

# Ohio Police



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## The FOP of Ohio is growing!

The FOP of Ohio is actively recruiting, and we could use your help!!! If you know any potential members or agencies that could be interested in joining the FOP, please let us know at [rhawley@fopohio.org](mailto:rhawley@fopohio.org)

## FOP of Ohio

**The FOP, America's Largest  
Law Enforcement Organization**



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## Why FOP?

- **Legislative advocacy (Columbus + D.C.)**
- **Legal Defense**
- **Honoring our fallen**
- **Peer support for critical incidents**
- **Free Line of Duty Death Benefits and Accidental Death Policy**
- **Discounted service providers and exclusive member benefits**
- **JOIN OVER 382,000 BROTHERS AND SISTERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN STANDING UP AND SPEAKING OUT FOR EACH OTHER**

**The FOP of Ohio Leadership met with both announced gubernatorial candidates in September about collective bargaining; pensions; PTSD and law and order issues.**

**Both Vivek Ramaswamy and Amy Acton were engaged, thoughtful and interested in our positions.**





# 2025 FOP Women's Conference

**Wednesday, October 29th  
Capital City FOP Lodge #9  
6800 Schrock Hill Court, Columbus, OH**

- 9:30 a.m. **Registration**
- 10:00 a.m. **Opening Remarks**  
Shari Robertson, FOP State Lodge Sergeant at Arms
- 10:15 a.m. **Leading From Where You Are \*\***  
Monica Moll, Associate Vice-President of Public Safety  
The Ohio State University
- 11:15 a.m. **Legal Update: Protecting Women Officers –  
Pregnancy, FMLA, and ADA Rights \*\***  
Gwen Callender, Chief Counsel, FOP of Ohio  
Jess Franken, Assistant Chief Counsel, FOP of Ohio
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch – Provided**
- 1:00 p.m. **Real Stories from the Line: Women in Critical Incidents**  
Joan Bauer, Retired LEO  
Lt. April Redick, Columbus Police Department
- 2:45 p.m. **Break**
- 3:00 p.m. **Critical Incident Stress Management Awareness \*\***  
Deirdre DeLong, Director  
FOP of Ohio Critical Incident Response Service
- 4:00 p.m. **Closing Remarks**  
Shari Robertson



**RSVP by October 20th using  
QR code or go to  
[www.fopohio.org/2025FOPWomen](http://www.fopohio.org/2025FOPWomen)**

**\*\* Approved for 3 hours of CPT**

# FOP's ticket quota ban went into effect on 9/30

The FOP initiated this bill (SB 114) in response to complaints of our members about having to engage in quotas at a few select agencies.

This new law prohibits the following:

- Establishing a plan that uses a quota (a mandate of a finite number of arrests made or citations issued that an officer must meet in a specified period) as the basis for evaluating, promoting, compensating, transferring, or disciplining an officer;
- Requiring or suggesting that an officer must (or is expected to) meet a quota; or
- Offering a benefit to an officer based on the officer's quota
- Requires the Attorney General to establish a form for a police officer to use to report the use of quotas in violation of the above prohibitions, to investigate alleged violations, and to issue a cease and desist order if a violation is found.
- Allows a police officer to choose whether to submit the report anonymously or disclose his or her identity in the report.



# Thin Blue Line Update

The FOP of Ohio continues to advise members to contact the Ohio Department of Insurance to file a complaint for unpaid bills. We also continue to assist members in getting communication with TBL regarding unpaid claims that are over 90 days old.

We have asked specific questions of the Ohio Department of Insurance about what will happen if there are unpaid claims if the funds become exhausted and they continue to focus on getting claims paid and TBL still advises that all claims will be paid.

We have members telling us that TBL is still telling them that claims will be paid and some members are reporting that they have had claims paid recently.

We continue to advocate for our members to get what they paid for, and that TBL is responsible for getting out of this mess they created.

