

Meeting Dates & Events

Mon., April 1
Retiree's Meeting

Tue., April 2
FOPA Meeting

Mon., April 8
Executive Board Meeting

Tue., April 9
East Side L-18 Luncheon at APG

Wed., April 10
West Side Luncheon at Triple Cats

Mon., April 22
Regular FOP Meeting

Wed., April 24
West Side Luncheon at Triple Cats

Fri., May 3
Awards Dinner

Fri., May 17
Memorial Parade

Thur., June 6
FOP Picnic

"Two-Six" STAFF

EditorsDoug & Bobbi Utecht
Retired InfoMike Bolte
PhotographersJim Brown
Bill Holzman

LODGE OFFICERS

PresidentKen Kober
1st Vice PresidentDon Meece
2nd Vice PresidentSean Woods
Financial SecretaryJennifer Lane
TreasurerEric Vogelpohl
Recording SecretaryRyan Jones
Administrative Asst.Michelle Comarata
ChaplainAustin Lee
ConductorMark McChristian
Outer GuardShannon Heine
Inner GuardTim Lanter
TrusteesCharles Bell
Frank McGraw
Matt Cornacchione
Building Fund
AdministratorsBill Vogel
Cliff Bell
Mark Bode
Past PresidentKathy Harrell

STATE OFFICERS

State TreasurerGreg Toyeyas
9th District TrusteeJon Halusek



Two-Six NEWS



Official publication of F.O.P. Queen City Lodge No. 69
1900 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214 (513) 381-2550
Email: info@fop69.org • Internet: www.fop69.org
Follow us on Twitter: FOP Queen City Lodge #69 (@fop_#69)
Published monthly

All articles that appear in this publication, especially those with by-lines, are the responsibility of the writer and do not reflect the opinion of the "Two-Six" or the F.O.P.

Editors . . . Doug & Bobbi Utecht

VOLUME 29, ISSUE 4

CINCINNATI, OHIO

APRIL 2024

FOP President's Message

Last month I was made aware that a defense attorney, in open court, made accusations about an officer that were 100% false. I encouraged the involved officer to come to the executive board meeting to request the use of the attorney to take action against the defense attorney. I am happy to report that the executive board approved the use of the attorney and action is being taken against the defense attorney. The FOP will not stand by idly while cops are being lied about and disparaged in court. If anyone else has had a similar experience, I suggest you contact me so we can thoroughly investigate the situation and take action if necessary.

I know everyone is anxious to know what's going on with contract negotiations. Your wage team will be meeting the with city face to face in late April. I have been hearing a lot of rumors surrounding this negotiation. To be clear, we have not met with the city to date, so there have been no proposals exchanged. Please be patient as we navigate through this process. As soon the wage team has information that can be released, we will do so.

May 3rd will be the FOP awards banquet at the Mayerson Center in Amberly Village. Social hour begins at 1800, with dinner following at 1900. Please call Michelle at the FOP hall to reserve a seat. This is a fantastic event where we get to honor the great work of cops from all over Hamilton County. Also, on May 17th will be the annual Memorial Parade. Buses will begin running at 0930 from District 1. The ceremony at Fountain Square begins at 1100. Please make every effort to be in attendance. I can't stress enough the importance of honoring our fallen officers and their families.

Fraternally,
Ken Kober

POLICE RETIREES NEWS

By Mike Bolte

Retirees for Cincinnati and Hamilton County Officers Meet the First Monday of the Month and begin at 1900 hrs and will be on March 5, 2024. Call Michelle at the FOP Hall, 513-381-2550, to join IF you are not a member.

Luncheons and Breakfasts

All LEO Retirees, Active Officers and Supporters are encouraged to come and have breakfast and/or lunch at these events.

West Side: The West Side luncheon at Triple Cats is the 2nd Wednesday and LAST Wednesday of each month. Both are in Harrison and start at noon. The West Side breakfast is EVERY Saturday at Price Hill Chili in the Garden Room and starts at 0800 hrs.

