

# Ohio Police



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Issue #18

## Save the Date March 11, 2026



## FOP of Ohio Lobby Day

The FOP of Ohio needs your help to advance the legislative priorities of the FOP. We will make the appointments for you, we will provide you with the talking points, will give your lodge a gas card for participating; and we will even buy you lunch. All we need is you! Please let us know if you can help your Brothers and Sisters by giving one day to work the legislature and help achieve strong pensions, help protect collective bargaining and increase officer safety by signing up here: <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/fopohio2026lobbyday>

# Photos from NFOP Day on the Hill





# Day on the Hill Priorities

The FOP of Ohio has just returned from Washington where members of Lodge 7, 9, 18, 24, 44, 74, 116, 140, and 141 lobbied our elected Representatives and Senators on the FOP priorities. Vice President Assion did a fantastic job coordinating our effort, getting a meeting with every single Representative or Senator or their staff. I want to thank the members who attended and worked for the membership over two long days of meetings. On top of our legislative meetings, we were also asked to attend a hearing on the future of FirstNet which was interesting.

You can find the priorities established by the National FOP here: <https://fop.net/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2026-Day-on-the-Hill-Materials-1.pdf>

We also lobbied for the Medicare at 50 bill, that was introduced at our request by Rep. Landsman. You can read about that bill here: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/6147>

Please forward this email out to our co-workers and colleagues. If you receive this email and you are not a member of a local FOP Lodge, contact Rob Hawley at [rhawley@fopohio.org](mailto:rhawley@fopohio.org) to find out which lodge would be best for you. We need you in the FOP family!

# Thin Blue Line Update

The Board of Trustees met with representatives from the Ohio Department of Insurance on Friday, January 23rd. They responded to our request for information in the ongoing Thin Blue Line Benefits Association issue. The following questions were asked: The answers provided are in bold.

How much money is in the fund; how much is still owed on outstanding claims?

- **There is approximately \$2.9 million in the fund from premiums of Ohio residents for July and August of 2025. It is unknown how many unpaid claims there are currently**

If there are outstanding claims that are not yet reported, what is a deadline to report them?

- **The Department of Insurance will soon request all customers with unpaid claims to fill out of Notice of Claim form (that is not yet available) along with all of the documentation to support that claim. Customers will be notified of when to file this notice through many different methods. The FOP of Ohio will alert our members through our Facebook page and our email system if we have valid email addresses as a backup to the Ohio Department of Insurance. Customers who have filed a complaint already through the Ohio Department of Insurance will be notified by them. Customers who have unpaid claims and who have not yet filed a complaint with the Department of Insurance should do so in order to make sure you receive timely information from ODI in the future. You can file this at ODI - Complaints Form. Customers who have paid claims themselves that should have been paid by TBL will also need to file the Notice of Claim when that form becomes available. When the Notice of Claims form is made available, it will be important for customers to file that notice timely with the Ohio Department of Insurance because that Notice of Claims form will have a hard deadline.**

What should members do who are threatened with collections?

- **The Ohio Department of Insurance suggests giving the provider a copy of the liquidation order from the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.**

If the fund has less money than claims, how will the ODI determine which claims get paid?

- **That will be up to the court but in other comparable instances, the court has allowed for pro-rated payments to be made/**

Are there any other recourses available to members, specifically criminal charges?

- **This question was not answered directly by the representatives due to being outside their scope of expertise**

What is the timeline for action?

- **Courts move at their own pace; however, ODI assured us they would give ample time to customers to file their Notice of Claim. Our Board took this to mean that a resolution to this issue will not take place in the very near term.**

What should our members be doing now?

- **Compile all of the documentation to support your Notice of Claim, including explanation of benefits information and bills from providers; advising providers of the ongoing situation with the TBL and the courts/ODI. When the Notice of Claim form is available, please provide complete documentation to ODI as soon as possible with the hope of expediting the process for everyone.**

The FOP of Ohio will continue to seek updated information from the Ohio AG and ODI to keep our members informed of the process as it moves along through the court.

