitable efforts, pushed new programs to modernize the organization. All that he did helped raise the FOP's standing as a professional advocate for police officers across the country. I recently read an article written about Dewey and I think I will leave you with a quote that best describes the man he is, "To me, Dewey Stokes is the FOP - tough, rowdy, totally fearless - but at the same time one of the most generous, honest and good-hearted men I've ever met." (Steve Higgins retired Director of the ATF).

As Dewey always famously reminds us "Follow the money". And from what I have learned more often than not, the trail leads directly to political influence.

Since 2020 Lodge 9 has had 4 officers indicted for police-involved shootings. These indictments were heavily politicized and driven by an agenda-focused prosecutor who is no longer in office.

One of our own Deputy Jason Meade has been politically prosecuted for an officer-involved shooting involving a man with a gun. I've spoken about the details many times before. Deputy Meade's first trial resulted in a hung jury. The second trial he was wrongly convicted of Reckless Homicide and the jury was undecided again on the Murder charge. Now we are awaiting an unprecedented third trial for Murder.

While we respect the process, we don't believe Deputy Meade's conviction was the right verdict. The family was paid out millions of dollars prior to the Deputy being given his fair shake at trial. Politicians and activists jumped to conclusions before the facts were even known many times spreading misinformation. Immediately this was political not about the rule of law. The suspect's family lawyer admitted in a statement about the settlement that it "sends a

message". It's beyond me that anyone thinks a fair trial can be accomplished for Deputy Meade when the public has been so blatantly persuaded and misled. Needless to say politics and the media have played a large role in these trials.

Lodge 9 wants to thank all the lodges and individuals who generously gave to our media campaign advocating for Deputy Meade. It's more important now than ever for law enforcement across the state to stand in solidarity for our brothers and sisters who need our support. Please keep Deputy Meade and his family in your thoughts and prayers while they endure yet another trial.

This year I attended the State as well as the National Lobby days. Both were successful as we continue to strengthen existing relationships and forge new ones. Our priorities were heard and the influence of this great organization is alive and well. At times you may be asked to contact a senator or representative. I can tell you from firsthand experience that elected officials consistently emphasize how much they value hearing from their constituents.

The 2026 Ohio Police Officer Memorial and Motorcade was deeply moving and well-attended. I want to thank all of you and the agencies who answered the call to make sure our fallen are not forgotten. This year the Motorcade grew once again with over 135 Police Cruisers and Motorcycles. I hope to have the participation continue to rise and pray that we see a year where we don't have to put a Hero on the wall. As that line of cruisers moved forward, I knew our fallen were looking down, seeing that their ultimate sacrifice will never be forgotten.

In closing, District 11 and Lodge 9 is very thankful for all the brothers and sisters across the state who put on the uniform every day. Your participation and membership to this great organization have built the FOP into the influential name it is today. We will never forget the lessons learned from our leaders who came before us like Dewey Stokes and will work to build upon the foundation they've laid.

Fraternally,

Kevin Davis, 11th District Trustee

Section Four
Committee
Reports

Audit Committee Report

July 2nd, 2026

The Audit Committee met at the State Lodge on July 2nd, 2026, to complete the audit of the financial books of the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio Inc. All expenditures were complete with invoices attached and all bills were paid. The careful way the books are kept by staff at the state office allowed the committee to quickly complete the audit with very few questions. Special thank you to Denise, Diane and Peggy for putting up with us but also for making themselves available for the audit.

I felt as if it was going to be outside of my wheelhouse. The experience of the committee and their past knowledge was invaluable. I would like to thank brothers Brian Spann, and Patrick Petranek as well as the rest of the committee for assisting with the audit.

Fraternally,

Brian Armstead
1st District Trustee
Audit Committee Chairman



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Constitution and Bylaws Report

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Delegates of the 90th Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio State Conference. Thank you to all the Lodges for complying with the procedure for submitting proposed changes to their C&B. Not to be redundant but listed below is the procedure for proposing amended changes to your local C&B. This is important for several reasons. First, timeliness to comply with Article X of our own State C&B and allowing the C&B committee enough time to review submissions. Secondly, per our state procedure, the submitting subordinate Lodge notifies the **State Secretary** of the changes. The State Secretary then notifies the local **District Trustee** that a lodge within their district has submitted proposed changes to their C&B. This creates awareness and allows the District Trustee to get involved especially if the submission conflicts with the National or State C&B. Finally, once complete/approved the Lodge will provide a clean copy (with the changes) to the State Secretary to keep Lodge files current. Below are the **REQUIRED** procedures for proposed C&B changes for subordinate Lodges:

1. Lodges with changes to their C&B **must submit the entire C&B with changes indicated to the State Secretary.**
2. The changes will be made by ~~striking out the old language~~ followed by the new language which will be underlined.
3. Any changes to a lodge's C&B **will** be submitted to the **State Secretary** no later than 30 days prior to a meeting or conference. If changes are received later than 30 days prior to a meeting or conference, they will be held until the next meeting or conference **(no exceptions).**
4. The **State Secretary** will notify the **District Trustee** of the submission and provide him/her with a copy. A copy of the C&B will be emailed to the C&B committee for review.



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5. Committee will review any changes and the **committee chairman will contact** the trustee on whether the changes are acceptable and not in conflict with the National or State C&B.
6. The trustee will then determine whether the Lodge needs to make changes or if the changes will be presented to the State Board at the next meeting for approval.
7. Once approved at a meeting or conference, a clean complete/approved copy of C&B will be given to the **State Secretary** for the Lodge file. A copy of the approved C&B will be sent to the Lodge making original submission.

Finally, I would like to thank the following members of the C&B committee for their time and dedication to this committee. I would also like to personally thank Denise Young from the State Office for all the supporting work she does for this committee. Thank you all for your time and service to the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio:

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| • Zach Scott | Lodge 9 |
| • Marvin Murphy | Lodge 7 |
| • Jon Halusek | Lodge 69 |
| • Rich Nester | Lodge 140 |
| • Ron Susana | Lodge 17 |
| • Tim Richard | Lodge 2 |
| • Dave Patterson | Lodge 38 |
| • Tim Gallagher | Lodge 116 |
| • Ray Sorace | Lodge 67 |
| • Alan Mefferd | Lodge 21 |

Report of the Critical Incident Response Service

The Critical Incident Response Service (CIRS) is a consortium of Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) peer support teams throughout the state. Currently there are 46 teams registered with the Ohio CISM Network, and a few which are not.

CIRS has been able to provide six ICISF trainings throughout the state, so thank you to all of you present who are members of one of the CISM peer support teams in Ohio.

For more than a decade, CIRS has been entirely funded by the FOP of Ohio Foundation, at zero cost to you or your members and only recently has there been any charge to teams sponsoring peer training. So, to those of you who support the Foundation, as one of their beneficiaries, CIRS thanks you.

In addition to connecting first responders with local resources (teams), CIRS is active with and routinely refers to The Bridge, Ohio ASSIST PCIS, and other programs, as well as trauma-informed, first-responder culturally competent clinicians.

It is *essential* that your members and all the agencies in your area know how to access the team in your area. A full listing of teams and their contact information is available, thanks to Aaron, on our website (www.fopohio.org) under the CIRS tab.

Never hesitate to email me with questions or suggestions. ddelong@fopohio.org

Please continue to keep an eye on yourselves and an eye on each other, practice gratitude and know that you are never alone.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deirdre DeLong
Director, Critical Incident Response Service
Hamilton Lodge #38

2026 STATE CONFERENCE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Report Date: Jul 3, 2026

Prepared by Michael Weinman

The 136th General Assembly has been quite fitful, with long breaks followed by whirlwind activity that sees dozens of bills and amendments moving at breakneck speed. HB 479, which addressed doctors overseeing contrast solutions for imaging, was amended to include our PTSL language within days. President McDonald, Bob Paduchik, Deirdre DeLong and I attended the bill signing on June 24. Lodge 9 President Brian Steel, Secretary Travis Parker, and I attended the ceremonial bill signing of SB 114 (Quotas) on October 6th. Testimony was given on SB 321/Arming Special Police Officers in both the House and Senate by Brothers Steven Laird and Robinson Fester. The bill is lined up for a vote in the fall. I testified on HB 492/Prohibit Interfering with motor vehicle-related arrests and HB 20/HALO, both of which were recently sent to the Governor and should be signed by the time you read this. I also testified on HB 507/Prohibit a person from receiving proceeds of prostitution. The bill has passed the House and is now before the Senate Judiciary Committee. Brother Kyle Erdeljac testified in support of HB 359, which created an alert for missing children with Autism. The Governor signed HB 359 on June 22nd. Brother Sean Woods testified on HB 667/Reagan Tokes and Patrick Heringer Act. We expect HB 667 to pass out of the Senate Judiciary Committee in the Fall. Before the House Public Insurance and Pension Committee, VP TJ Assion testified for HB 73/PERS DROP, President Jay McDonald testified in support of HB 208/OP&F Employer Contributions, Past Lodge 9 President Jim Gilbert testified as a proponent of HB 424/PERS Service Credit, and I testified in opposition to HB 273/Pension Pickups. President McDonald testified on HB 372/Larry Henderson Act, which is currently in the Senate Judiciary Committee after passing the House. McDonald also testified on SB 188/Failure to Comply. The bill expands the offense of failure to comply with an order or signal of a law enforcement officer in the event of a barricade situation. SB 188 is also sitting in the Senate Judiciary Committee. You may be seeing a pattern with the Senate Judiciary Committee. Finally, if you're looking for a road-naming bill, many of them were incorporated into SB 52. The bill was signed by the Governor on June 24, 2026.

HB3 - Enact the School Bus Safety Act

B. Willis (R), C. Thomas (D)

HB3: Jun 10, 2026 - Reported - Substitute: Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

To amend sections 4503.03, 4503.10, 4503.102, 4503.12, 4510.036, 4511.75, 4511.751, and 4511.76 and to enact sections 5.501, 3327.18, 3327.19, 4511.752, 4511.753, 4511.754, 4511.755, 4511.756, and 4511.757 of the Revised Code to address school bus safety, to designate this act as the School Bus Safety Act, and to make an appropriation. Legislative Progress 2nd Chamber

Position: Watch

HB20 - Prohibit harassing or impeding an emergency service responder

T. Hall (R), P. Plummer (R)

HB20: Jul 1, 2026 - Delivered to the Governor

To amend sections 2903.22 and 2921.31 of the Revised Code to modify the offense of obstructing official business when the victim is an emergency service responder, to increase the penalty for obstructing official business when the victim is an emergency service responder who is engaged in the lawful performance of a legal duty, and to clarify that heightened penalties apply for menacing a probation officer.

Legislative Progress 2nd Chamber

Position: Support

Comments:

- **Michael Weinman, Apr 24, 2026, 11:05 PM** Mike Weinman testified on this bill in the House and Senate.

HB23 - Create the escaped convict alert program

B. Roemer (R), J. Williams (R)

HB23: Mar 2, 2026 - Effective

To amend section 4973.17 and to enact section 5502.54 of the Revised Code to create the escaped convict alert program and to allow a prior parent company of a bank to apply to the Secretary of State for the appointment and commission of banking police officers.

