

Meeting Dates & Events

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FOP Picnic

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FOP President's Message

On March 15th, we lost a brother in blue and a friend. Police Officer Marcellus Jones passed away at the young age of 33 while off duty due to a medical emergency. While we navigate these incredibly difficult times, I ask that you lean on each other for support and reach out to the wellness unit if you need any resources. We will say our goodbyes in Cleveland on April 7th and April 8th. The FOP services will be on April 7th at 1645 hours. The Sentinels and FOP have joined forces and are working out logistics to provide transportation for those who need it.

Earlier in March, Vice President Don Meece and I travelled to Columbus to the State Employment Relations Board to attempt to mediate an Unfair Labor Practice the FOP filed against the City revolving around the community responders. To call that meeting unproductive is an understatement. On 3/31 the FOP, IAFF and the City will be meeting once again to attempt to mediate this case. I will provide an update next month.

The retroactivity saga continues. By now you should have received a letter saying what you were over paid when the city calculated retroactivity pay when our contract was ratified. They overpaid by 2 pay periods. After some officers dug deeper, it was discovered the city calculated the pay for those who received the 5% and 2% at the rate of 7%. However, it should have been calculated at 7.1% as those numbers compound. The city did recognize the additional error. The check for pay period 7 will show an additional retroactivity payment between approximately 40-106 dollars depending on your earnings. They will also begin deducting the overage if you selected that option. The initial overage is now correct due to the additional retro payment. This disaster was mitigated the best we could considering the circumstances.

Finally, our Police Memorial Parade will take place on Monday, May 12th. The service begins at Fountain Square at 11 am. Buses will begin transporting from District 1 at 10 am. After the services, the FOP will provide lunch and refreshments. Please attend if possible. We owe it to our brothers and sisters who paid the ultimate sacrifice to honor them. The survivors are grateful for what we do.

Fraternally,
Ken Kober

POLICE RETIREES NEWS

By Mike Bolte

Retirees for Cincinnati and Hamilton County Officers Meet the First Monday of the month and begins at 1900 hours and will be on April 7th, 2025. 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 will be on April 8th. The East Side Saturday breakfast is at the Country Inn located at 910 Ohio Pike, Amelia, Ohio and starts at 8 am.

2025 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.

Recent Retirements

Darren Gibson Aaron Jones Michael Hudepohl

Promotions to Lieutenant

Stephanie Glueck Jerome Herring Jr. John Jeffries
Benjamin Schneider Andrew Snape Lucas Neville



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 Retiree Meeting is on April 7th.

The Regular FOP Meeting is on April 28th.

**Please contact Austin Lee at:
austin.lee_21@yahoo.com
to have your police or police family
owned business added to the newsletter.**

L-18 EASTSIDE LUNCHEON John Burke

Another month to the second Tuesday means the Eastside luncheon group met on March 11th, as they were all chipper about the weather on this fine day. John Burke did the announcements, as he told us that Retired Police Officer Clarence Gardner had passed and he was 90 years of age.

We had a decent crowd, but not as many showed up, and I guess jet lag from the reunion caused many to pass on this one.



BUCKETHEADS LUNCHEON Jim Brown

78 Brothers, Sisters and Supporters of Law Enforcement showed up at Bucketheads for the Saint Patrick's Day Celebration.

It may have been a week late, but respect for the Irish was shared in the stories told. Some of those stories may be as old as St. Patrick. As always, Bucketheads is a great host with a great staff. Come join us on our next LE Holiday Luncheon on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, at Bucketheads, 6507 Harrison Avenue. Attendees start arriving around 11:15am.



9th DISTRICT TRUSTEE Jon Halusek

In the House:

Representatives John H. Rutherford (R-FL) and Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ) introduced H.R. 2094, the “Homes for Every Local Protector, Educator, and Responder (HELPER) Act.” The bill, a priority of the FOP, would establish a new home loan program administered by the Federal Housing Administration to help public safety officers, first responders, and teachers purchase homes.

The House considered and passed H.R. 63, the “Subterranean Border Defense Act,” on a vote of 401-2. The bill would require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to create and implement a plan to counter illicit cross-border tunnel operations.

The House considered and passed H.R. 901, the “Research Security and Accountability in DHS Act,” on a vote of 410-1. The bill requires the Department of Homeland Security to develop a department-wide policy for safeguarding research and development from unauthorized access or disclosures of sensitive information in related acquisitions.

The House considered and passed H.R. 993, the “Emerging Innovative Border Technologies Act,” by a vote of 406-9. This legislation would utilize various types of technology, like artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, and fiber optics, to improve border security operations.