East Side: The East Side L-18 Luncheon is always at the Anderson Pub & Grill at Beechmont/Nagel. The luncheon is at noon on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. The East Side Saturday breakfast is at the Country Inn located at 910 Ohio Pike, Amelia, Ohio and starts at 8 am.

2024 FOP LEOSA Qualifications

Please contact Carl Rauschenberger by email or by cell phone for information: carler272@yahoo.com or 513-325-8022. Certification course is at the Fairfield Sportsmans Assoc., 6501 River Rd. There is a \$5 guest fee, and a \$40 charge for the qualification with 1 or 2 guns. The dates for training are flexible.

Greater Cincinnati Police Historical Society and The Shield

The Greater Cincinnati Police Historical Society and the Shield are always accepting donations. If you are a member of the Cincinnati Police Federal Credit Union, you can fill out a form and make a monthly donation to one or both. It is easy and tax deductible.

The FOP Retirees Meeting is on April 1st.

The Regular FOP Meeting is on April 22nd.

FROM THE EDITORS

Doug & Bobbi Utecht

Please note that there was an error in the February edition of the Two-Six article entitled, "Roger Bacon High School Hall of Fame Inductee". This article was written by the Cincinnati Police Museum and edited by Harry Roberts, with permission.

Please remember to call Michelle Comarata at (513) 381-2550 if you have moved, have gotten married or divorced, have added a child/dependent, and also to check or update your death beneficiaries.

L-18 EASTSIDE LUNCHEON

John Burke

Another great turnout of 74 folks at the L-18 Eastside Luncheon at the APG! A great trivia time thanks to Steve Eggers with prizes second to none! Well maybe! Hope to see all of you and more as some of the Florida goers come back home on Tuesday April 9th! Don't miss it!



FOPA OFFICER OF THE MONTH

Jackie Metz

The March FOPA was held on Tuesday, March 5. Police Specialist Lewis Egner was honored. Lt. David Sprague spoke of Lew's 28-year career that has included time spent in District 5, District 2, Financial Crimes Unit, and for the last 8 years, Internal Investigations Section.

According to Lt. Sprague, Lew is, "Fondly referred to as 'The Specialist' because of his knowledge, experience, and expertise conducting investigations". Specialist Egner has stepped up and taken on administrative functions when IIS civilian staff retired, in addition to conducting interviews for investigations. He is the IIS liaison with CCA and often assists in information gathering when requested by command staff. Lt. Sprague states, "Lew is an asset to the IIS office, and he is dedicated to integrity, accountability, and professionalism".

Thank you, Specialist, for all your years of dedicated service to IIS and our Department!



9th DISTRICT TRUSTEE Jon Halusek

We went to Washington DC for Day on the Hill to join our brothers from around the nation to talk with our Senators and Congressman about several issues, the most important was H.R. 82/S. 597, the “Social Security Fairness Act,” to repeal the WEP and GPO.

For the first time, the nation’s oldest and largest organization of law enforcement officers joined forces with the nation’s oldest and largest union of professional firefighters—the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF). Rank-and-file law enforcement officers and firefighters came together in our Nation’s capital to highlight the important issues facing our public safety organizations. On Tuesday, March 5, we along with members of the FOP and IAFF from around the country, attended a rally which was held on the Capitol grounds to call on Congress for immediate action on H.R. 82/S. 597, the “Social Security Fairness Act,” to repeal the WEP and GPO. Several Congressman spoke on the issue call from the repeal. As of today, on H.R. 82, there are 309 co-sponsors and S. 597 there are 51 co-sponsors. We need nine more co-sponsors in the Senate to have the super-majority and the bill will pass; both Ohio Senators have signed onto S. 597.

