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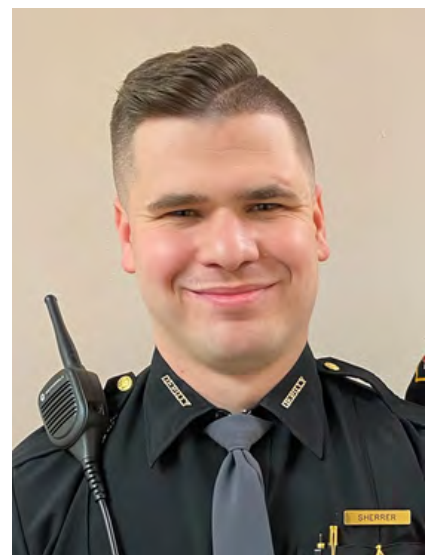
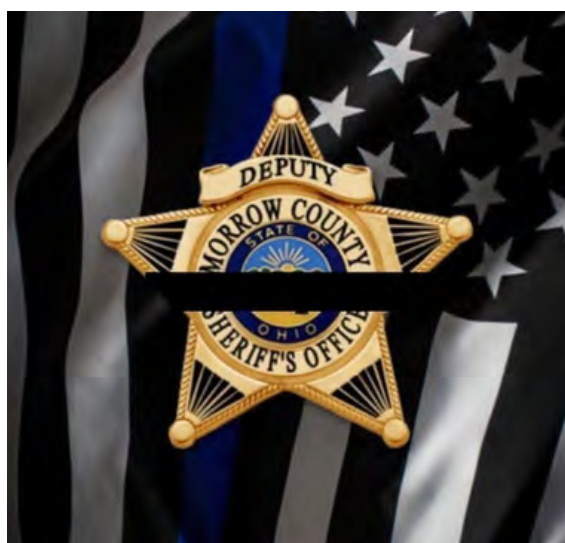


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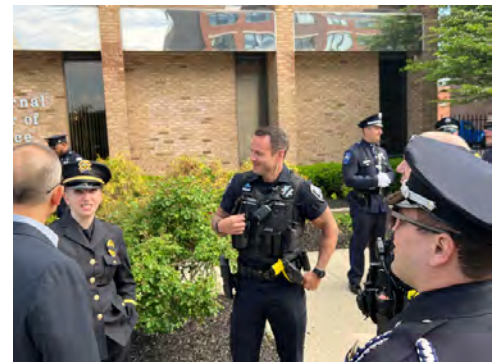
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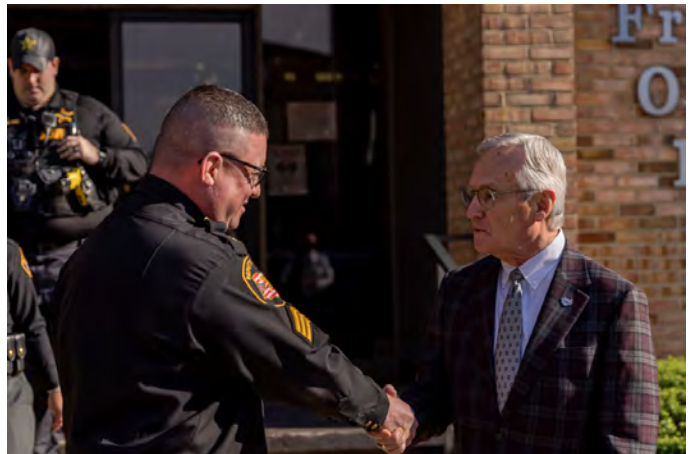
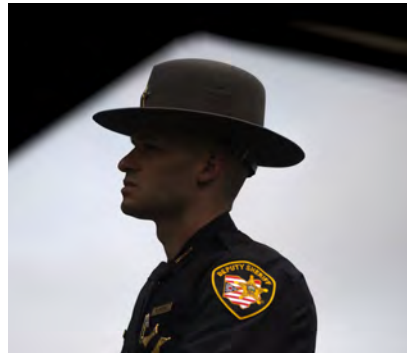
FOP of Ohio Mourns the loss of a Deputy Sheriff in Morrow County