# FOP of Ohio Legislative Report

Mike Weinman - Director of  
Governmental Affairs



**The General Assembly returned in February with a full complement of committee hearings and voting sessions. Governor Mike DeWine signed SB 295/Restoration of Competency. The new law extends the period of time a suspect can be restored to mental competency from one year to three. Originally, the bill was for five years, but the House changed it to three years. The Senate concurred with the change, and the bill was sent to the Governor. The bill had to be signed before the suspect in the murder of Cleveland Police Officer Josh Ritter walked out of the Central Ohio Behavioral Health Hospital - Columbus, a free man. So the bill was rushed to Washington, D.C., where the governor was attending meetings, and then returned to Columbus for Secretary of State Frank LaRose's signature. Mere hours prevented a killer from walking free.**

**A few of the bills that had hearings in February include: HB 343/ Juvenile Justice, to require mandatory dispositions for youths adjudicated delinquent for committing acts that would be felony theft or vandalism if committed by an adult, HB 478/Jury Tampering 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, HB 507 Prostitution to prohibit a person from receiving proceeds of prostitution, HB 533/Criminal Law To add to the list of vehicles that can be used to commit a vehicular homicide or vehicular assault, HB 359/Emergency Alert System to clarify the statewide emergency alert system in cases of missing autistic or developmentally disabled children, and to name the alert the Joshua Alert, SB 55/OVI to change the laws pertaining to operating a vehicle or watercraft while under the influence of marijuana and the admissibility of evidence for purposes of OVI statutes, HB 252/Burglary to modify the offenses of burglary, aggravated burglary, breaking and entering, and trespass in a habitation when a person is present or likely to be present.**

# Ohio FOP gets bill introduced to arm State Employees

The FOP of Ohio has accomplished the first step in achieving a long-term goal, getting our members who work at the Departments of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities the tools they need to protect themselves, the staff, the clients and the public---firearms.

Thank you to Chairman, Senator Terry Johnson for the holding the hearing on SB 321 and giving our members the chance to explain why this bill is so needed. Thank you to our sponsor, Senator Tim Schaffer for his support of the bill!





# Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio

You are invited to a Zoom Meeting

**March 3 or 4  
at 7:00 p.m.**

The link to the Zoom meeting will be  
available from the District Trustee

**You can get the link to the  
meeting from your Lodge  
President or District Trustee**

The FOP of Ohio is calling on the Ohio House Judiciary Committee to pass the Larry Henderson Act ASAP.



What are we waiting for?

Call the offices of these House members and ask that they hold a vote!

**NEW REPORT**

**OFFICERS SHOT & KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY THIS YEAR**

DATA COLLECTED BY THE NATIONAL FOP 1 JANUARY 2026 - 31 JANUARY 2026

**OFFICERS SHOT IN THE LINE OF DUTY**

**24**

**OFFICERS KILLED BY GUNFIRE**

**3**

**6** LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WERE SHOT IN **7** SEPARATE AMBUSH-STYLE ATTACKS

NUMBER OF OFFICERS SHOT IN THE LINE OF DUTY IS **-20%** FROM THIS TIME IN 2025



THE NATIONAL FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

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**THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026**

11 a.m. Public Ceremony

Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy  
1650 State Route 56 | London, Ohio 43140

**Please join Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost and the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission in honoring Ohio's fallen law enforcement officers at our annual statewide memorial service. Our continuing pledge to one another and to the surviving family members of our fallen heroes is that these officers and their sacrifices are never forgotten.**

**The 38<sup>th</sup> Ohio Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony will begin at 11 a.m., rain or shine, on the grounds of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy in London – where the Ohio Fallen Officers Memorial Wall bears the names of those lost in the line of duty since 1823.**