We had meetings with Brad Wenstrup, Warren Davidson, Greg Landsman, JD Vance, and Sherrod Brown. We met with the Senior Aid to Warren Davidson and reminded him that now that his district has been changed, he now represents a large majority of Police and Fire and needs to consider signing onto H.R. 82. This conversation went well, and I encourage you to contact his office and ask them to sign on to the Bill. The meetings with Greg Landsman, JD Vance and Sherrod Brown all went well as they all have signed on to the bills we discussed. As for Brad Wenstrup we were told he was not in and spoke with an aid, this was not true. As we finished speaking with his aid a group of people left his office and the congressman was in, this was disappointing. His aid told us that the Congressman was only going to focus on two, maybe three issues as he was ending his term. None of the issues were any that had to do with public safety. We felt there was no support from his office.

From the House:

The House considered and passed the first of two “mini-bus” bills providing FY2024 funding for Military Construction and the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Energy, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Justice, and Transportation.

The Justice Department appropriations were reduced by \$1 billion in this fiscal year to a total of \$37.5 billion. The allocation for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne-JAG) program was increased to a total of \$924 million and included a small increase for the programs administered by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) to a total of \$664.5 million. The COPS hiring program received \$256 million.

The bill also included a 6% cut to the budget to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), a reduction of \$654 million from last year’s appropriation. **The bill also reduced the**

funding for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) by \$100 million. State and local law enforcement will be impacted as these agencies often partner with State and local agencies to combat the opioid epidemic, gang violence, and other crimes that cross jurisdictional boundaries.

The legislation now goes to the Senate which is expected to pass the legislation before the expiration of the existing continuing resolution.

From the Senate:

Senator Lindsey O. Graham (R-SC) spoke on the Senate floor to call for the immediate passage of S. 1207, the “EARN IT Act.” The bill, which the FOP supports, would remove blanket immunity for tech companies for violations of laws related to online child sexual abuse material.

This year 25 officers have been killed in the line of duty- this is down 0% from last year. Seven have been killed by gunfire- down 30%, eleven from auto-related incidents- up 267%, three from medical issues- down 67%, and four from other related on-duty issues- up 33%.

In 2019, 203 officers were shot in the line of duty, 50 were killed, 30 were ambush attacks in which 7 officers were killed.

In 2020, 314 officers were shot in the line of duty, 47 were killed, 43 were ambush attacks with 52 officers shot and 12 officers were killed.

In 2021, 346 officers were shot in the line of duty, 63 were killed, 103 were ambush attacks with 130 officers shot and 30 officers were killed.

In 2022, 331 officers were shot in the line of duty, 62 were killed, 89 were ambush attacks with 126 officers shot and 32 officers were killed.

In 2023, 378 officers were shot in the line of duty, 46 were killed, 115 were ambush attacks with 138 officers shot and 20 officers were killed. Of the officers killed in 2023, 44% were ambushed.

I only report on these stats to remind us of how dangerous this career can be and that ambush style attacks on police are increasing. Around the nation many great officers have been killed in ambush style attacks. We are lucky here the last ambush style attack on one of our officers ended in the officer with serious injuries, and not for the grace of God one of our officers responded without delay and saved his life. The defendant has been found able to stand trial. I encourage all of you to follow the progress of the trial and to fill the court room and support our brother officer to put this guy away.

Please watch each other and cover ove. As I have said many times, one is too many.

Please remember to call Michelle Comarata at (513) 381-2550 if you have moved, have gotten married or divorced, have added a child/dependent, and also to check or update your death beneficiaries.

COMMUNICATIONS COUNSEL

Ryan Stubenrauch / Jamieson Gordon

This spring edition of Crisis Communications in the news comes from Oklahoma after the tragic death of a 16-year-old child. Nex Benedict, who apparently identified as “non-binary,” was beaten up at school. Later, the student died and there was widespread speculation as to whether the death was a suicide or accidental.

The cause of death remained unknown for more than a month – was it from the fight at school, suicide, or something else?

The Oklahoma Medical Examiner’s Office just recently released the probable cause of death for Nex. According to the report, the probable cause of death was a combination of Benadryl and an anti-depressant that caused death. The medical examiner ruled the death a suicide.