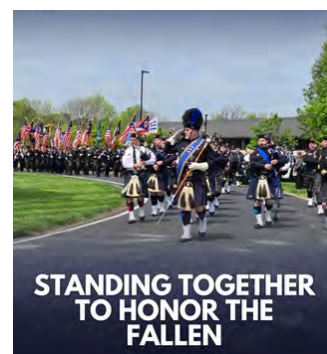
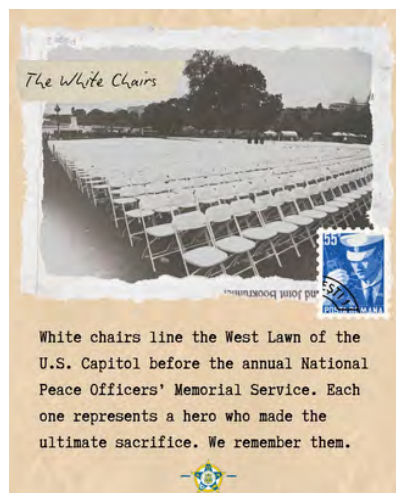
We will stand with our Brothers and Sisters in Morrow County!

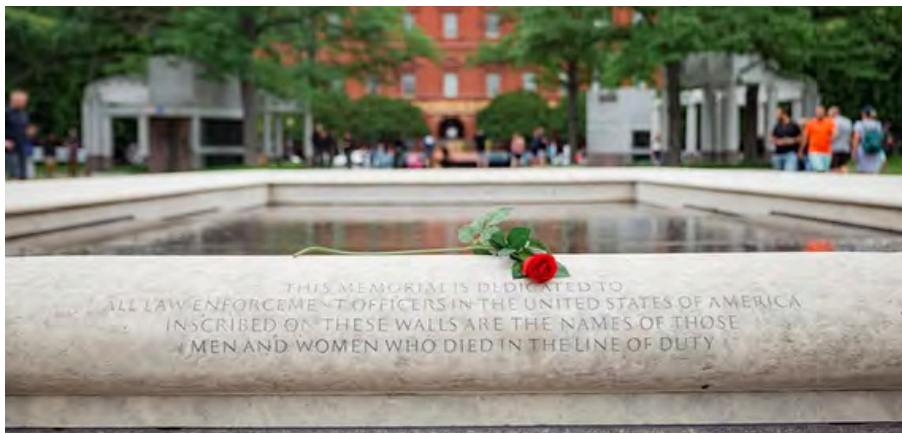
FOP of Ohio Memorial Motorcade and Ohio Memorial





National Peace Officers' Memorial





Call Your State Senator!

The FOP of Ohio, the Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters and our other partners in public safety are once again in need of your help. As you remember, we attempted to get the Ohio Legislature to pass an employer increase in the amount they pay to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund. We were successful, with your help, in getting the bill passed in the House but we ran out of time in the Senate.

Now, we are trying to amend our priority into the Ohio Budget, which is before the Ohio Senate. We have gotten a couple of Senators to introduce an amendment that says the employer contribution will increase over a period of 5 years to an amount that would equal what our employers pay for firefighters. After parity is achieved, an actuarial study will be done every 3 years to determine if the employer level can be raised or lowered by one half of one percent (or stay the same.)

RECOMMENDED SCRIPT FOR CALLING YOUR STATE SENATOR

Hi, my name is _____, and I'm a member of the Ohio Fraternal Order of Police. I work at [Department Name] and I'm calling to share why, as a first responder, I hope you'll support an amendment to the Ohio budget to strengthen the pension for Ohio's first responders.

[Use two or three of the fact points below as reasons you believe the representative should support a budget amendment in the Ohio Senate.]

- Over the past 10 years, Ohio's first responders have seen cuts in benefits and increases in employee contributions to the Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund.
- Employers' contributions to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund haven't changed since 1986.
- There are only two solutions to this problem – add funding or cut more benefits.
- Without action the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund will fall below the 30-year funding minimum
- The amendment layers in modest increases in the employer share of police and fire pensions over five years and also increases the employee contribution as well
- The legislature can support first responders or, if they don't respond, they'll force further benefit cuts for police and fire retirees.

