

### **Why I wanted to join the Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary:**

While dating my now, spouse, we would attend events at the FOP lodge. After asking some questions about the women who always seemed to be doing something at the lodge, I discovered they were Auxiliary members and the purpose was to offer support to officer's and their families in times of need. After joining, I found this was a group of women is clearly dedicated to giving support the FOP plus support for spouses and families and assisting the needs of the less fortunate in the community.

### **Why I am Still a Member:**

We differ from the associate lodge; in that we are comprised of family members only. With time, a growing need to expand membership became clear. We met that need and now our members are now male and female, spouses, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles, moms and dads.

Not all we do is for others. We also take of each other. We give moral support, offer advice, make each other laugh and offer constructive criticism and challenges.

I feel the friends I have made, at home and across the nation are some of the best friends I will ever have.

Our organization has a motto "Never Let Them Walk Alone". My hope is that this becomes the motto that resounds in another family members and the torch will continue to be passed.