**Your agency can send cruisers and motorcycle units to join the pre-ceremony motorcade, which will depart for OPOTA by 10 a.m. from the Fraternal Order of Police's Ohio State Lodge in downtown Columbus. To reserve your spot(s) in the motorcade, contact Denise Young by May 1, 2026, at 614-224-5700, Ext. 1127 or [dyoung@fopohio.org](mailto:dyoung@fopohio.org). Please note how many cruisers and/or motorcycle units you plan to send.**

# FOP Associates Report



## FOP Associates Report

If your lodge has ever considered opening an associate lodge, we want to work with you! Our Associate lodges throughout the state strive to be an asset to their parent lodges. Our members help out at FOP events and fundraisers, support their FOP lodges with community programs such as National Night Out and Shop with a Hero events around Christmas. If you know individuals in your community who proudly 'Back the Blue' consider opening an associate lodge! We're here to help you every step of the way.

The Fraternal Order of Police Associates of Ohio are proud to offer a Scholarship Program for the children of Ohio's FOP members. We will be awarding three four-year scholarships. The total amount of each scholarship will be \$4000.00 payable over a four-year period. \$500.00 to be paid in August and December of each year.

In addition to the four-year scholarships, we will also be awarding two one-time scholarships, thanks to generous funding from the FOP of Ohio. These two onetime scholarships are in the names of two long time FOP Ohio leaders, Virgil McDaniel and Nick DiMarco. These two scholarship recipients will receive a one-time payment of \$1000.00 in August.

The application for these scholarships is available online at [FOPOhio.org](http://FOPOhio.org) under the Associates tab. All applications must be received by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

The FOPA of Ohio would also like to recognize a member of the FOP of Ohio who has gone above and beyond in his duties or in his personal time in service to his community. The Virgil McDaniel Award applications are also available under the Associate section of [FOPOhio.org](http://FOPOhio.org) and are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please help us recognize those FOP members who put their heart and soul into what they do.

Fraternally,

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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](mailto:alodgeupdate@gmail.com)

# Should Ohio abolish property taxes?

Property taxes have been the hot topic in Ohio politics so far in this General Assembly. Numerous new laws have been passed to lower the burden of property taxes and there is an ongoing effort to collect enough signatures to place a ban on property taxes into the Ohio Constitution.

The FOP understands and supports the effort to rein in the rising costs of property taxes but opposes a complete abolition of property taxes.

There are about 100 township police departments in Ohio, funded solely by property taxes. Each city gets what is called “inside millage” in property tax that is often used to pay their pension obligations. Counties use property taxes to pay for Children’s Services and Developmentally Disabled agencies. If property taxes are eliminated, those agencies will not disappear and will be fighting for funding against Sheriff’s Offices.

Eliminating property taxes will make raising the rates of what our employers pay for pensions much harder impacting retiree benefits and raises for working cops less likely.

To wrap it up succinctly, an abolition of property taxes will hurt public safety, cause layoffs and be bad for all essential services.

# FOP of Ohio adds first 2 members to the #ProtectOhioPolice Hall of Shame

The FOP named Cincinnati rabble rouser Iris Rowley its very first member of the Protect Ohio Police Hall of Shame. Rowley, an anti-police activist and city paid consultant, has been harassing officers for simply doing their job. Lodge 69 created an online petition calling for Rowley to have her consultant contract terminated. You can find it here: <https://www.cincypolice.com>

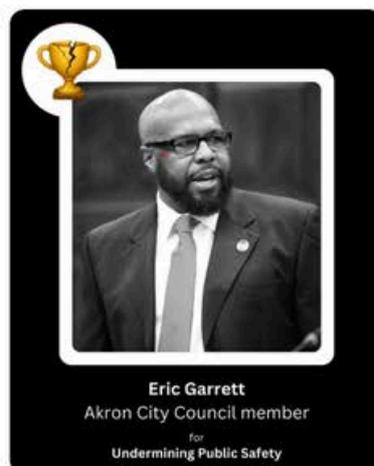
The FOP added Akron At-Large Councilman Eric Garrett to the “Hall of Shame” for undermining public safety in August.