Preliminary Qualified Immunity Plan

Proponents of eliminating Qualified Immunity need 413,487 valid signatures from at least 44 counties and are aiming for the 2026 ballot. They have not filed a campaign finance report, indicating that they have not raised substantial revenue. They do not have an established group with political muscle backing them as of now.

Follow the playbook from Senate Bill 5

1. Build coalitions - Unions; Police and Fire groups; Mayor's Alliance; elected officials and others have all reached out to work with us to defeat proposal

2. Engage Experts - Communications Counsel and Bob Paduchik remain on our team

· **Lodges should be building social media; gathering emails/phone numbers; begin to think about financial resources; making sure members are registered to vote**

1. FOP of Ohio War Chest has funds that have been building since SB 5

2. FOP of Ohio will begin Social Media Efforts to build more followers

3. FOP of Ohio will work with local lodges to build bigger email/app database

· **MESSAGING:** Until we get direction saying otherwise informed by polling/testing, we are using:

*** Eliminating Qualified Immunity will raise taxes, increase crime and devastate the number of people willing to serve their community.**

***Eliminating Qualified Immunity hurts not just law enforcement, it targets those who educate our children, care for our elderly, and all other public employees**

§ Two kinds of messaging;

· To members, tell how it impacts them so they understand the risk

· To the public and on our social media/in press, laser focus on how it impacts the community as a whole and not on us

On May 3, 2025, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to begin the process of ending the marketing relationship the FOP of Ohio has with Thin Blue Line Benefits. On May 5th, a certified letter was sent to give 30 days notice of the cancellation of our agreement, as required by the agreement.

The Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund issued the following letter about Thin Blue Line Benefits:

OP&F offers guidance to Thin Blue Line members

OP&F has had calls from retirees who are concerned with Thin Blue Line health care, which has plans available to pre-Medicare members. As members may recall, this plan is part of the “open HRA” which pre-65 members specifically requested so that they could make their own health care decisions based on their personal circumstances. The concerns with Thin Blue Line are about non-payment of medical bills.

OP&F’s Board of Trustees discussed the issues at their March and April meetings. The Ohio Fraternal Order of Police has indicated that they are working with Thin Blue Line on non-payment issues.

In order to change plans outside of open enrollment, a member would need a Special Enrollment Period. If Thin Blue Line has failed to pay any medical bills in 2024 or 2025, OP&F and Alight may be able to assist in obtaining a Special Enrollment Period notice that would allow Thin Blue Line members to change plans.

Please do not unenroll from Thin Blue Line insurance without receiving a Notice of Special Enrollment Period. Doing so may jeopardize your health care stipend. Contact Alight to inquire about a Special Enrollment Period.

OP&F continues to monitor if a Special Enrollment Period notice that allows Thin Blue Line members to change plans will occur. OP&F will still provide a stipend to members who receive the notice of special enrollment. Upon notice of a Special Enrollment Period, members have 60 days to enroll in another health care plan and will still be eligible for the balance of the OP&F stipend for 2025. In the meantime, members must direct their calls about non-payment to Thin Blue Line.

posted by OP-F 05/01/2025

FOP of Ohio Legislative Report

Mike Weinman - Director of
Governmental Affairs



The House and Senate bills banning arrest and traffic ticket quotas have each passed their respective chambers. SB 114 has also undergone multiple hearings before the House Public Safety Committee, during which Capital City Lodge 9 President Brian Steel testified in favor of the bill. President Steel also testified on HB 226. According to the Legislative Service Commission HB 226, "To enact section 1349.07 of the Revised Code to require application stores to offer parental control options and to obtain parental consent before permitting individuals under 16 years of age to download certain applications."

The FOP signed onto a letter asking for a rate increase to cover the cost of Next Generation 911. We also sent a letter to the governor and legislators in support of the funds needed for the Cleveland Browns to construct and relocate to a new stadium. The FOP sent a letter to our congressional delegation, pressing them to pass the Protect and Serve Act. Finally, we submitted written testimony in favor of HB 75, which prohibits HOAs from banning the Blue Line Flag.