Legislative Progress Enacted

Position: Neutral

HB31 - Require electronic recordings of all parole board hearings

L. Humphrey (D), B. Stewart (R)

HB31: Jun 8, 2026 - Signed: June 8, 2026, Effective: 90 days

To amend sections 149.43, 2929.20, 5120.115, 5120.21, 5149.10, and 5149.101 and to enact section 5149.102 of the Revised Code to require electronic recordings to be made of certain parole board hearings, to make electronic recordings of full parole board hearings public records, and to provide the prosecuting attorney access to Department of Rehabilitation and Correction health care records for certain parole and judicial release cases.

Legislative Progress Enacted

Position: Watch

HB37 - Designate Detective Rex Emrick Memorial Highway

B. Stewart (R)

HB37: Mar 24, 2026 - Referred to committee: Transportation

To enact section 5534.443 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 56 in Pickaway County as the "Detective Rex Emrick Memorial Highway."

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Transportation Committee

Position: Support

HB44 - Regards law enforcement training and competitive examinations

J. Miller (D), K. Miller (R)

HB44: Feb 4, 2026 - Effective

To amend sections 109.804, 124.11, and 124.30 and to enact sections 109.791 and 737.061 of the Revised Code regarding training schools for prospective law enforcement officers, filling a vacant police department position without a competitive examination, requirements for chief of police training, and advanced training for officers at or above the rank of sergeant.

Legislative Progress Enacted

Position: Amend

SB52 - Highway Designation

T. Schaffer (R)

SB52: Jun 24, 2026 - Signed by the Governor

To designate a portion of U.S. Route 33 in Fairfield County and I-70 in Clark County as the "Congressman David Hobson Memorial Highway."

Legislative Progress Enacted

Position: Amend

SB55 - Regards operating under the influence of marihuana, OVI evidence

N. Manning (R)

SB55: Oct 15, 2025 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend sections 1547.11, 3701.143, 4511.181, and 4511.19 of the Revised Code to change the laws pertaining to operating a vehicle or watercraft while under the influence of marihuana and the admissibility of evidence for purposes of OVI statutes.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Judiciary Committee

Position: Watch

SB56 - Revise medical and adult-use marijuana laws; levy marijuana taxes

S. Huffman (R)

SB56: Mar 20, 2026 - Effective Operating appropriations effective 12/19/2025

To amend sections 9.79, 109.572, 121.04, 121.08, 131.02, 519.21, 715.013, 928.02, 928.03, 928.04, 2925.01, 3376.07, 3719.01, 3719.41, 3796.01, 3796.02, 3796.021, 3796.03, 3796.032, 3796.05, 3796.06, 3796.061, 3796.07, 3796.08, 3796.09, 3796.10, 3796.11, 3796.12, 3796.13, 3796.14, 3796.15, 3796.16, 3796.17, 3796.18, 3796.19, 3796.20, 3796.21, 3796.22, 3796.23, 3796.24, 3796.27, 3796.28, 3796.29, 3796.30, 3796.31, 4506.01, 4729.01, 4729.80, 4735.18, 4776.01, 4796.25, 5502.01, 5502.13, 5502.14, 5703.052, and 5713.30; to amend, for the purpose of adopting a new section number as indicated in parentheses, section 3780.37 (3796.34); to enact new section 928.01 and sections 928.031, 928.08, 2953.321, 3779.21, 3779.211, 3779.22, 3779.23, 3779.24, 3779.25, 3779.26, 3779.27, 3779.28, 3779.29, 3779.30, 3779.99, 3796.04, 3796.062, 3796.221, 3796.32, 3796.33, 3796.40, 3796.99,

and 5119.171; and to repeal sections 928.01, 3780.01, 3780.02, 3780.03, 3780.04, 3780.05, 3780.06, 3780.07, 3780.08, 3780.09, 3780.10, 3780.11, 3780.12, 3780.13, 3780.14, 3780.15, 3780.16, 3780.17, 3780.20, 3780.21, 3780.22, 3780.24, 3780.25, 3780.26, 3780.27, 3780.28, 3780.29, 3780.30, 3780.31, 3780.32, 3780.33, 3780.34, 3780.35, 3780.36, 3780.90, 3780.99, and 3796.021 of the Revised Code; and to repeal the versions of sections 3779.21, 3779.211, 3779.22, 3779.23, 3779.24, 3779.25, 3779.26, 3779.27, 3779.28, 3779.29, 3779.30, and 3779.99 of the Revised Code enacted by this act effective December 31, 2026, to revise specified provisions of the liquor control, hemp, and adult-use marijuana laws, and to make an appropriation, and to amend section 4506.01 of the Revised Code effective December 31, 2026, to revise the law governing commercial driver's licenses.

Legislative Progress Enacted

Position: Watch

SB87 - Define antisemitism; expand the offense of ethnic intimidation

T. Johnson (R)

SB87: Mar 18, 2026 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend sections 2927.12 and 4112.01 and to enact sections 124.92 and 4112.20 of the Revised Code to define antisemitism for specific purposes and to expand the offense of ethnic intimidation to include the offenses of riot and aggravated riot committed by reason of the race, color, religion, or national origin of another person or group of persons.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Judiciary Committee

Position: Watch

HB88 - Regarding drug trafficking, human trafficking, and fentanyl

C. Abrams (R), P. Plummer (R)

HB88: Feb 11, 2026 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend sections 2923.31, 2925.01, 2925.03, 2925.11, 2929.14, 3313.60, 3314.03, 3326.11, 3328.24, and 3705.08 and to enact sections 5.57, 2941.1427, 3313.6031, 3313.6032, and 3345.372 of the Revised Code to modify penalties for drug trafficking and possession, to require schools and institutions of higher education to incorporate instruction and policies on fentanyl awareness and abuse prevention, and to designate the month of August as "Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Month."

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee

Position: Support

HB102 - Restrict sex offenders from residing or loitering near the victim's home

R. Klopfenstein (R), J. Williams (R)

HB102: Feb 18, 2026 - Re-referred: Judiciary

To amend sections 1923.02, 2950.99, 5321.03, and 5321.051; to amend, for the purpose of adopting a new section number as indicated in parentheses, section 2950.035 (2950.036); and to enact section 2950.035 of the Revised Code to prohibit a sex offender or a child-victim offender from residing within 2,000 feet of the residence of the victim and from loitering within 1,000 feet of the residence of the victim.

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety Committee

Position: Watch

SB114 - Prohibit law enforcement from using quotas for arrests, citations

T. Patton (R)

SB114: Sep 30, 2025 - Effective

To enact section 109.70 of the Revised Code to prohibit law enforcement agencies from using quotas for arrests and citations.

Legislative Progress Enacted

Position: Support

HB132 - Enact Philip Wigal's Law

M. Craig (R), M. Miller (R)

HB132: Nov 5, 2025 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend sections 2903.06, 2903.08, 4508.02, and 4511.213 and to enact section 5501.28 of the Revised Code to increase penalties for failing to slow down or change lanes when approaching specified stationary vehicles, to

increase penalties for vehicular homicide and vehicular assault resulting from that offense, and to name this act Philip Wigal's Law.

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee

Position: Support

HB144 - Enact Keith's Law regarding the communication disability database

G. Click (R), B. Lorenz (R)

HB144: Jan 19, 2026 - Effective

To amend sections 3304.23 and 5502.08 of the Revised Code to expand the communication disability database to include any person with a disability, to expand access to that database through countywide 9-1-1 systems, and to name this act "Keith's Law".

Legislative Progress Enacted

Position: Watch

SB163 - Regards AI images, simulated child porn, replica identity fraud

L. Blessing (R), T. Johnson (R)

SB163: May 27, 2026 - Referred to committee: Technology and Innovation

To amend sections 1345.51, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, and 2913.49 and to enact sections 1349.13 and 1349.14 of the Revised Code to require AI-generated products to have a watermark, to prohibit simulated child pornography, and to prohibit identity fraud using a replica of a person.

Legislative Progress Referred to Committee

Position: Watch

SB172 - Specify that persons unlawfully present are not privileged from arrest

K. Roegner (R)

SB172: Sep 15, 2025 - Referred to committee: Public Safety

To enact section 9.631 of the Revised Code to specify that persons who are unlawfully present in the United States are not privileged from arrest.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Public Safety Committee

Position: Watch

SB175 - Establish age verification, parental consent for apps, developers

T. Patton (R)

SB175: Jun 10, 2026 - Reported - Substitute: Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology

To amend section 1345.51 and to enact sections 1349.07, 1349.071, 1349.072, 1349.073, and 1349.074 of the Revised Code to establish age verification requirements for software applications.

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology Committee

Position: Support

SB202 - Enact the Chief Steven DiSario Act

T. Schaffer (R)

SB202: May 20, 2026 - Referred to committee: Government Oversight

To amend sections 4781.40, 5301.072, 5311.191, and 5321.131 of the Revised Code to prohibit manufactured home park operators, condominium associations, neighborhood associations, and landlords from restricting the display of the thin blue line flag and to name this act the Chief Steven DiSario Act.

Legislative Progress Referred to Committee

Position: Support

HB203 - Enact Aspen Runnels' Law

T. Hall (R), J. Williams (R)

HB203: Apr 15, 2026 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend sections 2903.06, 2903.08, 2903.081, 4511.01, 4511.132, 4511.20, 4511.202, 4511.204, 4511.205, 4511.21, 4511.25, 4511.251, 4511.26, 4511.27, 4511.28, 4511.29, 4511.30, 4511.31, 4511.32, 4511.33, 4511.34,

4511.35, 4511.36, 4511.37, 4511.38, 4511.39, 4511.41, 4511.42, 4511.43, 4511.431, 4511.44, 4511.441, 4511.46, 4511.54, 4511.60, 4511.711, 4511.712, and 5501.27 and to enact section 4510.039 of the Revised Code to increase penalties for vehicular assault and vehicular homicide within an active school zone, to allow a court to impose doubled fines for specified traffic violations in portions of an active school zone, and to name this act Aspen Runnels' Law.
Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee

Position: Watch

HB210 - Regards the sale of used catalytic converters

B. Roemer (R), P. Plummer (R)

HB210: Jul 1, 2026 - Delivered to the Governor

To amend sections 2913.02, 2913.51, 4737.012, 4737.04, 4737.041, 4737.043, 4737.045, 4737.99, 4738.03, 4738.07, 4738.12, and 4775.09 and to enact section 4737.046 of the Revised Code regarding the sale of used catalytic converters.

Legislative Progress 2nd Chamber

Position: Watch

SB214 - Remove firearm mufflers, suppressors as dangerous ordnance

K. Koehler (R)

SB214: May 13, 2026 - Referred to committee: Public Safety

To amend sections 1533.04, 2923.11, and 2923.17 of the Revised Code to remove firearm mufflers and suppressors from the classification of dangerous ordnance.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Public Safety Committee

Position: Watch

HB217 - Enact the Finding and Identifying with NamUs Data (FIND) Act

C. Cockley (D), K. Ritter (R)

HB217: Apr 15, 2026 - Referred to committee: Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

To amend sections 2901.30, 2901.41, and 2901.42 and to enact section 109.5731 of the Revised Code to enact Andy Chapman's Act to require law enforcement agencies to enter information relating to a report of a missing person in the national missing and unidentified persons system (NamUs).