Here’s the statement Owasso police put out following the report on the cause of Nex’s death:

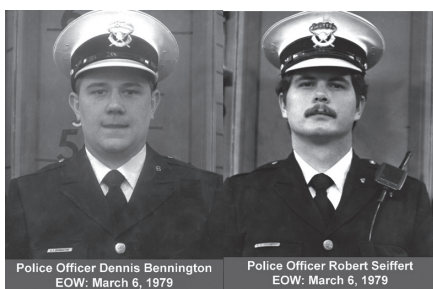
From the beginning of this investigation, Owasso Police observed many indications that this death was the result of suicide. However, investigators did not wish to confirm that information without the final results being presented by the Oklahoma Medical Examiners Office. The Oklahoma Medical Examiner’s report has now been made public. See Oklahoma Medical Examiner’s report for Cause of Death and means. The Owasso Police Department would like to take this moment to inform anyone in crisis or contemplating suicide of the Oklahoma Mental Health Lifeline, just call or text 988.

This is a pretty good statement. A touch more empathy and less jargon would make it better.

From the start of our investigation, Owasso Police saw evidence that this tragic death was the result of suicide. However, our investigators didn’t want to publicize that kind of sensitive information until the Oklahoma Medical Examiner’s report was released. If you or anyone you know is in crisis or contemplating suicide of the Oklahoma Mental Health Lifeline, please call or text 988.

Overall, this is a pretty good statement that just needed minor tweaks. Obviously, if there were additional investigations going on about this death, the statement would need to make that clear.

NEVER FORGET



IN MEMORIAM Greater Cincinnati Police Museum

Cincinnati Police Officer John Hardewig, Jr.

John joined the Cincinnati Police Division on June 18, 1967, as a Police Recruit. He was promoted to Patrolman on September 10, 1967, issued Badge 364, and assigned to District 6. On June 18, 1972, he was assigned to the Intelligence Section. Two years later, on June 18, 1974, while riding a motorcycle on Reading Road, he lost control, hit a curb, and came to rest with two broken legs. Over the course of more than a year, it was determined he could not return to work. He retired with a physical disability on February 1, 1976, with 12 years of service to his country and community.



Officer Hardewig died, surrounded by family, on February 28, 2024, at the age of 83.

Officer Hardewig is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Jane H. (Pfeiffer) Hardewig; sons, John George (Nancy) Hardewig, III, Greg Hardewig, and Adam Hardewig; 10 grandchildren; and sister, Katie Reed.

Our thoughts go out to his wife and family.

Cincinnati Police Specialist Leon Locke

Leon joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Cadet on July 23, 1972. While attending college, Cadet Locke worked at Communications Section and Detention Section. On August 24, 1975, he was promoted to Police Recruit, and on September 28, 1975, to Police Officer, issued Badge 304, and assigned to District 5. Due to financial issues at City Hall, Officer Locke and 123 other officers were laid off on December 5, 1976. On April 1, 1979, he was recalled from lay-off and assigned to District 1. On January 14, 1983, he was promoted to Police Specialist and issued Badge PS-244. He transferred to District 3 on October 16, 1988. Specialist Locke was assigned to the Fraud Squad, Property Crimes Unit on July 30, 1995. In February 2001, he was assigned to the Financial Crimes Squad, Major Offenders Unit and partnered with Police Officer Richard Judon, specializing in Financial Institution Robberies. The unit solved every bank robbery in 2005 and the partners were given the Hamilton County Police Association’s Emil S. Otting Award for Service. Specialist Locke retired on February 12, 2009, with almost 37 years of service.



Specialist Locke then accepted a position as an investigator for the Hamilton County Coroner’s Office, eventually being promoted to Lead Investigator. He served as such until 2024, serving the city and the county for over 50 years.

Specialist Locke died suddenly on February 21, 2024.

He is predeceased by his brother, Police Officer James M. Locke, Sr. Specialist Locke is survived by his terminally ill wife, Marquita, and nephew, Police Officer Perry E. Locke, and others.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife and family.