During our mini-lobby day, Licking County Lodge 127 President Mark Emde and I met with Senator Al Landis. We advocated for an increase in the OP&F employer contribution and proposed adding the facilities of DMHAS and DODDS to the jurisdiction of the Correctional Institution Inspection Committee. What is the CIIC? Well, according to their website, "The Correctional Institution Inspection Committee (CIIC) is a bipartisan, joint-legislative committee that provides external oversight of Ohio's adult and juvenile correctional facilities which house offenders' remanded to state custody." We hope that adding these facilities to the jurisdiction of the three state senators and three state representatives of the CIIC will shed light on and force changes to DMHAS and DODDS policies (such as not arming officers) and infrastructure vulnerabilities.

FOP of Ohio Needs to be able to communicate with you

FOP of Ohio Pushes out App

We have quite a lot going on at the State Lodge. We have hit the ground running and have been working hard. One of our ongoing initiatives is to ensure that we are getting information out to the membership in as real time as possible. Several of these initiatives will be better served with your participation.

If you have not already done so, we are asking each FOP member from Ohio to please go to www.fopohio.org and create an account. This is a fairly simple process and does not take up a lot of time. Once you have your account created, please go to your Apple or Google Play Store on your phone and download the app titled "FOP Ohio":

Once you install the app and sign in, your smartphone app will be linked to the FOP of Ohio website.

Creating your account will not only allow us to send you important information on a real time basis but it also helps to solve our ongoing issue about keeping up-to-date contact information (member's email address and phone #) on file with the state lodge.

Please push this out to all of your members and encourage them to create their account. Keeping our members as informed as possible does nothing but benefit our organization."



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The FOP of Ohio is looking to keep all of its members updated on important happenings in our organization. Is your private (non-work) email on file with the state lodge? Does your local lodge president and secretary have their contact info on file with the FOP? Are you following the FOP social media?



Follow us on X

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Register here



for training

SUNDAY

JULY 13, 2025

Both Classes are certified for two hours of CPT

2025 FOP State Conference Training

Pre-incident Education

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

This training is designed to familiarize officers with the common reactions to cumulative and traumatic stress, with an emphasis on helpful coping strategies and self-care.

Deirdre is an ICISF Approved Instructor in both Group Crisis Intervention and Assisting Individuals in Crisis. Deirdre received her OPOTA instructor certification in 1992. She instructs on peer support training throughout the state. Deirdre is retired from the Blue Ash Police Department.



Deirdre DeLong
Director of Critical Incident
Response Services

Legal Updates

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This presentation will provide the latest legal updates in an engaging, interactive format. Learn how up-to-date case law impacts Ohio law enforcement and gain the knowledge needed to make informed, legally sound decisions when you are at the B-Pillar, threshold of the doorway or when the suspect decides you must use force.

Bob Meader is an attorney, retired Columbus Police Commander, USAF veteran and adjunct college professor. Bob continues to be a proud member of the FOP for 35 years.



Bob Meader, Esq
Attorney

Delta Hotel by Marriott

11320 Chester Road, Cincinnati, OH 45246

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A block of rooms are available at a rate of \$149 + taxes/fees.
Cutoff to reserve a room is September 17, 2025.
Booking Info will be provided upon
registration for the training

Seminar begins 8:30 am each day.
Seminar ends 2:30pm Friday.
Lunch Provided both days.

October 9-10, 2025
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Police Use of Force Through the Lens
Dr. Mike Knetzger

Leadership In Action
Chet Effler, NCFOP

**Best Practices Immediately
Following a Critical Incident**
Marc Curtis
Defender of the Blue

Health and Wellness Needs for Leadership:
Taking Care of YOUR Officers
Mike Wierenga, 2 The Rescue

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Mark Weaver
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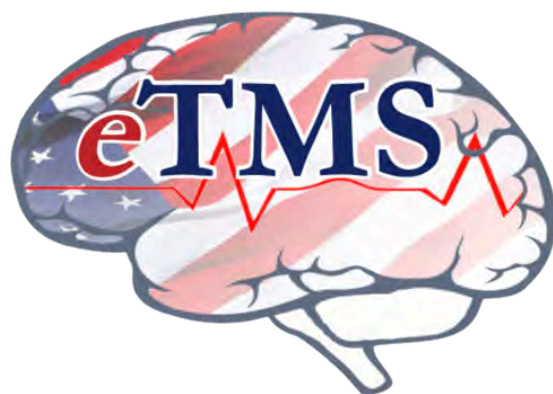
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SEPT 17, 2025**


SCAN TO REGISTER

Best training for the money in the FOP!