Garrett has been a consistent and vocal opponent of the police in Akron. Most recently, he put out a statement fomenting distrust in local police after he disagreed with the decision of the grand jury not to indict officers in a 2024 officer-involved shooting.

Protect Ohio Police, an initiative by the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio, exists to hold public officials accountable when they undermine the rule of law in Ohio

Protect Ohio Police Presents:

## THE HALL OF SHAME





# FOP OF OHIO – A GREAT LEGACY



Joseph Pence – 1935-1936



Jack Dudek – 1946-1965



Dewey Stokes – 1987-1995



Steve Young – 2001-2003

**Did you know that the FOP of Ohio is the oldest state lodge in the FOP and the NFOP has spent more years under the leadership of an Ohioan than any other state?**

**The FOP of Ohio is building on this legacy and working to grow the FOP in the Buckeye State.**

**If you know of any members or agencies who would like to join the FOP of Ohio, contact Rob Hawley at [rhawley@fopohio.org](mailto:rhawley@fopohio.org)**



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# **FOP of Ohio Needs to be able to communicate with you**

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## **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](http://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?



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# **RETIREMENT DOESN'T MEAN STEPPING AWAY FROM THE BROTHERHOOD.**

**JOIN THE NATION'S LARGEST POLICE  
ORGANIZATION.**



**The FOP works in the Statehouse and Congress on pensions and Social Security to benefit all of our retired members.**

**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](mailto:rhawley@fopohio.org).**

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# Concealed Carry Coverage for Retired Law Enforcement

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- Coverage for criminal and civil charges if you are legally carrying concealed as a retired Law Enforcement Officer, according to LEOSA or state laws



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## \$10,000 Accidental Death Benefit

- ▷ Pays a cash benefit if a member dies accidentally or suffers a severe injury, such as loss of motion, sight or limb.
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- ▷ No medical exams, forms, or waiting period
- ▷ First 12 months complimentary at no-cost



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- ▷ On-site visits at roll calls one time per year
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- ▷ **Hospital coverage:** valuable protection against the costs of hospital stays
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- ▷ Being involved in outings or charities that are important to your group

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Member benefits  
well-advised.

# Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio 2026 Golf Outing



The Golf Club at Little Turtle  
5400 Little Turtle Way  
Westerville, Ohio 43081  
Phone: 614-212-4000

Monday August 10, 2026  
Cost: \$125 per player  
Registration 9:00AM  
Shotgun start 10:30AM

Enjoy 18 holes of golf (including cart), lunch, dinner, prizes, and an exciting awards banquet.

All for just \$125.00 per player

- Closest to the pin challenge. Winner will receive an Odyssey Putter
- Longest drive contest Winner will receive a New Titleist driver
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Columbus, Ohio 43215  
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FOP Strong

## Fraternal Order of Police 2026 Golf Outing- 4 Man Scramble



This year's event will be held, August 10<sup>th</sup> at the well-manicured Golf Club at Little Turtle in Westerville, Ohio.

Registration begins at 9:00 am, shotgun starts at 10:30 am.

The cost for this event is only \$125 per golfer. The price includes 18 holes of golf, riding cart, drink tickets, dinner, and various awards.

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### President's SPONSOR - \$2,500.00

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- Recognition on banner at golf course.

Please RSVP and return with payment by March 1, 2026  
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### FOP Supporter Information

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 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Golfer 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Golfer 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Golfer 4 \_\_\_\_\_

# Do you have FOP/FOPA Plates?



In cooperation with the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), the FOP offers a special FOP member-only license plate and a FOPA member-only license plate.

These plates can be ordered at any local BMV Office, but first, you must receive an approved application from the Ohio State Lodge. You will receive your approved application(s) in the mail, which you can complete based on the style of plates desired and take to any local BMV.