© 2024 – All rights reserved to the Greater Cincinnati Police Museum

Make sure to call the FOP Hall at (513) 381-2550 to notify them of a death of a retired police officer.

Update: Challenge to Marsy's Law Seeks to Force Law Enforcement Agencies to Expose Identities of Police Officers Who Are Victims of Crime

Steve Lazarus, Esq. • Lazarus & Lawson, LLC • SteveLazarus@hlmlaw.com • (513) 607-4455

Last November, we wrote an article regarding the Columbus Dispatch's complaint with the Ohio Supreme Court. The complaint alleged the use of Marsy's Law by a police department to shield the identities of police officers involved in use-of-force incidents violated state public records laws. The Columbus Dispatch's complaint is pending in the Ohio Supreme Court, and the Florida Supreme Court recently ruled that Marsy's Law does not extend protection for the nondisclosure of the identities of police officers – or any crime victim.

The case made its way to the Florida Supreme Court after the City of Tallahassee announced plans to publicly release the names of two police officers who fatally shot armed suspects that threatened them in 2020. The Police Benevolent Association sued, arguing that the police officers were victims of aggravated assault when they encountered the two suspects, one of whom had fatally stabbed a neighbor's son before raising a gun at one of the officers. Both officers were later cleared by a grand jury. In its complaint against the City of Tallahassee, the Police Benevolent Association argued that the police officers were entitled to Marsy's Law protection as victims of crime.

The trial court sided with the City of Tallahassee, holding that the public had a vital right to evaluate the conduct of law enforcement. The Court of Appeals reversed, holding that police officers are entitled to the same protections under Marsy's Law. After the City of Tallahassee appealed, the Florida Supreme Court ultimately reversed, holding that no crime victim utilizing Marsy's Law can withhold their name from public disclosure. The rule expanded beyond just the release of police officer identities in use-of-force incidents, instead preventing any victim of crime from withholding their name from public disclosure. The Florida Supreme Court ruled that Marsy's Law grants victims the right to nondisclosure of information or records that could be used to locate or harass a victim or their family but does not grant the victim the right to withhold their name from public re-

lease. "Marsy's Law for Florida" expressed apprehension about the ruling, emphasizing that the ruling removes a right that Florida crime victims have been relying on for nearly five years for protection and safety. Additionally, "Marsy's Law for Florida" raised concerns about the potential misuse of modern-day technology, as access to a victim's name alone can be used to locate or harass that victim.

Like the Florida case, the Columbus Dispatch argues that the public has the right to identify officers involved in use-of-force incidents under public record laws. However, the language of Marsy's Law does not provide any exceptions for disclosure. The issue is currently pending review with the Ohio Supreme Court. If the Ohio Supreme Court sides with Columbus Dispatch and the Florida Supreme Court, police could lose the victim privacy protections that Marsy's Law currently provides, forcing law enforcement agencies to disclose the identities of police officers to the public.

Legal Lesson Learned: Marsy's Law allows crime victims, including law enforcement officers, to protect their names, addresses, and identifying information from public release. However, if the Ohio Supreme Court sides with the Columbus Dispatch and the Florida Supreme Court, law enforcement officers may lose this protection and force agencies to disclose the identities of officers involved in use-of-force incidents.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR Ken Kober

At the March membership meeting, we honored the 2023 FOP Member of the Year, retired Sergeant Matt Cornacchione. Sergeant Cornacchione is a 35-year member of the FOP and spent the majority of his career training new recruits. After retiring, he has played a huge part in making this organization as successful as it is. Congratulations!