The House considered and passed H.R. 1968, the “Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act” which seeks to fund the government through 30 September 2025, on a 217-213 vote. The measure maintains agency and program funding at fiscal year 2024 levels while also providing a \$440 million boost for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Additionally, the measure extends the temporary classification of fentanyl-related substances as Schedule I drugs under the Controlled Substances Act through the end of this September.

THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

In a pro-forma session, Representatives Donald J. Bacon (R-NE) and Henry Cuellar (DTX) introduced the “LEOSA Reform Act.” The bill, which is a top priority of the FOP and passed the House last year, would amend the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA) exempting qualified active and retired law enforcement officers from local and State prohibitions on the carriage of concealed firearms by ensuring that officers can carry in the same venues as civilian concealed carry permit holders. The bill also extends the exemption to magazine capacity and would allow active and retired law enforcement officers to access services in U.S. Post Offices, Social Security Administration offices,

Veterans Affairs offices, and other Federal facilities without disarming or securing their firearms elsewhere. It would also allow States to decide to extend the period between training certifications for qualified retired law enforcement officers from 12 months to 36 months. The House Committee on the Judiciary is expected to mark up the bill next week.

The FOP is expecting the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to favorably report two bills attacking labor unions and collective bargaining agreements next week:

H.R. 1210, the “Protecting Taxpayers’ Wallets Act,” sponsored by Representative Scott G. Perry (R-PA), would take the extraordinary step to require Federal agencies to charge labor organizations quarterly fees for agency time and resources – including, for example, office space and equipment; and the “Paycheck Protection Act,” a blatantly anti-worker bill which would prohibit union members from choosing to pay their dues automatically from their paychecks—a standard practice at every level of public employment.

The FOP will be strongly opposing both bills.

In the Senate:

The Senate considered and passed S. 331, the “HALT Fentanyl Act,” which would permanently classify fentanyl-related substances as Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act, on a vote of 84-16. The bill, which is supported by the FOP, now goes to the President for his signature.

The Senate passed S. 960, the “Justice for Murder Victims Act,” by unanimous consent. This bill would guarantee that homicides can be prosecuted under Federal law regardless of the time between the act or omission that led to the victim’s death and the death itself.

We had a video conference call with State President Jay McDonald and several items were discussed and here are those items:

On April 2nd our lodge will be sending members to the State of Ohio Day on the Hill. The items we will be talking about are as follows. We will be talking about pension reform; we will be asking for increased employer contributions. We are asking that our employers pay the same amount for police as they do for fire. We will be asking for the DROP program for PERS as we have for OP&F, and we will be asking for the Jim Gilbert fix. The Jim Gilbert fix is an issue where you leave one pension system OP&F and move to another PERS you will need to start over in that pension system. The simple fix is to allow those pension contributions to transfer over to the other.

We will be asking that employees of the Department of Mental Health employees (certified cops) be allowed to carry firearms. If you did not know they are currently not allowed to carry when transporting to doctor, court appointments or other appointments they may have. We all know how dangerous some of these people can be and they have no protection for themselves or the community.

We will be asking the State to outlaw quotas. Need I say more on this issue.

As I reported last month about The Honorable Bill Dean (R), he is introducing a bill to eliminate release time. This would mean your FOP President would not have release time nor the protections he has to do the work as the FOP President. I would encourage you to write or call his office in opposition to introducing this bill. The office phone number is 614-466-

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1470 and email is rep71@ohiohouse.gov.

Right to Work is rearing its ugly head again. As you know what the Janis decision did. Now they are going after the private sector. The State FOP will be watching this issue.

Now figuring out what to do the tax money that comes in from the sale of marijuana. The Governor wants to create a central training center for "ALL" law enforcement office throughout the state. We already have that its call OPOTA. The only officers who are not certified by OPOTA are the troopers. The FOP is opposed to this! The major departments like Cincinnati, Dayton, Columbus etc. would lose their academy's and would be forced to send our recruits to this academy. I think we can all see how this would be a bad idea. The FOP would like to see the money used to pay for PTS training and issues our officers may have.

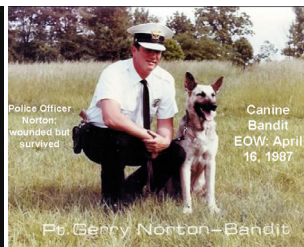
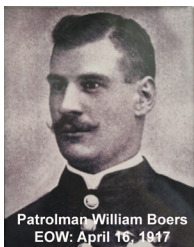
There are still issues with the Thin Blue Line insurance, the state is still working on the issue, President McDonald will be having a one on one with the owner of TBL while in Salt Lake City at the National Presidents Meeting. The TBL will be establishing a hotline for members with issues. Christ Hospital is close or has a contract this should greatly help our members.