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety Committee

Position: Watch

SB225 - Expand the Address Confidentiality Program

S. Manchester (R)

SB225: May 27, 2026 - Referred to committee: General Government

To amend sections 111.41, 111.42, 111.99, 149.43, 3503.13, and 3503.24 and to enact section 3513.053 of the Revised Code to expand the Address Confidentiality Program, to exempt judges' and prosecutors' addresses from disclosure, and to make related changes to the Election Law.

Legislative Progress Referred to Committee

Position: Watch

SB229 - Create the Law Enforcement Purple Heart license plate

M. Romanchuk (R)

SB229: Nov 12, 2025 - Referred to committee: Transportation

To enact section 4503.472 of the Revised Code to create the "Law Enforcement Purple Heart" license plate.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Transportation Committee

Position: Watch

SB235 - Prohibit certain conduct that accelerates a firearm's rate of fire

K. Smith (D), H. Craig (D)

SB235: Oct 1, 2025 - Referred to committee: Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

To amend sections 2923.13 and 2923.14 and to enact section 2923.133 of the Revised Code to prohibit certain conduct regarding trigger cranks, bumpfire devices, and other items that accelerate a semi-automatic firearm's rate of fire but do not convert it into an automatic firearm.

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety Committee

Position: Watch

SB236 - Enact the Suicide Self-Defense Act

H. Craig (D), P. Hicks-Hudson (D)

SB236: Oct 1, 2025 - Referred to committee: Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

To amend sections 149.43, 2923.11, 2923.125, 2923.128, and 2923.20 and to enact sections 2923.133, 2923.22, 2923.221, and 4731.058 of the Revised Code to enact the Suicide Self-Defense Act, relative to the creation of a do not possess firearms registry.

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety Committee

Position: Watch

SB237 - Restore local authority to regulate firearms and knives

H. Craig (D), C. Ingram (D)

SB237: Oct 1, 2025 - Referred to committee: Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

To repeal section 9.68 of the Revised Code to restore local authority to generally regulate conduct related to firearms and knives.

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety Committee

Position: Watch

SB238 - Limit liability for firearms dealers re: firearm hold agreements

H. Craig (D)

SB238: Oct 1, 2025 - Referred to committee: Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

To enact section 2923.22 of the Revised Code to limit liability for federally licensed firearms dealers in regards to firearm hold agreements

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety Committee

Position: Watch

SB239 - Regards contributions to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund

A. Brenner (R), A. Cutrona (R)

SB239: Oct 1, 2025 - Referred to committee: Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology

To amend sections 742.16, 742.33, 742.34, 5705.06, and 5705.31 and to repeal section 742.311 of the Revised Code regarding contributions to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund.

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology Committee

Position: Support

SB241 - Regards specified workers' compensation employer appeals

T. Patton (R)

SB241: Oct 1, 2025 - Referred to committee: Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology

To amend section 4123.512 of the Revised Code to impose a fine against an employer who appeals specified awards of workers' compensation related to cancer incurred while performing official duties as a firefighter if the employer loses the appeal.

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology Committee

Position: Watch

SB242 - Regards the sale of used catalytic converters

T. Johnson (R)

SB242: Oct 1, 2025 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend sections 2913.02, 2913.51, 4737.04, 4737.045, 4737.99, 4738.03, 4738.07, 4738.12, and 4775.09 and to enact sections 4737.046 and 4737.98 of the Revised Code regarding the sale of used catalytic converters, and to make an appropriation.

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee

Position: Watch

HB247 - Revise dog law, including dangerous and vicious dogs

K. Miller (R), M. Lawson-Rowe (D)

HB247: Mar 20, 2026 - Effective

To amend sections 304.02, 304.03, 715.23, 901.80, 935.03, 955.01, 955.011, 955.012, 955.02, 955.03, 955.04, 955.05, 955.06, 955.07, 955.10, 955.11, 955.12, 955.121, 955.14, 955.16, 955.20, 955.22, 955.221, 955.222, 955.26, 955.261, 955.40, 955.43, 955.44, 955.50, 955.54, 959.132, 1533.12, 1901.18, 1907.031, 2913.01, and 2921.321; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 955.01 (955.02), 955.011 (955.021), 955.012 (955.022), 955.013 (955.023), 955.02 (955.01), 955.09 (955.08), 955.10 (955.09), 955.22 (955.24), 955.221 (955.10), 955.222 (955.23), and 955.40 (955.262); to enact new sections 955.21 and 955.22 and sections 955.024, 955.60, and 955.61; and to repeal sections 955.08, 955.21, 955.23, 955.24, 955.25, 955.39, 955.51, 955.52, 955.53, and 955.99 of the Revised Code to make changes to the laws governing dogs, including dangerous and vicious dogs, and to name this act Avery's Law.

Legislative Progress Enacted

Position: Watch

HB249 - Enact the Indecent Exposure Modernization Act

A. King (R), J. Williams (R)

HB249: Apr 15, 2026 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend sections 2907.09, 2907.39, and 4301.25 of the Revised Code to enact the Indecent Exposure Modernization Act.

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee

Position: Watch

HB251 - Regards drone use by law enforcement; aviation facilities

B. Willis (R)

HB251: Jul 1, 2026 - Delivered to the Governor

To amend sections 4561.01 and 4561.11 and to enact sections 4561.60, 4561.61, 4561.62, 4561.63, 4561.64, and 5501.84 of the Revised Code to establish requirements related to the use and purchase of an unmanned aerial vehicle by law enforcement and other public entities and to expressly incorporate additional aviation facilities into the Aeronautics Law.

Legislative Progress 2nd Chamber

Position: Neutral

HB252 - Modify offenses of burglary, breaking and entering, and trespass

G. Click (R), A. Bird (R)

HB252: Apr 15, 2026 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend sections 2901.01, 2911.11, 2911.12, and 2923.132 of the Revised Code to modify the offenses of burglary, aggravated burglary, and trespass in a habitation when a person is present or likely to be present.

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee

Position: Watch

HB260 - Regards courts and court procedures

M. Odioso (R), A. Mathews (R)

HB260: Oct 15, 2025 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend sections 1901.021, 1901.14, 1901.22, 1907.20, 2111.011, 2307.23, 2317.02, 2317.021, 2939.03, 2939.06, 2943.02, 2945.51, 2945.52, 2945.53, and 2945.54 and to repeal sections 1901.16, 1901.41, 1907.21, 1907.231, 2101.12, 2101.121, 2101.14, 2101.141, 2301.141, 2317.03, 2317.42, 2939.02, 2939.20, 2941.021, 2943.04, 2945.30, 2945.31, 2945.33, 2945.34, 2945.41, and 2945.50 of the Revised Code relative to courts and court procedures.

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee

Position: Watch

SB270 - Regards commitment of delinquent children to Youth Services

N. Manning (R), P. Hicks-Hudson (D)

SB270: Oct 1, 2025 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend sections 2152.16, 2152.17, 2152.19, 2152.22, 2152.26, 5139.01, 5139.05, 5139.06, 5139.20, 5139.35, and 5139.51 of the Revised Code to modify provisions relating to commitment of delinquent children to the department of youth services.

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee

Position: Watch

SB273 - Enact the Keep Them Safe Act

K. Koehler (R)

SB273: Jun 18, 2026 - Signed by the Governor

To amend sections 4501.11 and 5503.02 and to enact section 2923.26 of the Revised Code to enact the Keep Them Safe Act and to make an appropriation.

Legislative Progress Enacted

Position: Watch

HB275 - Designate Deputy Sheriff Daniel Kin Memorial Highway

R. McClain (R)

HB275: Oct 22, 2025 - Referred to committee: Transportation

To enact section 5534.444 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 53 in Wyandot County as the "Deputy Sheriff Daniel Kin Memorial Highway."

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Transportation Committee

Position: Support

SB278 - Permit monetary damages against municipal corporations with gun controls

T. Johnson (R)

SB278: May 13, 2026 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend section 9.68 of the Revised Code to permit individuals to seek punitive or exemplary damages against municipal corporations that pass gun control measures.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Judiciary Committee

Position: Watch

SB279 - Ban discouraging, barring law enforcement from carrying off-duty

T. Johnson (R)

SB279: Oct 8, 2025 - Referred to committee: General Government

To amend sections 2923.121 and 2923.1214 and to enact section 2923.1215 of the Revised Code to prohibit a business, state agency, or political subdivision from discouraging or prohibiting a law enforcement officer from carrying a weapon while off duty.

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate General Government Committee

Position: Watch

SB291 - Revise community control sanctions for felonies and misdemeanors

N. Manning (R), M. Reynolds (R)

SB291: Oct 15, 2025 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend sections 2925.11, 2929.15, 2929.20, 2929.25, 2951.02, and 2951.07 of the Revised Code to change the maximum periods of community control sanctions authorized for felonies and misdemeanors and to modify the confinement sanctions authorized for a technical violation of community control sanction conditions.

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee

Position: Watch

SB295 - Criminal Law

N. Manning (R), T. Patton (R)

SB295: Feb 20, 2026 - Signed By The Governor

Relative to the timeline for restoration of competency in criminal cases.

Legislative Progress Enacted

Position: Support

SB299 - Regards sales of kratom products

L. Blessing (R)

SB299: Oct 22, 2025 - Referred to committee: General Government

To amend sections 3715.01, 3715.99, 3717.01, and 3717.99 and to enact sections 3715.026 and 3717.34 of the Revised Code regarding sales of kratom products.

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate General Government Committee

Position: Watch

SB303 - Allow 18-21 year olds to purchase a handgun from a federal dealer

T. Johnson (R)

SB303: Nov 19, 2025 - Referred to committee: General Government

To amend sections 2151.022, 2152.02, 2152.16, 2923.21, 2923.211, and 2930.01 of the Revised Code to allow a person who is between eighteen and twenty-one years old to receive or purchase a handgun from a federally licensed firearms dealer.

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate General Government Committee

Position: Oppose

HB309 - Regards budget commissions, property tax, and certain funds

D. Thomas (R)

HB309: Mar 20, 2026 - Effective

To amend sections 3317.01, 5705.31, 5705.32, and 5705.321 and to enact section 5705.60 of the Revised Code to modify the law governing county budget commissions and property taxation.

Legislative Progress Enacted

Position: Watch

HB314 - Limit certain public record requests; allow contractor response

D. Isaacsohn (D), S. Ray (R)

HB314: Jun 11, 2026 - Introduced

To amend section 149.43 of the Revised Code to restrict harassing or disruptive public records requests and permit private contractors to respond to voluminous public records requests.

Legislative Progress 1st Chamber

Position: Watch

SB321 - Regards carrying of firearms by certain special police officers

T. Schaffer (R)

SB321: May 13, 2026 - Referred to committee: Public Safety

To enact sections 5119.081 and 5123.131 of the Revised Code regarding the carrying of firearms by certain special police officers.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Public Safety Committee

Position: Support

Comments:

- Michael Weinman, Apr 24, 2026, 11:07 PM, Robinson Fester and Steven Laird testified on the bill in the Senate.