In order to approve your application, please fill out this web form at this address :

<https://www.fopohio.org/LicensePlates>



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## FOP of Ohio Program Review

**\$82.3 Million**

*In-Force Coverage for Active Members*

**\$39,480**

*Annual AD&D Premium Subsidized by AIL*

**3,069** *(2024 renewal period)*

*Members Returning Response Cards\**

**262** *(2024 renewal period)*

*Life, Health & Accident Insurance Applications Received\**

**\$171,636.03** *(duration of program)*

*No-Cost AD&D Claims Paid to Members & their Families\*\**

**\$263,722.09** *(duration of program)*

*Individual Claims Paid to Members & their Families\*\**

**\$435,358.12** *(duration of program)*

*Total Claims Paid to Members & their Families\*\**

\*Figure based on historical Company data since 2009

\*\*Figure based on historical Company data since 1990

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# Hero Accident Plan

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## The EBS Hero Plan

**Tailored Benefits. Trusted Support**

### 200k Line of Duty Death Benefit

No payroll requirement -- direct pay available



- ✓ \$3000 initial hospital benefit
- ✓ \$750 daily hospital benefit (doubles for ICU)
- ✓ Dependents eligible for coverage
- ✓ Members may self-enroll or agent assisted
- ✓ Dedicated service team for claims and coverage assistance
- ✓ Premiums waived if disabled
- ✓ Portable - coverage continues even if you change jobs
- ✓ 24-hour coverage on or off-duty or working special details



- ✓ \$100 health screening benefit for each covered person
- ✓ 25% benefit increase for organized sports injuries
- ✓ \$70 per day chiropractic benefit
- ✓ Ambulance Benefit: Ground \$600 I Air \$3000
- ✓ \$2000 gunshot wound benefit
- ✓ \$150 Doctors office or Urgent Care visit
- ✓ \$400 Emergency Room benefit

### Additional Protection for Those Who Serve

- ✓ GI lump sum critical illness & cancer benefits for members & spouses
- ✓ Short-term disability with no offsets or reductions for other coverage. Pays for partial disability even on light duty. Pregnancy treated like any other illness
- ✓ Guaranteed issue hospital plan with no pre-existing exclusions
- ✓ Guaranteed issue life insurance for members, spouses and children

### For Retirees, Spouses & Surviving Spouses

- ✓ Full Medicare coverage -- Advantage, Supplements & drug coverage
- ✓ Help retired LEOs to navigate Medicare
- ✓ Help surviving spouses understand Medicare

**For rates and how to make this available to your members, please contact:**

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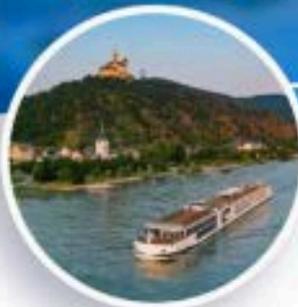
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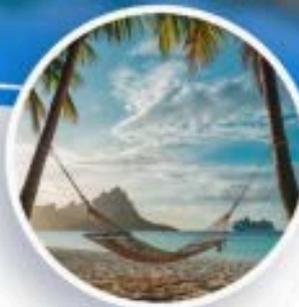
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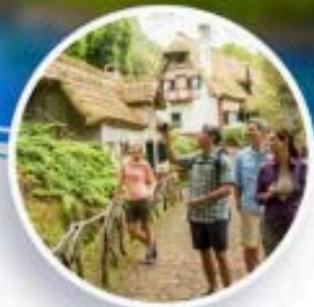
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# Do you or your family have an interest in college savings?

## NFOPU CONSORTIUM



The National Fraternal Order of Police University (NFOPU) is a consortium of colleges and universities that provides members of the National FOP with varied learning programs. These programs include both traditional and nontraditional forums. The formation of the NFOPU allows FOP members the ability to take courses that will accommodate the unique requirements of a working law enforcement officer's schedule. These courses can be taken completely online, which will make it easier for members to obtain their degrees on their own time. All of the colleges and universities that are participating are regionally-accredited institutions.