The Police Memorial will be held on May 12th starting on Fountain Square at 11am. Followed by a parade back to the Police Memorial for a memorial service. Buses will be provided for you from the Police Memorial to Fountain Square starting at 10am. This year we will be calling the roll of every officer from the Cincinnati Police Department and all officers from Hamilton County that have been killed in the line of duty.

President McDonald is asking for all agencies to send patrol units as well as motorcycles to attend the State Motorcade from the State Lodge located at 222 E Town St. to the State Memorial located at OPOTA. The Motorcade will leave the State Office at 930am.

This year 16 Officers have been killed in the line of duty. Thankfully, there has been a 52% decline so far this year. Please watch out for each other and cover over. As I have said many times, one is too many.

NEVER FORGET



IN MEMORIAM Greater Cincinnati Police Museum

Lieutenant Clarence Thomas Gardner, Jr. L-21

Clarence joined the Cincinnati Police Division in its 39th Recruit Class on May 22, 1961. On February 27, 1966, he was among the first men promoted to the new rank of Police Specialist. He was promoted to Sergeant on October 20, 1968, and Lieutenant on February 21, 1982. Throughout his tenure, he served in Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and Chief's Office. He retired on February 7, 1987, with 25 years of service to the City of Cincinnati.



From January to March 1978, Sergeant Gardner was selected to attend one of the four most respected secondary law enforcement schools in the country, the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy.

Lieutenant Gardner died on March 7, 2025 at the age of 90. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, children, and grandchildren.

Police Officer James Jacob Hey P-376

Police Officer Hey was appointed to the Cincinnati Police Department on March 12, 1967. Throughout his tenure, he served in Districts 1, 3, 4, Criminal Justice, Planning, Research and Development Section, Operations Bureau, and Park Unit. He retired on January 4, 1992, with 25 years of service to the City of Cincinnati.



Officer Hey died on March 8, 2025, one day after his 85th birthday.

He was predeceased by his sister Phyllis (Joseph) Thiem and brother-in-law, Kenneth J. (Janet) Schneider. Officer Hey is survived by his wife of 62 years Myra Ann (Schneider) Hey; children, Regina (John) Levy, James (Beth) Hey, Kelly (Andrew) Fury, and Carla Hey; grandchildren, Nicholas Levy, Matthew (Tamber) Levy, James Levy, Maggie (Kurt) James, Jacob Hey, Olivia (Blake) Ballard, Kyle (Hannah) Fury, Ryan (Abby) Fury, and Adam Levy; great-grandchildren, Maci James, Riley James, and Grayson Fury; and sisters-in-law, Marilyn (James) Harris and Linda (Joseph) Beck.

Police Officer Marcellus Keyon Jones P-537

Police Officer Jones joined the Cincinnati Police Department on October 3, 2021 as a member of the 112th Recruit Class. Throughout his tenure, he served in Districts 3, 4, 5, and the Youth Services Section. He had 3 years of service to the City of Cincinnati.



Officer Jones suffered a fatal medical emergency on March 15, 2025, at the age of 33.

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

COMMUNICATIONS COUNSEL

Ryan Stubenrauch / Jamieson Gordon

We're back with your crisis communications in the news. This month's example is from Florham Park, New Jersey.

Here's the statement they released following a police chase and subsequent crash:

According to the preliminary investigation, on March 14, 2025, the Morris County Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit was notified of a police pursuit that ended in a motor vehicle crash of the suspect's vehicle at approximately 1:15 p.m. at the intersection of Vreeland and Hanover Roads in Florham Park. The pursuit was initiated by Florham Park Police Officers for a stolen vehicle. The vehicle was being operated erratically on the shoulder and grass before it crashed into a tree. The driver, Brian Joseph Blozen, 50, of Toms River, was extracted from the vehicle and transported to an area hospital, where he is being treated for serious bodily injuries. The passenger was also transported to an area hospital and treated for minor injuries. No Officers have been injured.

In keeping with the New Jersey Attorney General Directive 2019-4, the Office of Public Integrity and Accountability (OPIA) was notified. The Morris County Prosecutor's Office, Major Crimes Unit, is handling the prosecution of Mr. Blozen. He has been charged with - 2nd degree eluding in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:29-2B, 3rd degree receiving stolen property in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-10.2, 4th degree Assault by Auto in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1C(2), DP possession of drug paraphernalia in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:36-2, and DP operating MV while under the influence of CDS in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10B. The passenger has not been charged and was released from custody. Under the supervision of OPIA, the conduct of the Florham Park officers will be independently investigated by a separate team of investigators.

Now that you've been reading our crisis communications tips for a while, I'm sure you're already seeing a couple ways we could improve this statement.

This is far too detailed with a huge amount of police / legal jargon. Spoiler alert, the general public doesn't care about a dozen different New Jersey statutes. Remember, we always want the general public to read our communications and not think they were written by a robot.