HB325 - Designate Marshal Teddy Ray Holcomb Memorial Highway

A. Holmes (R), K. Ritter (R)

HB325: Oct 22, 2025 - Referred to committee: Transportation

To enact section 5534.429 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 13 in Athens County as the "Marshal Teddy Ray Holcomb Memorial Highway."

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Transportation Committee

Position: Support

SB334 - Designate Officer Jacob J. Derbin Memorial Highway

J. Cirino (R)

SB334: May 13, 2026 - Referred to committee: Transportation

To enact section 5534.454 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of I-480 in Cuyahoga County as the "Officer Jacob J. Derbin Memorial Highway."

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Transportation Committee

Position: Support

HB335 - Regards county budget commissions, property and sales tax, funds

D. Thomas (R)

HB335: Mar 20, 2026 - Effective

To amend section 5705.31 and to enact section 5705.316 of the Revised Code to limit revenue increases from inside millage levies occurring due to a reappraisal or update.

Legislative Progress Enacted

Position: Watch

HB338 - Enact Andy's Law

M. Johnson (R), P. Plummer (R)

HB338: Feb 11, 2026 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend sections 121.03, 2903.01, 2903.11, 2903.13, 2921.36, 2921.38, 2929.03, 2929.14, and 5120.01 and to enact sections 2941.1427, 5120.012, 5120.361, 5120.491, and 5120.85 of the Revised Code to enact Andy's Law to increase the penalty for assaulting or causing the death of specified victims at state or local correctional institutions and to make changes to department of rehabilitation and correction policies and procedures.

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee

Position: Watch

HB346 - Enact V.J.'s Law

M. Kishman (R), J. Williams (R)

HB346: Jun 11, 2026 - Introduced

To amend sections 2151.421 and 2151.99 of the Revised Code to enact V.J.'s Law to require health care professionals to report child abuse or neglect to both a peace officer and the public children services agency.

Legislative Progress 1st Chamber

Position: Watch

SB350 - Add Inspector General, Deputy IG to definition of peace officer

T. Patton (R)

SB350: Feb 11, 2026 - Referred to committee: General Government

To amend sections 109.71, 109.77, 121.483, and 2935.01 of the Revised Code to add the Inspector General and a deputy Inspector General to the definition of "peace officer" while either official is engaged in the scope of the official's duties.

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate General Government Committee

Position: Oppose

SB357 - Expand violent offender database; revise database availability

T. Gavarone (R)

SB357: Feb 11, 2026 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend sections 2903.41, 2903.42, and 2903.43 and to enact section 5503.102 of the Revised Code to expand the violent offender database, to make public records in that database available on the internet, and to make the database information available through LEADS.

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee

Position: Watch

HB359 - Regards emergency Joshua Alert system for certain missing kids

C. Thomas (D), J. Gross (R)

HB359: Jun 18, 2026 - Signed by the Governor

To amend section 5502.522 of the Revised Code to clarify the statewide emergency alert system in cases of missing autistic or developmentally disabled children and to name the alert the Joshua Alert.

Legislative Progress Enacted

Position: Support

SB360 - Allow treble damages for theft and fraud victims in an emergency

T. Schaffer (R)

SB360: Feb 11, 2026 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend section 2307.60 of the Revised Code to allow victims of theft or fraud during a declared state of emergency to recover treble damages from the offender.

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee

Position: Watch

SB364 - Designate Cleveland Police Officer Jamieson Ritter Memorial Hwy

T. Patton (R)

SB364: Jun 10, 2026 - Reported: Transportation

To enact section 5534.974 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of U.S. Route 322 in Cleveland as the "Cleveland Police Officer Jamieson Ritter Memorial Highway."

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Transportation Committee

Position: Support

SB365 - Designate Trooper Nicholas P. Cayton Memorial Highway

A. Cutrona (R)

SB365: Jun 10, 2026 - Reported: Transportation

To enact section 5534.449 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 11 in Mahoning County as the "Trooper Nicholas P. Cayton Memorial Highway."

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Transportation Committee

Position: Support

SB370 - Enhance penalties for offenses against a person with a disability

M. Romanchuk (R)

SB370: Mar 4, 2026 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend sections 2903.10, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.14, 2903.16, 2903.18, 2903.21, 2903.211, 2903.22, 2903.31, 2905.01, 2905.11, 2905.12, 2905.22, 2905.32, 2907.03, 2907.05, 2909.01, 2909.06, 2909.07, 2911.02, 2911.12, 2913.01, 2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.04, 2913.05, 2913.21, 2913.31, 2913.43, 2913.49, 2913.61, 2917.21, and 2919.25 of the Revised Code to enhance criminal penalties for offenses committed against a person with a disability.

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee

Position: Watch

HB372 - Enact the Larry Henderson Act

C. Abrams (R), P. Plummer (R)

HB372: Apr 15, 2026 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend sections 2903.01, 2929.03, 2929.04, and 2941.14 of the Revised Code to enact the Larry Henderson Act to specify that the penalty for aggravated murder for an adult offender is death or life without the possibility of parole if the victim is a peace officer, corrections officer, prosecutor, first responder, or military member.

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee

Position: Support

HB373 - Enact the Universal Background Checks Act

P. Robinson (D), C. Lett (D)

HB373: Sep 15, 2025 - Referred to committee: Public Safety

To amend sections 2929.28 and 5122.311 and to enact section 2923.26 of the Revised Code to enact the Universal Background Checks Act to require a firearm transfer to be made through a dealer, through a law enforcement agency, or pursuant to a specified exception, and to require a background check when a firearm is transferred.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Public Safety Committee

Position: Watch

HB382 - Enact the Second Amendment Protection Act

T. Fischer (R)

HB382: Sep 15, 2025 - Referred to committee: Public Safety

To amend sections 2923.11, 2923.111, 2923.122, and 2923.17 and to enact section 2923.50 of the Revised Code to enact the Second Amendment Protection Act to safeguard the right to keep and bear arms.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Public Safety Committee

Position: Oppose

SB393 - Regards sexually oriented offenses involving juveniles, animals

J. Timken (R), N. Manning (R)

SB393: May 27, 2026 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend sections 959.99, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2929.14, and 2950.01 and to enact section 2941.1427 of the Revised Code to make changes to various sexually oriented offenses involving juvenile victims.

Legislative Progress Referred to Committee

Position: Watch

HB396 - Expand the Address Confidentiality Program

B. Willis (R)

HB396: May 20, 2026 - Reported - Re-referred to General Government: Rules and Reference

To amend sections 111.41, 111.42, and 111.99 of the Revised Code to expand the Address Confidentiality Program.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House General Government Committee

Position: Watch

SB396 - Establish family and medical leave insurance benefits

L. Blessing (R), B. Liston (D)

SB396: Mar 25, 2026 - Referred to committee: Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology

To amend section 5747.01 and to enact sections 4143.01, 4143.02, 4143.03, 4143.04, 4143.05, 4143.06, 4143.07, 4143.08, 4143.09, 4143.10, 4143.11, 4143.12, 4143.13, 4143.14, 4143.15, 4143.16, 4143.17, and 4143.18 of the Revised Code to establish family and medical leave insurance benefits.

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology Committee

Position: Watch

HB408 - Limit the locations at which a person has no duty to retreat

L. Humphrey (D)

HB408: Sep 15, 2025 - Referred to committee: Public Safety

To amend sections 2307.601, 2901.05, and 2901.09 of the Revised Code to limit the locations at which a person has no duty to retreat.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Public Safety Committee

Position: Watch

HB411 - Revise the law governing juvenile drivers

B. Lorenz (R), J. Hoops (R)

HB411: Sep 15, 2025 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend sections 2152.20, 2152.21, 4507.05, 4507.071, 4508.02, and 4510.311 of the Revised Code to make changes to the laws governing juvenile drivers.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Judiciary Committee

SB413 - Regarding transporting a firearm in a motor vehicle

T. Schaffer (R)

SB413: Apr 15, 2026 - Referred to committee: Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

To amend sections 1547.69, 2923.128, 2923.16, 2953.35, and 4511.19 of the Revised Code to modify the circumstances in which a person may transport a firearm in a motor vehicle.

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety Committee

Position: Watch

HB416 - Designate Police Officer Phillip Wagner Memorial Highway

J. Miller (D), G. Manning (R)

HB416: Sep 15, 2025 - Referred to committee: Transportation

To enact section 5534.448 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of United States Route 6 in Lorain County as the "Police Officer Phillip Wagner Memorial Highway."

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Transportation Committee

HB417 - Regards animal abuse offenses and penalties

P. Plummer (R), T. Young (R)

HB417: Jun 10, 2026 - Reported - Substitute: Public Safety

To amend sections 109.79, 955.54, 955.99, 959.131, 959.99, 2921.321, and 2929.18 and to enact sections 955.55, 955.56, and 955.57 of the Revised Code to prohibit the abuse of a companion animal corpse, to prohibit an animal abuse offender from owning a companion animal in certain circumstances, and to establish mandatory fines for violations of an animal abuse offense.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Public Safety Committee

Position: Watch

SB418 - Enact the Grow Act

M. Reynolds (R)

SB418: Apr 15, 2026 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend sections 2953.32 and 2953.34 and to enact sections 2953.322 and 2953.323 of the Revised Code to enact the Grow Act to allow for the expedited sealing of certain criminal records.

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee

Position: Watch

SB419 - Revise temporary instruction permit eligibility, requirements

T. Gavarone (R)

SB419: Jun 16, 2026 - Introduced

To amend sections 4507.05 and 4507.071 of the Revised Code to lower the age at which a juvenile may obtain a temporary instruction permit from 15½ to 15 and to expand the time a juvenile must hold a temporary instruction permit before eligibility for a probationary license from six months to one year.

Legislative Progress 1st Chamber

Position: Watch

SB421 - Increase the time period to bring a civil action for a sex offense victim

N. Antonio (D), N. Manning (R)

SB421: Jun 16, 2026 - Introduced

To amend section 2305.111 of the Revised Code to increase the period of limitations for a civil action for a victim of a sex offense to five years and to amend the version of section 2305.111 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect on October 12, 2028, to continue the change on and after that date.

Legislative Progress 1st Chamber

Position: Watch

SB422 - Prohibit certain offenders from school or child care premises

T. Schaffer (R), A. Brenner (R)

SB422: Jun 16, 2026 - Introduced

To amend sections 2950.13, 2950.99, 3314.03, 3326.11, and 3328.24 and to enact sections 2950.036, 2950.044, and 3313.475 of the Revised Code to prohibit certain sex offender/child-victim offenders from knowingly being present on school premises or preschool or child care center premises.