Innovative Clinical Trial Seeks to Improve Mental Health Care for Veterans and First Responders

A groundbreaking new clinical trial is underway, aimed at expanding access to a promising non-invasive brain stimulation therapy known as eTMS (Electromagnetic Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation). The trial, titled eTMS FDA, is focused on evaluating the safety and efficacy of eTMS in treating mental health conditions such as PTSD among Veterans, First Responders, and Law Enforcement Personnel.



Led by a team of dedicated clinicians, this trial is designed to help bring eTMS one step closer to FDA approval. Unlike traditional rTMS, eTMS utilizes an individualized, precision-based approach that targets specific areas of the brain to support healing and improve overall cognitive function.

Participants in the study receive treatment at no cost, and many have already reported life-changing results. The eTMS FDA trial represents not just a scientific breakthrough, but a mission-driven commitment to serving those who have served us.

For more
information or to
see if you qualify,
visit
www.etmsfda.com

Housing info for NFOP Conference

We have secured our hotel accommodations for the National Conference August 2-8, 2025 in Miami, Florida. Ohio delegates will be staying at the Marriott Biscayne Bay. The hotel is located at 1633 North Bayshore Drive, Miami, FL 33132. The cost of the rooms are listed below. The prices include resort fees and taxes.

Run of House Room	Grand Total - \$257.27
City View Queen	Grand Total - \$268.57
Bay View King	Grand Total - \$279.87

The link to book your room is here:
<https://book.passkey.com/go/FOP2025Conference>

If you are parking a vehicle, there is a \$42 overnight parking fee per night as well. The Convention will be held at the Miami Beach Convention Center. There will be busses which will transport our delegates back and forth from the hotel to the convention center.

We have 150 rooms held at this hotel. This is less than we have used in the past. Our room cut-off date is June 16, 2025, however because we have less rooms than we have held traditionally, we would encourage you to book early.



RETIREMENT DOESN'T MEAN STEPPING AWAY FROM THE BROTHERHOOD.

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We are proud to offer our concealed carry legal protection through the FOP Legal Defense Fund for only \$75 a year! You can learn more at <https://foplegal.com/>.

If you know a retired law enforcement who is interested in joining the nation's Largest Police Organization contact Rob Hawley at rhawley@fopohio.org.

TENTATIVE AGENDA (some times could vary on site)

89th Conference

Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio, Inc.

Delta Hotel – Sharonville, Ohio

Saturday, July 12

FOP, FOPA and Auxiliary Registration 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

FOP Foundation Spaghetti/Bourbon Dinner 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (Under tent at hotel)

Sunday, July 13

FOP, FOPA & Auxiliary Registration 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Auxiliary Pre-Conference Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. (tentative)

FOP Merchandise 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

FOP Seminars (all welcome) 11:30-1:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

FOP Expo 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

FOPA Executive Session 2:30 p.m.

FOPA Audit Committee Meeting 3:00 p.m.

FOPA Roundtable Discussion 3:30 p.m.

OLC Board Meeting 3:00 p.m.

FOP Pre-Conference Board Meeting 4:00 p.m.

Tailgate 5:30 p.m.

Hospitality 8:00 p.m.-Midnight

Monday, July 14

FOP, FOPA & Auxiliary Registration 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

FOP Expo 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

FOP Merchandise 8:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Opening Ceremonies 9:00 a.m.

FOP Business Session 10:00 a.m.

FOPA Business Session 11:00 a.m.

FOPA Pres/Sec Workshop 2:00 p.m.