TACTICAL RELATIONSHIP TRAINING™

INVITING: OFFICERS • SPOUSES • CLINICIANS • CHAPLAINS

LAW ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE



FREE | Cincinnati, Ohio | April 13, 2024 | 10.00 AM - 4.00 PM

REGISTER NOW AT : blessthebadge.org/register

NEW

BLESS THE BADGE



Breakout Sessions
Community | Critical Incidents | Spiritual Leadership



Ken & Wende Grubbs
Executive Directors | Florida



Brandon & Micah Rollins
Regional Directors | South Carolina

GUEST SPEAKERS



Erica Birkley
LE Clinician | Ohio



Mike & Autumn Sojka
LE Couple | Indiana



Nick & Teanna Lambert
LE Couple | Ohio

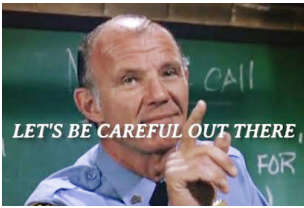
FOR LAW
ENFORCEMENT
BY LAW
ENFORCEMENT



✓ Hypervigilance
✓ Stress
✓ Trauma
✓ Resilience

✓ Love & Respect
✓ Communication
✓ Couples Care
✓ Parenting

5



ROLL CALL

Doug & Bobbi Utecht

3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt - Jim Brown

There was an overdose of cuteness at the 3rd Annual FOP Easter Egg Hunt.

About 60 Eager Egg Hunters brought their “EGGSELENT” A-Game to the Hunt.

A couple hundred eggs were cleared from the CPD Academy Field in a matter of minutes. No doubt, a good time was had by all.



Retirement Celebration Awards - CPD PIO Facebook Page

On March 13, the Cincinnati Police Department and Fraternal Order of Police celebrated the retirements of several members. We appreciate each of them for their dedicated years of service and wish them all a Happy Retirement!



Employee Appreciation Day - CPD PIO Facebook Page

During the first week of March, Chief Theetge visited every District and Section within the department to congratulate 300+ sworn staff members on 20, 25, 30, and 35 years of service.

We hope you wear your new pin with pride, and know that it's a symbol of your loyalty, perseverance, and hard work. Thank you!



Association of Police Captains - Bill Holzman (The Finest Facebook Page)

On March 12, the Associate Police Captains, honored Sgt. Steven A. Mittermeier for his great police work. A married couple was in town for a Bengals game with their mother-in-law. After the game, the couple went to celebrate at the hotel bar. The husband returned to the room while the wife decided to remain at the bar. The wife began socializing with a man, who eventually talked her into going to another bar. The woman ended up in the backseat of this individual's car while he attempted to rent a hotel room in Blue Ash. Sgt. Mittermeier received the call and went into action, pinging her mother's phone, which gave the location of where she was located. Sgt. Mittermeier said in about 40 minutes he was there on the scene as an arrest was made by Blue Ash Police. Lt. Jarrod Cotton presented the award, saying Sgt. Mittermeier saved this woman from going through a terrible experience, and that he is a very good police officer. Capt. Dennis Swingley was also there to recognize Sgt. Mittermeier for a job well done.



NINETEENTH ANNUAL MATT'S 5K PURSUIT

**APRIL 14, 2024
9:00 AM
SPRING GROVE CEMETERY**

5K REGISTRATION
Pre-registration for Matt's 5K Pursuit is \$30 for Race Runners and Race Walkers (chip-timed) and \$27 for Fun Walk and Virtual Participants. All pre-registered participants will receive an event T-shirt.

Participants may pre-register online by following the links on our website at www.MattHaverkamp.com. Pre-registration closes on March 31, 2024. After then, you may register online from April 1 through April 9 or on race day until 8:30 AM, but a late fee of \$5 per person will be added. Late registration will include a T-shirt while supplies last. Visit our website for participant packet pick up dates, times, and locations.

KIDS' FUN RUN
The Kids' Fun Run races (for kids ages 10 and under) will begin after the 5K. Registration for the Kids' Fun Run is \$10 and includes a T-shirt, if pre-registered, and while supplies last for late registration.

AWARDS
Awards are only presented to chip-timed participants. Awards for RACE RUNNERS will be presented to the top 3 men and top 3 women in each division. Awards for RACE WALKERS will be presented to the top 3 men and women overall.