Legislative Progress 1st Chamber

Position: Watch

HB424 - Regarding transfers, purchases of certain retirement service credit

B. Willis (R), M. Craig (R)

HB424: Sep 15, 2025 - Referred to committee: Public Insurance and Pensions

To amend section 145.295 of the Revised Code regarding transfers or purchases of certain retirement service credit.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Public Insurance and Pensions Committee

Position: Support

HB425 - Prohibit trespass and unauthorized recording by drones

J. Hoops (R)

HB425: Sep 15, 2025 - Referred to committee: Transportation

To amend section 4561.50 and to enact section 4561.54 of the Revised Code to prohibit trespass and types of unauthorized recording with an unmanned aerial vehicle system.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Transportation Committee

Position: Watch

SB425 - Establish the violent crime reduction grant program

N. Manning (R)

SB425: May 13, 2026 - Referred to committee: Finance

To enact section 5502.72 of the Revised Code to establish the violent crime reduction grant program.

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Finance Committee

Position: Watch

HB450 - Grant accessible parking privileges to pregnant women

H. Workman (R), A. Mathews (R)

HB450: Oct 1, 2025 - Referred to committee: Children and Human Services

To amend sections 4503.44 and 4511.69 of the Revised Code to create a removable windshield placard that grants accessible parking privileges to pregnant women.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Children and Human Services Committee

Position: Watch

HB457 - Regarding penalties for politically motivated criminal offenses

J. Daniels (R), J. Williams (R)

HB457: Oct 1, 2025 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend sections 2903.01, 2929.01, 2929.12, 2929.14, and 2929.22 and to enact section 2941.1428 of the Revised Code to create new aggravated murder offenses for political motivation and political victims, to create a mandatory prison term for politically motivated offenses of violence, and to add political motivation to sentencing factors for felonies and misdemeanors.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Judiciary Committee

Position: Watch

HB459 - Enact Katelyn's Law

J. Gross (R), J. Williams (R)

HB459: Jun 11, 2026 - Introduced

To amend sections 2152.17, 2901.13, 2927.01, and 2929.14 and to enact sections 2921.322 and 2941.1427 of the Revised Code to enact Katelyn's Law to create an offense and specification related to moving or removing human remains, to provide that the offense has no statute of limitations, and to modify the offense of abuse of a corpse.

Legislative Progress 1st Chamber

Position: Watch

HB460 - Allow specified officials to carry a handgun in a government facility

T. Claggett (R), B. Willis (R)

HB460: Oct 1, 2025 - Referred to committee: Public Safety

To amend section 2923.126 of the Revised Code to allow members of the General Assembly, statewide elected officials, judges, and magistrates to carry a concealed handgun in a government facility of the state or a political subdivision.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Public Safety Committee

Position: Watch

HB468 - Exempt specified OEPA, PUCO vehicles from certain traffic laws

L. McNally (D), T. Rader (D)

HB468: Oct 1, 2025 - Referred to committee: Transportation

To amend section 4511.01 of the Revised Code to designate certain OEPA and PUCO vehicles as public safety vehicles that are exempt from certain traffic laws and to make an appropriation.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Transportation Committee

Position: Watch

HB471 - Designate Deputy Larry Henderson Memorial Highway

C. Abrams (R)

HB471: Nov 18, 2025 - Referred to committee: Transportation

To enact section 5534.971 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of Interstate 275 in Hamilton County as the "Deputy Larry Henderson Memorial Highway."

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Transportation Committee

Position: Support

HB473 - Bar public employers from paying employee retirement contributions

D. Thomas (R)

HB473: Oct 1, 2025 - Referred to committee: Public Insurance and Pensions

To amend sections 145.47, 742.31, 3307.27, 3309.47, 4117.08, and 5505.15 of the Revised Code to prohibit a public employer from paying employee contributions to a state retirement system.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Public Insurance and Pensions Committee

Position: Oppose

HB478 - Create jury tampering offense; revise court intimidation offenses

D. Thomas (R), E. Synenberg (D)

HB478: Jun 2, 2026 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend section 2921.04 and to enact section 2921.06 of the Revised Code to create the offense of jury tampering and to include a public servant in the offense of intimidation of an attorney, victim, witness, or public servant in a criminal case.

Legislative Progress Referred to Committee

Position: Watch

HB479 - Regards physician supervision of imaging contrast administration

J. Schmidt (R)

HB479: Jun 12, 2026 - Delivered to the Governor

To amend sections 9.66, 122.84, 303.12, 306.43, 319.301, 323.152, 519.12, 1901.186, 3318.36, 3318.363, 4503.065, 4773.10, 4774.08, 4774.10, 5502.75, 5705.31, 5705.316, 5713.08, 5715.23, and 5715.27; to amend, for the purpose of adopting a new section number as indicated in parentheses, section 5502.75 (5119.74); to enact sections 4723.37, 4773.062, 4774.101, 5119.75, 5119.76, 5119.77, and 5119.78; and to repeal section 503.54 of the Revised Code; to amend Sections 223.20, 259.10, 259.20, 337.10, 337.90, 423.106, and 513.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly, Section 359.10 of H.B. 730 of the 136th General Assembly, and Section 223.10 of S.B. 450 of the 136th General Assembly; and to amend Section 223.10 of S.B. 450 of the 136th General Assembly contingent on S.B. 450 of the 136th General Assembly becoming law to make appropriations and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.

Legislative Progress 2nd Chamber

Position: Amend

HB481 - Allow public body executive session for employee performance

S. Fowler Arthur (R), B. Brown Piccolantonio (D)

HB481: Oct 1, 2025 - Referred to committee: Government Oversight

To amend section 121.22 of the Revised Code to allow a public body to meet in an executive session to discuss the performance of a public employee or official.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Government Oversight Committee

Position: Watch

HB487 - Create a repeat drug offender specification

J. Williams (R), P. Plummer (R)

HB487: Oct 8, 2025 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend sections 2929.01 and 2929.14 and to enact section 2941.1427 of the Revised Code to create a repeat drug offender specification.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Judiciary Committee

Position: Watch

HB490 - Expand postconviction relief re: DNA test showing actual innocence

J. Schmidt (R), J. Williams (R)

HB490: Oct 8, 2025 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend sections 2953.21 and 2953.23 of the Revised Code to expand the availability of postconviction relief based on DNA testing showing actual innocence.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Judiciary Committee

Position: Watch

HB492 - Prohibit interfering with motor vehicle-related arrests

S. Ray (R); C. Abrams (R)

HB492: Jul 1, 2026 - Delivered to the Governor

To amend section 4513.36 of the Revised Code to expand the prohibition against interfering with an arrest to all motor vehicle-related laws and require drivers and passengers to disclose their name, address, and date of birth to a peace officer on request.

Legislative Progress 2nd Chamber

Position: Support

Comments:

- Michael Weinman, Apr 24, 2026, 11:01 PM Mike Weinman testified on this bill in the Senate.

HB494 - Designate Road Traffic Victims Day of Remembrance

B. Brown Piccolantonio (D), M. Sigrist (D)

HB494: Oct 8, 2025 - Referred to committee: Transportation

To enact section 5.57 of the Revised Code to designate the third Sunday in November as "Road Traffic Victims Day of Remembrance."

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Transportation Committee

Position: Watch

HB495 - Enact the Freedom to Carry Act

J. Gross (R), J. Williams (R)

HB495: Oct 8, 2025 - Referred to committee: Public Safety

To amend sections 9.68, 109.69, 109.731, 311.41, 311.42, 311.43, 1547.69, 2921.13, 2923.11, 2923.111, 2923.12, 2923.121, 2923.122, 2923.123, 2923.124, 2923.125, 2923.126, 2923.127, 2923.128, 2923.129, 2923.1210, 2923.1211, 2923.1212, 2923.1213, 2923.16, 2923.17, 2953.35, and 4749.10 and to repeal section 1533.04 of the Revised Code to enact the Freedom to Carry Act to rename a concealed handgun license a concealed weapons license and to allow a concealed weapons licensee to carry a concealed deadly weapon other than an exclusive deadly weapon.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Public Safety Committee

Position: Watch

HB498 - Enact the Ohio Self-Defense Act

B. Lear (R), M. Robb Blasdel (R)

HB498: Oct 8, 2025 - Referred to committee: Public Safety

To amend sections 2307.601, 2901.05, and 2901.09 and to enact sections 2901.091 and 2901.092 of the Revised Code to enact the Ohio Self-Defense Act to modify the law regarding self-defense.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Public Safety Committee

Position: Watch

HB507 - Prohibit a person from receiving proceeds of prostitution

J. Newman (R), M. John (R)

HB507: Mar 25, 2026 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend sections 2907.01 and 2923.31 and to enact section 2907.251 of the Revised Code to prohibit a person from receiving proceeds of prostitution.

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee

Position: Watch

HB510 - Prohibit requiring employees to join or pay dues to an employee organization.

L. Dean (R)

HB510: Oct 15, 2025 - Referred to committee: Commerce and Labor

To amend sections 9.81, 4117.09, and 4117.11 and to enact sections 4119.01, 4119.02, 4119.07, 4119.08, and 4119.99 of the Revised Code to prohibit any requirement that employees join or pay dues to an employee organization.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Commerce and Labor Committee

Position: Oppose

HB511 - Increase appropriations for Campus Student Safety Grant Program

D. Jarrells (D), J. Pizzulli (R)

HB511: Oct 15, 2025 - Referred to committee: Workforce and Higher Education

To amend Section 381.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly to increase appropriations for the Campus Student Safety Grant Program for the biennium ending June 30, 2027.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Workforce and Higher Education Committee

Position: Watch

HB519 - Prohibit specified actions with intent to steal a motor vehicle

A. White (R)

HB519: Feb 11, 2026 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend sections 2152.02, 2152.19, 2923.24, 2930.12, 2930.13, and 2951.03 of the Revised Code to prohibit possession of an electronic device under circumstances indicating an intent to commit a theft offense that involves a motor vehicle.

Legislative Progress Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee

Position: Watch

HB527 - Allow felony defendants to request indictment by open grand jury

J. Williams (R)

HB527: Oct 22, 2025 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend sections 109.83, 109.84, 109.85, 109.86, 121.22, 177.03, 307.52, 325.07, 701.03, 1901.21, 2151.43, 2152.13, 2301.25, 2335.08, 2930.09, 2933.62, 2933.63, 2935.36, 2937.09, 2937.10, 2937.12, 2939.02, 2939.03, 2939.06, 2939.07, 2939.08, 2939.09, 2939.10, 2939.11, 2939.12, 2939.13, 2939.14, 2939.15, 2939.16, 2939.17, 2939.19, 2939.23, 2939.24, 2941.06, 2941.58, 2951.041, 2953.33, 3515.13, 3701.14, 3701.17, 3701.24, and 4113.22 and to enact sections 2937.111, 2939.061, and 2939.071 of the Revised Code to allow felony defendants to request an alternative system of indictment by open grand jury.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Judiciary Committee

Position: Watch

HB528 - Requires a 7-year mandatory minimum prison term for forcible rape

J. Williams (R)

HB528: Jun 10, 2026 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend sections 2907.01 and 2907.02 of the Revised Code to require a seven-year mandatory minimum prison term for forcible rape and to expand the definition of sexual conduct to include anilingus.

Legislative Progress Referred to Committee

Position: Watch

HB533 - Revise the list of vehicles that can commit vehicular homicide

K. Miller (R)

HB533: Jul 1, 2026 - Delivered to the Governor

To amend sections 2903.06 and 2903.08 of the Revised Code to add to the list of vehicles that can be used to commit a vehicular homicide or vehicular assault.