Members receive benefits in the form of actual tuition cost reduction or extensive credit for past degree work, POST training and FBI Academy training.

[Click here](#) for more information.



## PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Click on the school logo for more information about that school.





**P.E.A.C.E.**

Psychedelic Emergency, Acute and Continuing care Education Program



## Psychedelic Crisis Assessment and Intervention for Law Enforcement

This 2-part training program includes an online module and a live seminar. The seminar will take place on:

**Monday, March 9, 2026**

**Fawcett Center, Alumni Lounge,  
The Ohio State University**

At the end of this program the



Register by scanning the QR code or by visiting



**Learning Objectives:**  
[go.osu.edu/cpdre-peace2-law](http://go.osu.edu/cpdre-peace2-law)

### ABOUT THIS EVENT

In Ohio, an estimated 12,000 youth (ages 12–17) and 254,000 adults (18+) reported psychedelic use in the past year. These numbers are expected to rise, bringing a corresponding increase in psychedelic-related crisis encounters involving law enforcement. **Psychedelic-related lawsuits in recent cases have resulted in average settlements exceeding \$2.2 million, with allegations including excessive force, gross negligence, deliberate indifference, and wrongful death.** Officers are increasingly encountering unfamiliar and unpredictable situations without clear guidance or specialized training, which can elevate safety risks for everyone involved.

The P.E.A.C.E. Law Enforcement training closes this professional development gap by equipping officers with practical, evidence-informed strategies for navigating these complex encounters, reducing liability risks and improving officer safety.

### LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINERS



**Lieutenant Sarko Gergerian, MS, MA, MHC**

Law enforcement leader, mental health counselor and national advocate for psychedelic decriminalization, harm reduction and first responder wellness in

Massachusetts and co-founder of the award-winning CLEAR (Community & Law Enforcement Assisted Recovery) initiative.



**Officer Hayli Hill, MA, CISM**

Law enforcement officer serving the community of Everett, Massachusetts; former Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) team member.



**Esteban M. Olivares** Law enforcement officer (Ret.) in Los Angeles and Kern High School District and Independent threat assessment and security consultant, Peer Support Specialist.



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### Officers Will Learn:

- Practical skills by examining case studies of real-world officer encounters
- Verbal and non-verbal tactics for gaining cooperation
- Strategic communication applicable to individuals experiencing psychedelic crisis
- How to stabilize the scene before EMS hand-off

### Tactical Training Benefits:

By improving your response skills to instances of psychedelic crisis, officers can:

- Reduce risk of officer and civilian injury
- Perform rapid threat assessment
- Reduce officer liability
- Reduce use of force risks

### Seminar Eligibility

1. Participants must be law enforcement personnel (active or retired) in the state of Ohio.
2. Seminar participants will be required to have completed Module #1 on-line portion of the training program (approx. 1.5 hour) prior to Module #2 live in-person seminar.

### Certificate of Completion

Each training course is comprised of online videos, quizzes, assessments and a training seminar. A certificate of completion will be sent to all trainees who complete the required components. Please note there are no continuing education credits awarded for this training.

### About P.E.A.C.E.

Recreational use of psychedelics has been on the rise in the United States over the past ten years, in part due to the significant increase in research on psychedelics demonstrating therapeutic potential to help alleviate mental health and substance use problems (Davis et al., 2020; Patrick et al., 2024). Furthermore, media and industry hype have contributed to increased attraction to the use of psychedelics and psychedelic-assisted therapy. With the exception of esketamine (Spravato) treatment for depression, most psychedelic medicines are not currently approved by the FDA, and therefore, people do not have legal access. As more people become interested in psychedelics, they may turn to personal or social use outside of a supervised clinical setting as a means of self-medication or self-exploration (Kilmer et al., 2024).