THANKS TO ALL OF OUR SPONSORS OVER THE YEARS!
2M-Maintenance Methods • b+r+ Communication Solutions • Belvedere Corporation
Bruggers' Bagels • Carew Realty • Cincinnati & Hamilton County Police Departments
Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens • First Care • Greg & Amy Power
HCPA Baggage & Drum Corps • Hightech Signs • Horsepower Farm
Imperial Builders, Inc. • Jeffrey Salzman • Jerry Geiser • Joe & Debbie Davidson
John & Tammy Zottner • John H. Evans Funeral Home • Kallman Electric Company
Kinetic Performance Dog Food • Meier • Norwood Police K9 Unit • Aesl
Prestige AV & Creative Services • Richards Industries • Ripple Effect Creative Studios
Rooted Grounds Coffee • Rumpke • Silver Security Systems • Sonitrol of Southwest Ohio
Tall Law • Tom & Jennifer Bach • TriHealth • Underground Sports Shop • Unleashed

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE THROUGH MARCH 31, 2024
CONTACT NANCY HAVERKAMP AT [513] 383-7578

WE HAVE MULTIPLE REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN 2024 AND YOUR SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT WILL HELP US MEET THEIR NEEDS.

The Matt Haverkamp Foundation offers registration, sponsorship, and donations online. We accept payments by cash, check, and credit card. Payments made by credit card will incur a processing fee.

all proceeds benefit

THE MATT HAVERKAMP FOUNDATION

OUR MISSION
The Matt Haverkamp Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, was established in 2005 to raise money to benefit the causes that were important to Matt. His career as a police officer was dedicated to the Golf Manor Police Department, where he developed the department's first K9 Unit, and served this community with his K9 partner, Tibo. The Foundation's mission is to assist other local police departments by providing funding for the purchase of dogs for their K9 Units.

The Foundation is proud to have been able to purchase 105 K9s and protective equipment totaling over \$1,000,000 throughout the past 18 years. In 2023, we assisted 11 police departments by funding 12 K9s and equipment totaling over \$149,000.

Matt's 5K Pursuit is the Foundation's largest annual fundraiser, which is a 3.1 mile run/walk through Spring Grove Cemetery. We extend the event throughout the morning and have K9 demonstrations, meet and greet, refreshments, door prizes, and awards for the top race finishers. Your support and participation in this year's 5K will help us continue our mission to support law enforcement with their K9 Units and help keep our communities safe!

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE
1900 Central Parkway
Cincinnati, OH 45214

NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
CINCINNATI, OH
PERMIT NO. 7939

INVEST IN YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE

**Invest in your child's education with
a COPFCU undergrad Student Loan.**



- Borrow up to \$75,000
- Fixed and variable loan options
- In-school deferment available
- Interest may be tax-deductible**
- Just one application needed to fund all undergraduate courses¹

Apply Today!
copfcu.com | (513) 381-2677



Banking for your family and your future.
Federally Insured by NCUA, Equal Housing Lender.

*APR - Annual Percentage Rate quoted above was available as of 3/11/23 for applicants with a credit score of 825 or higher and receiving a .25% rate discount for electing automatic payments. Higher rates will apply based on type of loan elected (fixed or variable rate loan) and credit score. COPFCU offers variable rate and fixed rate undergraduate loans. Minimum (floor) rate for undergraduate student loans is 3.75% APR. Variable rates range from Prime - 3.50% (currently 4.75%) to Prime + 2.50% (currently 10.75%). Variable rates/APRs adjust quarterly based on the Prime Rate as reported in the Wall Street Journal. Fixed rates range from 4.75% - 10.75% APR. A .25% rate discount is available for electing automatic payments. Rates/APRs are subject to change without notice. Speak with a loan officer for full details. **Consult your tax advisor to determine your tax-deduction eligibility. ¹Subject to credit qualification and annual review.

959 W. 8th Street • Cincinnati, OH 45203 • (513) 381-2677 • (800) 810-0221 • www.copfcu.com