Legislative Progress 2nd Chamber

Position: Watch

HB653 - Establish maximum late fees for civil parking tickets

D. Brewer (D)

HB653: Feb 4, 2026 - Referred to committee: Local Government

To amend section 4521.02 of the Revised Code to establish maximum late fees for civil parking tickets.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Local Government Committee

Position: Watch

HB654 - Enact Amanda Dean's Law

K. Deeter (R), G. Manning (R)

HB654: Jun 11, 2026 - Introduced

To amend section 2927.01 of the Revised Code to enact Amanda Dean's Law to increase the penalties for abuse of a corpse.

Legislative Progress 1st Chamber

Position: Watch

HB656 - Create the offense of negligent assault of a peace officer

J. Williams (R)

HB656: Feb 4, 2026 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend sections 2903.14 and 2927.15 of the Revised Code to create the offense of negligent assault of a peace officer.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Judiciary Committee

Position: Watch

HB659 - Regards childhood sexual abuse and student sexual abuse

A. Russo (D), E. Synenberg (D)

HB659: Feb 4, 2026 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend sections 2305.111 and 2315.18 of the Revised Code regarding childhood sexual abuse and student sexual abuse and to amend the version of section 2305.111 that is scheduled to take effect on October 12, 2028, to continue the change on and after that date.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Judiciary Committee

Position: Watch

HB662 - Increase penalty for disturbing a lawful meeting in certain cases

T. Fischer (R), J. Newman (R)

HB662: Feb 4, 2026 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend section 2917.12 of the Revised Code to increase the penalty for disturbing a lawful meeting under certain circumstances.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Judiciary Committee

Position: Watch

HB667 - Enact the Reagan Tokes and Patrick Heringer Act

C. Abrams (R)

HB667: Jun 11, 2026 - Introduced

To amend sections 2929.141, 2929.34, 2935.10, 2935.11, 5120.021, 5120.038, 5589.21, and 5589.211 of the Revised Code to enact the Reagan Tokes and Patrick Heringer Act to require certain warrants to be entered into LEADS, to require GPS monitoring of offenders released from prison, and to modify T-CAP requirements.

Legislative Progress 1st Chamber

Position: Support

HB709 - Require private insurers to cover telehealth mental health services

K. Brownlee (D), M. Craig (R)

HB709: Feb 25, 2026 - Referred to committee: Insurance

To amend section 3902.30 of the Revised Code to require private insurers to cover telehealth services for mental health services the same as for in-person mental health services.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Insurance Committee

Position: Watch

HB712 - Revise the laws governing accessible parking

M. Craig (R)

HB712: Feb 25, 2026 - Referred to committee: Children and Human Services

To amend sections 311.30, 505.541, 509.04, 3501.29, 3781.111, 4503.038, 4503.10, 4503.12, 4503.41, 4503.44, 4511.69, 4517.12, 4521.01, 4521.02, 4731.481, and 4734.161 and to enact sections 4503.441, 4503.442, 4503.443, 4503.444, 4503.445, 4503.446, 4503.447, 4503.448, 4511.691, 4511.692, 4511.693, 4511.694, 4511.695, 4511.696, 4511.697, 4511.698, and 4511.699 of the Revised Code to make changes to the laws governing accessible parking.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Children and Human Services Committee

Position: Watch

HB714 - Alter law governing vehicular assault, yielding to pedestrians

M. Sigrist (D), M. Odioso (R)

HB714: Feb 25, 2026 - Referred to committee: Public Safety

To amend sections 2903.08, 2903.081, 4511.14, and 4511.46 of the Revised Code to alter the laws governing vehicular assault and failing to yield the right of way to pedestrians.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Public Safety Committee

Position: Watch

HB725 - Restrict commercial use of license plate recognition data

K. Miller (R)

HB725: Mar 4, 2026 - Referred to committee: Public Safety

To enact section 4549.07 of the Revised Code to restrict the collection, use, sale, transfer, and sharing of data collected from an automated license plate recognition system for commercial purposes.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Public Safety Committee

Position: Watch

HB727 - Modify grant formula for felony delinquent corrections facilities

T. Fischer (R), P. Plummer (R)

HB727: Mar 4, 2026 - Referred to committee: Finance

To amend sections 5139.36 and 5139.41 of the Revised Code to modify the formula for grants to counties from the Department of Youth Services to operate community corrections facilities for felony delinquents.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Finance Committee

Position: Watch

HB728 - Eliminate informal hearings in certain juvenile delinquency cases

M. Odioso (R), P. Plummer (R)

HB728: Mar 4, 2026 - Referred to committee: Judiciary

To amend sections 2151.35 and 2152.11 of the Revised Code to eliminate informal hearings and dismissals in the best interest of the child in certain juvenile delinquency cases.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Judiciary Committee

Position: Watch

HB729 - Designate Patrolman Earnest E. Cole Memorial Highway

T. Hall (R), K. Miller (R)

HB729: Mar 4, 2026 - Referred to committee: Transportation

To enact section 5534.932 of the Revised Code to designate Interstate 75 in Butler County as the "Patrolman Earnest E. Cole Memorial Highway."

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Transportation Committee

Position: Support

HB764 - Designate Patrolman Charles G. Cannon Memorial Highway

L. Dean (R), K. Miller (R)

HB764: Mar 18, 2026 - Referred to committee: Transportation

To enact section 5534.141 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of U.S. Route 42 in Greene County as the "Patrolman Charles G. Cannon Memorial Highway."

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Transportation Committee

Position: Support

HB802 - Designate Patrolman Karl E. Bushong Memorial Highway

J. Callender (R), K. Miller (R)

HB802: May 13, 2026 - Referred to committee: Transportation

To enact section 5534.456 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of U.S. Route 20 in Lake County as the "Patrolman Karl E. Bushong Memorial Highway."

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Transportation Committee

Position: Support

HB830 - Establish the violent crime reduction grant program

J. LaRe (R), D. Brewer (D)

HB830: May 13, 2026 - Referred to committee: Public Safety

To enact section 5502.72 of the Revised Code to establish the violent crime reduction grant program.

Legislative Progress Referred to the House Public Safety Committee

Position: Watch

HB870 - Enact Mental Health Systems Coord., Crisis Prevention Comm. Act

D. Brewer (D), V. Sims (D)

HB870: May 20, 2026 - Referred to committee: Health

To enact the Ohio Mental Health Systems Coordination and Crisis Prevention Commission Act.

Legislative Progress Referred to Committee

Position: Watch

State FOPA Liaison Chairman Virgil F. McDaniel

Welcome to all the delegates and guest for our 90th State Fraternal Order of Police State conference.

There are many things that we can do to increase our membership. One way that produced good results was Dayton FOPA #1 had a picnic at our lodge hall on June 14, 2026. they ask the membership of the FOP to support them by attending and bringing out a guest with them that might be interested in joining the FOPA. I took two of my neighbors that I have known for years. They not only had a good time but one of them has already joined the FOPA.

we have been working closely with State President Jay McDonald and he has suggested that we start in a couple of areas of the State and work to recruit new FOPA members. One of those areas is with Dayton FOPA number 1. I am currently working with the leadership of the Dayton FOPA and FOP to put forth our recruitment effort.

My thanks go out to Theresa Drennen and the executive board of the State FOPA for their leadership during these trying times.

At this 90th annual conference the State FOPA will issue awards in the following areas:

- State FOPA member of the year
- Virgil F. McDaniel award
- FOPA lodge of the year
- Award scholarships to our children and grandkids

As of this conference we have 2293 FOPA members in the State of Ohio. We can do better and must if we want our organization to grow. I asking every FOP and FOPA member to find one new member in 2025 to make the FOPA the organization that we want it to be.

I would like to thank President McDonald and the State FOP board for all their support and guidance over the last few years. I would also like to thank President Drennen and the State FOPA board for allowing me the pleasure and working for and with them on various issues.

Fraternally,

Virgil F. McDaniel



OhioSTRONG

Robert J. Hawley
Membership Director

Growing the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio is not just important—it is essential to our future. If we want to remain the strongest and most respected voice for law enforcement in Ohio, we must grow our membership. Every member we add strengthens our voice, increases our influence, and ensures we can continue fighting for the rights, benefits, and protections of Ohio's law enforcement officers.

As of my report, the FOP of Ohio has **22,825 members**. The number of retirees leaving the FOP of Ohio is alarming, and we cannot become comfortable with that number. Standing still is not an option. **Every officer who isn't an FOP member is someone whose voice is missing from our organization—and someone else is speaking for them. We cannot allow that to continue.**

I'm pleased to report that I recently established a new lodge in Butler County, and I'm currently working on another one in Noble County. Growing the FOP cannot rest on the shoulders of a handful of people. It has to become a priority for every lodge and every member in this room.

Recruiting isn't complicated. It starts with a conversation. Every one of us knows officers who are not FOP members. Ask them why. Tell them what the FOP has done for you, your department, and the profession. Explain why the FOP is different. Those conversations are how we grow.

We've recently updated our FOP of Ohio recruiting brochures. If you'd like copies to take back to your lodge or agency, please stop by and see me after the meeting.

To strengthen our recruiting efforts, each board member has been assigned specific agencies and departments. President McDonald, Vice President Assion, Secretary Parker, and I have also identified several strategic accounts that we are actively pursuing.

The Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio is the **Voice of Law Enforcement**. We fight for legislation, collective bargaining rights, legal protections, training, benefits, and the future of this profession. Yet too many officers enjoy those victories while choosing not to become members.

Other organizations often let the FOP do the heavy lifting and then enjoy the benefits of our success. **That has to stop.** If they want the protections, the representation, and the influence that the FOP provides, they need to be part of the organization that makes it happen.

Growing our membership isn't just my responsibility as Membership Director—it's everyone's responsibility. **Every lodge represented in this room has the ability to grow. Every delegate has the ability to recruit. Every conversation you have with a non-member is an opportunity to strengthen this organization.**

Our future depends on what we do today. We cannot wait for someone else to grow this organization. **We are the ones who must do it.**

So today, I'm asking each of you to make a commitment. When you leave this meeting, don't just talk about growing the FOP—go out and make it happen. Challenge yourself to recruit one new member before our next board meeting. Then challenge every member of your lodge to do the same.

Imagine what that would mean. Hundreds of new members. A stronger voice at the Statehouse. Greater bargaining power. More resources for our lodges. More influence when legislation affects every officer in this state. That future is within our reach—but only if we decide that growing this organization is everyone's responsibility, not someone else's job.

History won't remember how many members we had today. It will remember what we did to build the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio for tomorrow. Let's leave this room committed to growing our lodges, strengthening our state lodge, and ensuring that the Fraternal Order of Police remains the undisputed Voice of Law Enforcement in Ohio. The time to act is now—and that responsibility belongs to every one of us. Together, let's build our FOP Legacy.