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**Shari Robertson, FOP of Ohio Sgt at Arms attended the unveiling of this new park in honor of Morrow County Deputy Daniel Weston Sherrer. We continue to honor all of our fallen heroes!**

# 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>

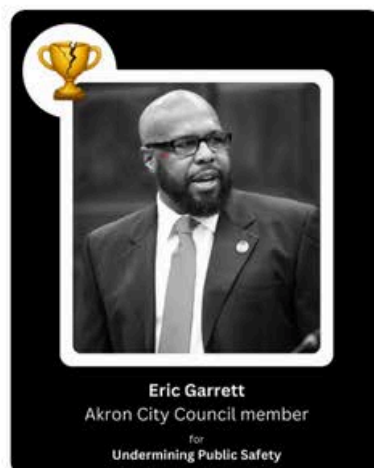
The FOP added Akron At-Large Councilman Eric Garrett to the “Hall of Shame” for undermining public safety in August.

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.

POP, 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



# Ohio FOP VP Assion running for OPERS Board!



- 25 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE MAHONING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
- FORMER FOP LODGE 141 PRESIDENT
- FOP OF OHIO CURRENT VICE PRESIDENT
- U.S. MARINE CORPS VETERAN

*Neither the OPERS Board nor OPERS as a system endorses any particular candidate or statement.*

**T.J. will be your voice on the OPERS Board**

# FOP goes on social media campaign to help pass OP-F employer increase! You can help by sharing our content on Facebook and X.

**Thank You Representative Cindy Abrams**



For Your Support of Ohio's Public Safety Professionals and Sponsoring HB 280 to Protect Police and Fire Fighter Retirements




**Thank You Representative Thomas Hall**




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**Thank You Senator Andrew Brenner**




For Your Support of Ohio's Public Safety Professionals and Sponsoring SB 239 to Protect Police and Fire Fighter Retirements



**Thank You Senator Al Cutrona**




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**Did You Know?**

Police officer and fire fighter contributions to the OP&F retirement plan have increased by 22.5% since 2012



**Did You Know?**

More than 60,000 Ohio police officers and fire fighters rely on the OP&F Plan for their retirement security





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# 5K RACE



**SIGN UP**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER, 26  
@ SPRING GROVE CEMETERY  
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 7**

**\$40 PER ADULT RUNNER  
\*PRICE INCREASE ON 9/30/25**

<https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Cincinnati/CopsForACure>



# 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)**

# FOP of Ohio Legislative Report

Mike Weinman - Director of  
Governmental Affairs



**There are no fewer than twenty-three property tax-related bills in the Ohio House of Representatives and six in the Ohio Senate. Several property tax items were in the State operating budget, HB 96, and some of those were line-item vetoed by the governor. The House overrode one of those vetoes, but the Senate has not concurred. The House returned from its summer break to override vetoes, but the Senate did not.**

**The governor then formed a working group to study the property tax issue, and they have been meeting throughout the summer. He invited the legislature to participate, and the leaders of the House and Senate declined.**

**There is also a group collecting signatures for a ballot proposal to eliminate the property tax in Ohio. If this were to pass, it would create a collective thirty billion dollar hole in the budgets of all political subdivisions in the State. Couple this proposal with the elimination of the income tax, which is also being discussed, and the devastation would be felt by everyone in law enforcement, active, and retired. All that would be left is sales tax and user fees. The sales tax and user fees would have to be increased substantially to offset the loss.**

**If we do not take these measures, the consequences could be dire, including the potential failure to meet payroll and pension payments, layoffs, and the inability to purchase necessary equipment. Therefore, the FOP of Ohio is working diligently to ensure that a commonsense approach to property tax relief is implemented without negatively affecting pay, benefits, and working conditions of its members.**

SAVE THE DATE



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# PATHWAYS TO EXCELLENCE EDUCATION & EMPOWERMENT SUMMIT

One Conference, Six paths: Your Training - The FOP Way

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

Wellness Professionals' Forum - March 29

Excellency in Chaplaincy - March 31-April 1

Wellness Summit - March 30-31

Leadership Matters - April 1-3

Labor Leadership Summit - March 30-31

Legal Counselors Seminar- March 30-31



NEW REPORT

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

DATA COLLECTED BY THE NATIONAL FOP 1 JANUARY 2025 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

### OFFICERS SHOT IN THE LINE OF DUTY

251

### OFFICERS KILLED BY GUNFIRE

35

**72** LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS  
WERE SHOT IN **52** SEPARATE  
AMBUSH-STYLE ATTACKS

NUMBER OF OFFICERS SHOT IN THE LINE OF  
DUTY IS **-11%** FROM THIS TIME IN 2024

THE NUMBER ONE  
VOICE



OF AMERICA'S LAW  
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS



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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."**