Auxiliary Business Session 45 min after close of opening ceremonies

Taste of Cincinnati 5:30 p.m.– 8:30 p.m.

Hospitality 8:45 p.m. - Midnight

Tuesday, July 15

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

FOP of Ohio-89th Annual State Conference
FOP-FOPA –FOP Auxiliary
July 13-15 2025
Events Registration Form
Forms must be submitted no later than July 1, 2025

Lodge Name: _____ Lodge No.: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Please Check One: FOP _____ FOPA _____ FOP Aux _____ Vendor/Other

Number of Delegates _____

Number of Alternates _____

Number of Guests _____

Both Events Total Registration Number _____ X \$100 =

Registration includes tailgate (Sunday), Taste of Cincinnati (Monday) and a gift.

Extra Tailgate Tickets

Extra Tailgate Tickets _____ X \$50 = \$ _____

Extra Taste of Cincinnati Tickets _____ X \$50 = \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Add both events' registration, extra tailgate and taste of Cincinnati tickets together

Make all checks payable to: FOP Queen City Lodge 69

Mail checks and registration forms to:

FOP Queen City Lodge 69

1900 Central Parkway

Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

89th FOP of Ohio State Conference Registration

Lodge Name: _____

Lodge No: _____

Please type names, and put in alphabetical order. Names provided will be used for nametags
so they must be legible. Thanks!

There will be no banquet, and both of the events will be held outside under the tent.

Any Questions call Queen City Lodge 69 at 513-381-2550.

You can buy at

<https://unionly.io/o/fopohfoundation/store/products/>

FOP of Ohio SPAGHETTI and Bourbon Bar Dinner

To Benefit the FOP of Ohio Foundation

SATURDAY
July
12

Join us under the tent at the
State FOP Conference in
Cincinnati from 5PM - 7 PM



**Tickets are \$30.00
per person.**

Tickets will not be
sold after June 30 2025

MORE INFO: 614-224-5700 EXT. 1150 RHAWLEY@FOPOHIO.ORG

FOP of Ohio has t-shirts you can order for NFOP conference



You can order the t-shirts before June 13 and you can pick them up at the State Conference to wear in Miami

<https://unionly.io/o/fopohfoundation/store/products>



Do you know
someone who
“BACKS THE
BLUE”? The FOPA
is the organization
for them!

The FOPA Ohio is a civilian affiliate of the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio, Inc. Our members are friends and families of law enforcement Officers, responsible and respected business persons, professional men and women, and citizens from all walks of life—people willing to devote a portion of their time and efforts toward assisting the various law enforcement agencies of our communities, states and nation.

The FOPA Ohio is an organization formed for the purpose of increasing our understanding of the rights, duties and problems of law enforcement officers; of fostering respect for them; and of bettering conditions under which they serve society. We accomplish this through public relations, as well as legislative and educational efforts. It is our aim and objective to support law enforcement throughout Ohio in every way possible. We believe that Law is the safeguard to freedom, and it is our duty to defend it.

We all need to help the FOPA help us, by recruiting a member or two to join the FOPA. If you need information on the FOPA, please email alodgeupdate@gmail.com

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For a week, they thought, something's got to give



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March 29 - April 3, 2026 - Las Vegas, NV

Wellness Professionals' Forum - March 29

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Wellness Summit - March 30-31

Leadership Matters - April 1-3

Labor Leadership Summit - March 30-31

Legal Counselors Seminar- March 30-31



OFFICERS SHOT & KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY THIS YEAR

DATA COLLECTED BY THE NATIONAL FOP

1 JANUARY 2025 - 31 MAY 2025

OFFICERS SHOT IN THE LINE OF DUTY

139

OFFICERS KILLED BY GUNFIRE

15

34 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
WERE SHOT IN **27** SEPARATE
AMBUSH-STYLE ATTACKS

NUMBER OF OFFICERS SHOT IN THE LINE OF
DUTY IS **-16%** FROM THIS TIME IN 2024

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Important Dates

July 13-15, 2025	Ohio FOP State Conference	Cincinnati
August 2-8, 2025	National FOP Conference	Miami
October 8-10	Great Lakes Training	New Buffalo, MI