F  P Legacy

Since we last met in 2025, the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission has made numerous changes to the OPOTA training curriculum. The following basic academy topics were reviewed and updated with the changes being implemented in January 2026:

1-1 Intro to basic academy

2-1 Legal basics

2-2K Crimes against the administration of safety & justice

2-20 Other offenses

7-2 Critical injury first aid

8-1 Patrol aspects

11-7 Drug awareness

13-1 Hazmat & WMD awareness

There were 16 mandatory hours removed from the basic academy curriculum (First aid, CPR, ICS & NIMS). Those topics are now optional. The commission approved replacing the 16 hours previously mentioned with 16 hours of new topics including ICAT and Crisis Mitigation.

Several changes/updates to the canine evaluator lesson plan were approved. Some of these changes include:

- Updating definitions
- Changing evaluation portion locations within the curriculum
- Adding substances to the explosive detection list

As we are all currently aware of, 24 hours of Continuing Professional Training is required for 2026 with 32 hours being reimbursable. A plan was developed by OPOTA staff and adopted by the Commission for 24 hours of mandatory CPT in 2027. It is unknown if or how many hours will be reimbursed.

The Commission adopted several more changes to the OPOTA topic list that were implemented beginning on July 1, 2026 including:

1-2 Fundamentals of the CJS

2-2A Crimes against persons

5-1 Driving

7-2 CIFA

8-2 Companion animal encounters

8-9 Booking & handling

10-4 Traffic crash investigation

11-1 Crime scene
11-11 Lineups
11-12 Gambling
11-15 Interview & interrogation
12-2 Critical incident stress awareness

For a full list of changes to all OPOTA curriculum or Ohio Administrative Code changes, Commission meeting minutes can be found at the Ohio Attorney Generals web site under the law enforcement tab.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio for recommending me to Governor Dewine to fill the seat of retiring Lieutenant Jim Fitsko. Jim did a great job representing the FOP while serving on the Commission and his shoes will be hard to fill.

Fraternally,

Douglas P. Hubaker- Wood County Lodge #109

Commissioner- OPOTC

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Section Five
In Memoriam

In Memoriam

Canton McKinley Lodge #2

James Fetterman
Daniel Heaton
Victor Johnson
Albert Karolyi
Gary Moore
Gary Shankle
Stanley Strausser
David Wolgamott

Lorain Lodge #3

Jeffery Morehart
Zbigniew "Stan" Puza
Phillip Wagner

Tuscora Lodge #4

John Grasselli

Zane Lodge #5

Robert Euton
James McGee
Mike Prather
Robert Sommers

Akron Lodge #7

Donald Alvarez
John Bailey
Darrell Dawson
Merle Dennis
Jerry Green
Joseph Gore
Curtis Jackson
Everett Peaslee

Gary Rush
Dennis Thornton
Larry Joseph White
Joseph Wolfe

Cleveland Lodge #8

Robert Bartos
William Busse
Ray Cheese
Jerold Englehart
Lawrence Forgach
Dennis Gunsch
Charlotte Krusinski
William Lally
Richard Martin
Steven Merencky
Milton Michalske
William Pitman
William Riedthaller
William Schemp
Alan Simon
Ronald Suponcic
Frank Volk
Jay Walland
Thomas Walsh
Kenneth Zalar
Pamela Zimmerman

Capital City Lodge #9

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Harlan Hill
Hirst Lampton
John Liedtke

Andrew Lucas
Doyle Melick
Thomas McGovern
Anne Novotny
Roger Pfeiffer
Donald Reeb
Jerry Rudolph I
James Rutter
Dale Sprout
Russell Stalnaker
James Tripp
Philip Weber

Parma Lodge #15

Dennis DeLuca
William Poutz
Howard Strong II

Lake-Geauga Co. Lodge #16

Dale Flood
Max Wachob

Lake Erie Lodge #17

Paul Schnittker
Charles Ulmer

Lima Lodge 21

James Eley

F.P. Culp Lodge #22

Thomas Kennedy

Steve Young Memorial Lodge #24

Gerald Barnes
Donald Griffin
John Gruber

Western Cuyahoga Lodge #25

Gary Easter
Lynn Hofelich
Charles Jandecka
Tony Smerk

Ashtabula Lodge #26

David Clemens
James Henry

Wm. J Taylor - Mansfield Lodge #32

Orland Chatman Jr
David Messmore

Dayton Lodge #44

Donna Davis
Gordon Dennis
James Hensley Jr
Oliver Logan
Kelly Malcolm
Charles Moberly
James Newby
Arthur Quinn
Mark Roberson
Thomas Tunney

Cuyahoga Falls Lodge #49

Earnest Arnold
William Crawford
Randall Weitzell

Forest Rose Lodge #50

Earnest Leroy Alvis Jr
Charles Hayes
Robert Shirk

Delaware County Lodge #56

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George Murray Lodge #67

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James Cooper
Vincent Delgado
Frank Sanborn
Matthew Thomas

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Glenn Amann
Richard Atkins
David Biederman
Jerry Blazer
William Bihr
Dennis Clagens
Gary Dudley
Frank Feldhaus
Harvey Freeman
Gerald Gramke
Janet Green
Lawrence Handorf
Ronald Kissinger
Charles Klug
Gregory Kremm
David Lundy
Robert Pope
Stephen Ruholl
Kevin Schroeder
George Smith
Don Wells

Eastern Hamilton Co Lodge #74

Dennis Lincoln "Denny" Daley
William Sherman "Bill" Fields Jr
Kenneth Johnson
John Patrick "Murph" Murphy
Allan "Gregg" Reuscher

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Thomas Blohm

Ohio Valley Lodge #112

Michael Allen
Terry Trost

Frederick J Beard Lodge #117

Edward Ashcraft
Robert Burling
Lynn Philabaum

Licking Co Lodge #127

Denny Bebout
Rich Mason

Summit County Lodge #139

Donald Beal
Susan Wigington

Mahoning County Lodge 141

David Aey

LINE OF DUTY DEATHS

Officer ***Phillip C Wagner***

Lorain Police Department

July 24, 2025

Trooper ***Nicholas P. Cayton***

Ohio State Highway Patrol

October 24, 2025

Sergeant ***Scott Ries***

Rittman Police Department

July 5, 2026

Section Six
2025 Outside
Audit Financials

Consolidated Financial Statements

**Fraternal Order of
Police of Ohio, Inc.
and Subsidiaries**

December 31, 2025 and 2024



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To the Board of Trustees
Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio, Inc.
and Subsidiaries
Columbus, Ohio

Independent Auditor's Report

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio, Inc. and Subsidiaries (the Company), which comprise the consolidated statements of assets, liabilities and net assets – modified cash basis as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the related consolidated statements of support, revenue, expenses and net assets – modified cash basis and consolidated statements of functional expenses – modified cash basis for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Company and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to the footnotes of the consolidated financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in the notes to the consolidated financial statements, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the consolidated financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

GBQ Partners LLC

Columbus, Ohio
May 11, 2026

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Consolidated Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis December 31, 2025 and 2024

	2025	2024
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 2,061,472	\$ 1,881,128
Marketable securities	340,139	299,978
Total current assets	2,401,611	2,181,106
Property and Equipment		
Land	175,000	175,000
Building and improvements	2,459,711	2,447,316
Office equipment	138,040	138,040
Computer equipment	94,991	94,991
Furniture and fixtures	127,994	127,994
	2,995,736	2,983,341
Less: accumulated depreciation	(1,977,354)	(1,891,178)
Net property and equipment	1,018,382	1,092,163
Note Receivable - Related Party	12,068	12,072
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,432,061	\$ 3,285,341
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable - related party	\$ 5,396	\$ 5,396
Current portion of long-term debt	49,926	47,925
Total current liabilities	55,322	53,321
Long-Term Debt	252,819	302,670
Total liabilities	308,141	355,991
Net Assets	3,123,920	2,929,350
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 3,432,061	\$ 3,285,341

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statements of Support, Revenue, Expenses and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis For the Years Ended December 31, 2025 and 2024

	2025	2024
Revenue and Other Support		
Booster program	\$ 234,210	\$ 214,164
Per capita dues	928,770	894,556
Management fees	408,509	272,220
Building rental	153,023	160,453
Equipment rental	13,519	11,065
Foundation revenue	109,234	67,402
Net appreciation on marketable securities	32,608	17,551
Dividend income	9,115	7,136
Other	87,034	66,829
Gain on disposal of property and equipment	-	4,700
Total revenue and other support	1,976,022	1,716,076
Expenses		
Salaries, payroll taxes and employee benefits	793,987	644,992
Booster program	219,368	201,606
Professional fees	170,383	188,465
Depreciation	86,176	82,535
Equipment leases	13,895	13,069
Repairs and maintenance	70,486	73,068
Utilities	50,346	45,646
Office supplies and expenses	58,809	63,731
Travel and meetings	125,651	124,918
Real estate taxes	49,338	48,557
Donations and gifts	3,661	1,356
Printing and publishing	6,367	9,012
Interest expense	14,007	16,571
Foundation expenses	93,731	96,445
Other	25,247	27,046
Total expenses	1,781,452	1,637,017
Change in Net Assets	194,570	79,059
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	2,929,350	2,850,291
Net Assets - End of Year	\$ 3,123,920	\$ 2,929,350

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Consolidated Statements of Functional Expenses – Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Booster Program	Rental	Management and General	Foundation	Total
Expenses					
Salaries, payroll taxes and employee benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 793,987	\$ 43,393	\$ 837,380
Professional fees	134,706	-	170,383	2,000	307,089
Depreciation	-	64,705	21,471	-	86,176
Equipment leases	-	-	13,895	-	13,895
Repairs and maintenance	-	70,486	-	-	70,486
Utilities	-	40,158	10,188	190	50,536
Office supplies and expenses	77,437	2,342	56,467	879	137,125
Travel and meetings	-	-	125,651	7,311	132,962
Real estate taxes	-	49,338	-	-	49,338
Printing and publishing	-	-	6,367	100	6,467
Donations and gifts	-	-	3,661	7,650	11,311
Interest expense	-	14,007	-	-	14,007
Fundraising	-	-	-	26,602	26,602
Other	7,225	6,554	18,693	5,606	38,078
Total Expenses	\$ 219,368	\$ 247,590	\$ 1,220,763	\$ 93,731	\$ 1,781,452

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Consolidated Statements of Functional Expenses – Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Booster Program	Rental	Management and General	Foundation	Total
Expenses					
Salaries, payroll taxes and employee benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 644,992	\$ 41,764	\$ 686,756
Professional fees	117,415	-	188,465	2,000	307,880
Depreciation	-	65,889	16,646	-	82,535
Equipment leases	-	-	13,069	-	13,069
Repairs and maintenance	-	73,068	-	-	73,068
Utilities	-	37,595	8,051	360	46,006
Office supplies and expenses	81,749	3,124	60,607	2,525	148,005
Travel and meetings	-	-	124,918	1,725	126,643
Real estate taxes	-	48,557	-	-	48,557
Printing and publishing	-	-	9,012	423	9,435
Donations and gifts	-	-	1,356	17,172	18,528
Interest expense	-	16,571	-	-	16,571
Fundraising	-	-	-	27,647	27,647
Other	2,442	5,169	21,877	2,829	32,317
Total Expenses	\$ 201,606	\$ 249,973	\$ 1,088,993	\$ 96,445	\$ 1,637,017

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Nature and Scope of Business

The Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio, Inc. (FOP), a state lodge chartered by the Fraternal Order of Police, a national police organization, was organized in 1934. The FOP is dedicated to the advancement and protection of law enforcement officers, the promotion of improved law enforcement methods and the teaching of respect for law and order.