Despite clinical research showing psychedelic use (clinical or self-experimentation) is quite safe when used with thoughtful preparation, in safe settings, and appropriate support, there can be significant physical and psychological risks which may arise when psychedelics are mis-used or used without proper education and preparation. One of the risks of recreational psychedelic use includes psychedelic crisis, which is a situation where a person has ingested psychedelics and as a result has reached a state where they are unable to self-regulate to the extent that they pose a risk of harm or disruption to self or others (MAPS, 2019).

The P.E.A.C.E. Program is being advanced in collaboration with the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS) to establish evidence-informed education for Ohio's behavioral healthcare, emergency medical services and emergency department, and law enforcement professionals. Through this partnership, CPDRE has licensed and integrated MAPS' professionally produced training assets - specialized video modules on psychedelic crisis fundamentals, recognition, response, and responder liability - into the P.E.A.C.E. curriculum. These materials are then paired with live seminars and interactive learning, forming the foundation of Ohio's first statewide psychedelic crisis and continuing-care education initiative. The collaboration unites CPDRE's research and workforce development expertise with MAPS' decades of leadership in psychedelic harm reduction and clinical training to ensure professionals across systems are prepared to respond safely, compassionately, and effectively to psychedelic-related crises.

**For more information on the P.E.A.C.E. program visit [cpdre.org/peace-program](https://cpdre.org/peace-program)**



# **CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY Weatherhead School of Management**

**I am delighted to bring to your attention information on a new partnership developed with the Weatherhead School of Management (WSOM) at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), and our organization. Leaders at the Weatherhead School are making a concerted effort to welcome law enforcement personnel and their families into the Weatherhead community. They have already solidified a relationship with the Cleveland Police Department and with several area departments and agencies. The current focus of this relationship is on the nationally ranked Part-time MBA program for all qualified departmental personnel, their immediate families, and retirees. The Part time MBA may be taken online or in person and typically takes just over 2 years to complete. Flexible pacing allows for acceleration or extension based on individual student needs.**

**Here are the benefits of the partnership:**

**Tuition benefits from Weatherhead will be 20% of tuition costs (not counting any tuition benefits from non-Weatherhead sources).**

**For those eligible students admitted to the January 2026 class only, there will be a substantial added promotional tuition reduction to help jump-start the relationship.**

**The \$100 application fee is waived.**

**Any additional funding from the department or funding from other external sources will be in addition to the tuition reduction being offered by WSOM.**

**Individualized student advising and support services for law enforcement personnel and their eligible families or retirees.**

**A Weatherhead representative will follow up with any interested individual who wishes to avail themselves of this opportunity.**

**This relationship reflects our continued interest in the investment in the growth and well-being of our officers, staff, and their families. This opportunity supports our broader goals of professional development, community engagement, and career advancement in partnership with one of the most respected institutions of higher education in the world and located on our doorstep.**

**We look forward to the opportunities of this collaboration which could include additional programs in the future, and we are excited to work with Weatherhead leadership to make this partnership a success. If you are interested in learning more about WSOM programs, schedule a personal 1:1 call with Director of Admissions Steve Scheidt at this calendar link. Steve can also be reached at 216.368.6208 or [stephen.scheidt@case.edu](mailto:stephen.scheidt@case.edu).**

# Ohio Police Important Dates

March 11, 2026 Lobby Day Columbus

March 30-31, 2026 Officer Wellness Summit Las Vegas

March 30-31, 2026 Labor Leadership Summit Las Vegas

March 31 - April 1, 2026 Excellency in Chaplaincy Las Vegas

April 1-3, 2026 Leadership Matters Las Vegas

April 24-25, 2026 FOP of Ohio Spring Board Newark

May 7, 2026 Ohio Peace Officer Memorial London

May 13, 2026 National Candlelight Vigil Washington D.C.

May 15, 2026 National Peace Officers' Memorial Washington D.C.

July 18-21, 2026 FOP of Ohio 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Independence

January 22-23, 2027 FOP of Ohio Winter Board Columbus

August 9-12, 2027 National Conference Salt Lake City