**— FOLLOW US ON —**  
**FACEBOOK**  
**f**

**[www.facebook.com/fopohio](http://www.facebook.com/fopohio)**

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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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## FOR FOP MEMBERS

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- ✓ Access to exclusive, business-only items—including a First Responder Storefront

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- Business-only pricing—never more, but often less than Amazon.com
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- Access to exclusive business-only items including [First Responder Storefront](#)

### How do I join?

**Option 1: From your phone:** Scan the QR code below and enter your e-mail and name. Use a separate e-mail from your personal Amazon Prime account if you wish to keep those benefits.

Once National FOP validates your membership, you will receive an email invitation to join the NFOP Amazon Business account. Follow the steps in the e-mail invitation once you receive it and enjoy shopping.



**Option 2: From your computer or phone browser:** [CLICK HERE](#) and enter your e-mail and name when prompted. Use a separate e-mail if you wish to keep your personal Amazon Prime benefits.

Once validated, you will receive an e-mail invitation to join the FOP Amazon Business account. Follow the steps from the email and enjoy shopping.

### Access First Responder Storefront here:



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## Amazon Business for FOP Members

Get the gear you need—faster, cheaper, and with benefits that give back to the FOP.

Free Amazon Business Prime: same-day, 1-day, or 2-day shipping

Business-only pricing: never more, often less than Amazon.com

A percentage of eligible purchases goes directly back to the NFOP

Access to exclusive, business-only items—including a First Responder Storefront

How to Join:

From your phone: Scan the QR code and enter your name and email. (Use a different email than your personal Prime if you want to keep both.)

Once your membership is verified, you'll get an email invite to join the NFOP Amazon Business account. Quick setup—big perks.

# **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).**

Member benefits,

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Optavise engages, educates, and provides benefit guidance for your members.



## \$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.
- ▷ Offers coverage 24 hours a day, 365 days a year
- ▷ No financial obligation
- ▷ No medical exams, forms, or waiting period
- ▷ First 12 months complimentary at no-cost



## Discount Mortgage Programs

- ▷ **Mortgage program** offers no lender fees, 1% rate buy down for 2-years, and loan forgiveness up to \$525k for on-the-job deaths in certain industries.



## Member Engagement and Education

- ▷ In-person and virtual engagement available
- ▷ On-site visits at roll calls one time per year
- ▷ Drawings and prizes for members who review the new benefits



## Voluntary Benefits

Offer voluntary benefits specifically beneficial to law enforcement.

- ▷ **Accidental Injury protection:** Important protection from the costs of unexpected covered injuries
- ▷ **Critical Illness protection:** A simple solution that helps cover the costs of covered critical illness, including cancer, heart, stroke.
- ▷ **Hospital coverage:** valuable protection against the costs of hospital stays
- ▷ **Life insurance:** permanent, portable and term options
- ▷ Many policies include a premium-return option, which means members get their money back after a specified period of time.\*
- ▷ Coverage available for members, spouses, children, & grandchildren.
- ▷ Rates never increase due to age



## Membership Services

Let us help empower your organization with impactful initiatives, such as:

- ▷ Sponsoring local, state and national conventions
- ▷ Recognizing your officers at annual awards ceremonies or galas
- ▷ Being involved in outings or charities that are important to your group

\*The premium-return benefit is subject to state and product availability. The benefit has an additional charge and may pay minus claims or regardless of claims based on the policy selected. The policy must remain in force until the end of the premium-return period for the benefit to be paid.

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Member benefits  
well-advised.



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)

# 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/index.cfm?  
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LEGAL DEFENSE PLAN

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These benefits and many more can be found at <https://fop.net/member-benefits/>

# Ohio Police

# Important Dates

- October 8-10, 2025      Great Lakes Training      New Buffalo, MI
- October 29, 2025      FOP Women's Leadership Training, Columbus
- January 23-24, 2026      FOP of Ohio Winter Board      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
- 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