Entities that are related to the FOP are as follows:

- **222 Corporation**, a wholly-owned not-for-profit subsidiary that owns the office building where FOP is located.
- **The Fraternal Order of Police Ohio Labor Council, Inc. (OLC)**, a not-for-profit organization, is not under the direct control of the FOP and therefore is not consolidated with the FOP and Subsidiaries. OLC is dedicated to the betterment of law enforcement personnel through the representation of its members in collective bargaining and other labor relations matters.
- **Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio Foundation, Inc. (FOPF)**, a not-for-profit organization controlled by the FOP that was formed for the purpose of providing support and financial aid to persons in need, including but not limited to, Special Olympics, Easter Seals, law enforcement personnel in need, survivors of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty or any other charity as so approved.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements of the FOP and subsidiaries (the Organization) include all accounts of FOP, 222 Corporation and FOPF. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Basis of Consolidated Financial Statements

The Organization's policy is to prepare its consolidated financial statements using the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. That basis differs from accounting principles generally acceptable in the United States of America in that certain revenues are recognized when received rather than when the services are provided and payments to vendors are recognized when paid rather than when the services are received. Under the modified cash basis of accounting, related party receivables and payables are accrued. Accordingly, the accompanying consolidated financial statements are not intended to present the financial position and changes in net assets in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Financial Statement Presentation

The Organization reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets:

- Net Assets without Donor Restrictions – Net assets are not restricted by donor-imposed restrictions and are available for use in the Organization's ongoing operations.
- Net Assets with Donor Restrictions – Net assets are limited as to use by donor-imposed restrictions that either expire by passage of time, can be fulfilled and removed by action of the Organization pursuant to those restrictions or are permanently restricted as to use and generally allow only the use of earnings for restricted purposes.

The net assets of the Organization are without donor restrictions at December 31, 2025 and 2024.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements on the modified cash basis of accounting requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Liquidity and Available Resources

The FOP has \$2,401,611 of financial assets available within one year of the balance sheet date to meet cash needs for general expenditure consisting of cash of \$2,061,472 and marketable securities of \$340,139. None of the financial assets are subject to donor or other contractual restrictions that make them unavailable for general expenditure within one year of the consolidated statement of financial position. The FOP has a policy to structure its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures and liabilities come due.

Marketable Securities

Marketable securities are stated at fair value determined by quoted market prices and represent shares in mutual funds. Gains and losses on these investments are reported in the consolidated statements of support, revenue, expenses and net assets – modified cash basis as increases or decreases in unrestricted net assets. Marketable securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain marketable securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of marketable securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the accompanying consolidated statements of assets, liabilities and net assets – modified cash basis.

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Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are carried at cost. Depreciation is calculated using accelerated or straight-line methods over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets. Assets purchased but not placed in service are capitalized and depreciation is not recorded until the assets are placed in service. Property and equipment that are donated are recorded at fair market value on the date of receipt. Maintenance and repairs, which do not improve or extend the estimated useful lives of the respective assets, are expensed as incurred. Major improvements or betterments are capitalized. When property and equipment are sold or retired, the related cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts, and any gain or loss is included in income. Property and equipment are depreciated over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Building and improvements	10 - 40 years
Office equipment	5 - 7 years
Computer equipment	3 - 7 years
Furniture and fixtures	5 - 7 years

Total additions during 2025 and 2024 were \$12,395 and \$36,185, respectively.

Impairment of Assets

The carrying value of long-lived assets is reviewed for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate the amount of the assets may not be recoverable. When an indication of impairment is present and the undiscounted cash flows estimated to be generated by the related assets are less than the assets' carrying amount, an impairment loss will be recorded based on the difference between the carrying amount of the assets and their estimated fair value. There were no such impairment adjustments at December 31, 2025 or 2024.

Rental Revenue

Rental revenue is recognized when paid by tenants.

Federal Income Taxes

The FOP, 222 Corporation and FOPF are exempt from federal income taxes under Sections 501(c)(8), 501(c)(2) and 501(c)(3), respectively, of the Internal Revenue Code.

A provision, if applicable, has been made in the consolidated financial statements for federal income taxes by applying statutory income tax rates to income before income taxes.

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Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Federal Income Taxes (continued)

The Organization accounts for uncertainty in income taxes in its consolidated financial statements as required under Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*. The standard prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The standard also provides guidance on de-recognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition accounting. Management determined there were no material uncertain positions taken by the Organization in its tax returns.

Fair Value Measurements

The modified cash basis of accounting established a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to measure the fair value of the assets or liabilities being measured. Fair value is defined as the exchange value that would be received on the measurement date to sell an asset or to value the amount paid to transfer a liability in the principal or most advantageous market available to the entity in an orderly transaction between market participants. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- Level 1 Inputs are unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity has the ability to access at the measurement date. Level 1 inputs provide the most reliable measure of fair value as of the measurement date.
- Level 2 Inputs are based on significant observable inputs, including unadjusted quoted market prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, unadjusted quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability.
- Level 3 Inputs are significant unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The level of the fair value hierarchy within which a fair value measurement in its entirety falls is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

Cash

Cash includes cash on hand and demand deposits held by banks. Cash is maintained in twelve accounts at two financial institutions and, at times, balances may exceed federally insured limits.

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Marketable Securities

FOP's marketable securities consisted of the following at December 31:

	2025		2024	
	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
Mutual funds:				
Stock funds	\$ 65,901	\$ 93,147	\$ 65,901	\$ 81,577
Bond funds	96,929	100,844	87,021	89,004
Fixed income	30,705	30,643	29,727	28,765
Equity funds	85,762	114,361	85,763	96,156
Total mutual funds	279,297	338,995	268,412	295,502
Cash reserve	1,144	1,144	4,476	4,476
Total	\$ 280,441	\$ 340,139	\$ 272,888	\$ 299,978

Note Receivable – Related Party

From 1984 through 1986, the FOP rendered services totaling approximately \$97,000 on behalf of the OLC. In January 1997, a promissory note agreement was signed between OLC and FOP for \$97,493. The note agreement is payable by OLC in annual payments of principal and interest of \$1,000 beginning July 1997 and through July 2097. The note has been recorded in the accompanying consolidated financial statements at its present value of \$12,068 and \$12,072 at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, using an interest rate of 8.25%.

Long-Term Debt

222 Corporation entered into a term note payable in the amount of \$632,408 with a financial institution in December 2017 which is secured by the property. Monthly payments of principal and interest in the amount of \$4,758 were due through December 2032. During 2019, 222 Corporation began making biweekly payments of \$2,379 on the note payable. Interest is calculated at a fixed rate of 4.25%. Outstanding borrowings on the note at December 31, 2025 and 2024 were \$302,745 and \$350,595, respectively.

Future maturities on the term note payable were as follows at December 31, 2025:

2026	\$ 49,926
2027	52,091
2028	54,351
2029	56,709
2030	59,169
Thereafter	30,499
Total	\$ 302,745

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Accounts Payable – Related Party

Accounts payable – related party consists of overpayments of amounts owed by FOP to OLC for rent, personnel, postage, computer usage and other charges under a service agreement.

Fair Value Measurements

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets and liabilities measured at fair value. There has been no change in the methodologies used at December 31, 2025 and 2024.

Mutual Funds: Valued at the net asset value (NAV) of shares held by FOP at year-end.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although FOP believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, FOP's assets at fair value.

Fair Value of Assets as of December 31, 2025:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds:				
Short-Term Bond	\$ 100,844	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,844
Large Blend	73,460	-	-	73,460
Foreign Large Blend	40,587	-	-	40,587
Intermediate Core Bond	30,643	-	-	30,643
Large Value	25,687	-	-	25,687
Small Value	13,353	-	-	13,353
Large Growth	13,027	-	-	13,027
Diversified Emerging Markets	13,647	-	-	13,647
Small Blend	11,319	-	-	11,319
Real Estate	8,060	-	-	8,060
Mid-Cap Blend	8,368	-	-	8,368
Total mutual funds	338,995	-	-	338,995
Cash reserve	1,144	-	-	1,144
Total assets at fair value	\$ 340,139	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 340,139

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Fair Value Measurements (continued)

Fair Value of Assets as of December 31, 2024:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds:				
Short-Term Bond	\$ 89,004	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 89,004
Large Blend	63,796	-	-	63,796
Foreign Large Blend	31,098	-	-	31,098
Intermediate Core Bond	28,765	-	-	28,765
Large Value	22,687	-	-	22,687
Small Value	12,497	-	-	12,497
Large Growth	11,053	-	-	11,053
Diversified Emerging Markets	10,630	-	-	10,630
Small Blend	10,129	-	-	10,129
Real Estate	8,191	-	-	8,191
Mid-Cap Blend	7,652	-	-	7,652
Total mutual funds	295,502	-	-	295,502
Money market funds	4,476	-	-	4,476
Total assets at fair value	\$ 299,978	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 299,978

Leases

The Organization leases office space to the OLC and other unrelated parties under operating lease agreements. The lease terms for unrelated parties expire at various dates through 2026. The leases include a monthly base rent and a portion of the Organization's operating expenses, as defined in the agreements. Effective January 1, 2020, the lease with OLC was extended until December 31, 2029. Initial monthly payments from OLC are \$4,081 and will increase 2% each year until maturity.

Future minimum receipts under these leases are as follows:

	Related Parties	Unrelated Parties	Total
2026	\$ 55,099	\$ 94,060	\$ 149,159
2027	56,206	-	56,206
2028	57,313	-	57,313
2029	58,462	-	58,462
2030	-	-	-
Total	\$ 227,080	\$ 94,060	\$ 321,140

The Organization also leases office equipment from a third party under non-cancelable leases on a month to month basis. Total lease expense was \$13,895 and \$13,069 for 2025 and 2024, respectively.

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Labor Agreement

Approximately 50% of FOP's employees are covered by a collective bargaining agreement that expires in December 2026.

Retirement Plan

The Organization has a salary reduction plan (401(k) Plan) for substantially all full-time employees who have attained the age of 18 and completed six months of continuous service. Contributions are held for the exclusive benefit of the employees. Annual contributions by the Organization to the 401(k) Plan are discretionary. Contributions of \$3,023 and \$10,827 were made in 2025 and 2024, respectively.

Related Party Transactions

In addition to the office space described above, the Organization leases certain office equipment and furniture to the OLC under annual operating leases. Total rental income received from OLC in 2025 and 2024 was \$63,052 and \$64,033, respectively.

The Organization provides various administrative and technical services to the OLC under a service agreement, which extends through July 2027. During 2025 and 2024, the Organization received management fees of \$408,509 and \$272,220, respectively, from the OLC. Additionally, expense reimbursements of \$492,393 and \$584,630 were received from OLC during 2025 and 2024, respectively, and were netted against the respective expenses paid for by the FOP.

Subsequent Events – Date of Management's Evaluation

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date of the Independent Auditor's Report, the date on which the consolidated financial statements were available to be issued.