Here's how we'd recommend rewriting the statement:

On March 14, Florham Park Police tried to stop a car that had been reported stolen. Instead of stopping, the suspect refused to stop and fled. After driving dangerously and erratically, the driver crashed into a tree. First responders transported the driver to a local hospital where he's being treated for serious injuries. The passenger was also transported to the hospital for minor injuries.

The Office of Public Integrity and Accountability (OPIA) was notified, and the Morris County Prosecutor's Office

charged the driver with several crimes. The passenger was released from custody and wasn't charged. As per our policy, our officers will be independently investigated by a separate team of investigators to ensure public trust and accountability. We're thankful no officers or other members of the community were injured, as the safety of our community is our top priority. We will update the public once we have more information to share.

Isn't that more readable?

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Police Officer Gary Joseph "Wazoo" Watson P-847

Gary joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Cadet on September 20, 1970. He was assigned to the Training Section as a Cadet on July 1, 1973 and promoted to Police Recruit on August 12, 1973. He was promoted to Patrolman on November 25, 1973. Throughout his tenure, he served in Districts 2, 3, 5, 6, Detention Section, and Communications Section. Officer Watson retired December 16, 1995, with 25 years of service to the City of Cincinnati.



After several lingering maladies, in 2023, Officer Watson was diagnosed with Cholangiocarcinoma (cancer of the bile duct). He underwent surgery, but the outcome was not curative. Through chemotherapy and radiation his body was wracked so badly that he almost died twice, but he continued the battle. His battle finally ended on the night of March 11, 2025 at the age of 72.

He is survived by his wife of almost 40 years, Cynthia Lynn "Cindy" (Whiteaker) Watson, and daughters.

Specialist Daniel Glen Wintersteen PS-93

Dan joined the Cincinnati Police Division on September 11, 1961, as a Cadet and on March 23, 1964, as a Police Recruit. He was promoted to Specialist on January 18, 1972. Throughout his tenure, he served in Districts 1, 2, 3, 5, Central Station, Identification Section, Special Operations Section, Tactical Patrol Section and Criminal Investigations Section. He retired on February 7, 1987, with 25 years of service to the City of Cincinnati. For years, Specialist Wintersteen has been battling a rare cancer of the nervous system. He died at 4 p.m. on March 20, 2025 at the age of 83.



His remains will be buried at a later date with his wife of more than 50 years, Judith Ann (Bunger) Wintersteen, at Arlington Memorial Cemetery.

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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.

Ohio House Bill 492 Seeks to Extend an Additional Retirement Benefit to PERS Law Enforcement Officers Statewide

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In April 2024, Ohio Representative Kevin Miller introduced Ohio House Bill 492. A week later, the Bill was referred to the Pension Committee. On November 18th, 2024, Kevin Miller provided his sponsor testimony for HB 492 to the House Pensions Committee. During this testimony, Kevin Miller explained that this bill, if passed, would establish a deferred retirement option plan program for PERS law enforcement members. This deferred retirement option plan (also referred to as DROP) program would allow a PERS law enforcement officer who is retirement eligible, to accumulate an additional benefit for retirement while continuing to work. This bill is currently awaiting the Pension Committee's report that either recommends or does not recommend that it be considered for a floor vote by the full membership of the Ohio House of Representatives.

I. How to Participate in the DROP Program

A PERS law enforcement officer who is eligible to retire under the Ohio Revised Code, before retiring may elect to participate in the program. The law enforcement officer would file their election with the Public Employment Relations Board. The law enforcement officer would then elect an available annuity plan under the Ohio Revised Code. The law enforcement officer must agree to terminate active service and begin to receive their retirement allowance no later than 8 years after the officer's date of the election to participate in the program.

An officer will forfeit the interest accrued if the officer is younger than 52 on the effective date of the election and terminates active service prior to the fourth year after the date of the election to participate in the program. An officer will forfeit the interest accrued if the officer is 52 years or older on the effective date of election and terminates service prior to the third year after the effective date of the election to participate in the program.

II. Benefits of Participating

When a PERS law enforcement officer begins to participate in the program they continue their active service as a law enforcement officer. Additionally, the law enforcement officer and the employer will continue to contribute towards their pension. While continuing to serve, the law enforcement officer will have their monthly retirement allowance accrue to their benefit. This amount + 10% of the officer's earnable salary that accrues to the officer's benefit, will begin to earn interest at an annual rate established by the Public Employees Retirement Board and compound annually. Once a law enforcement officer ceases their participation in the DROP program, they will begin to receive their retirement balance. Additionally, the law enforcement officer shall select a method for distribution of the amount accrued.

This program will help address the staffing shortages facing law enforcement departments in Ohio. Although officers will not earn additional service credits while participating in the program, it provides an additional means of savings that law enforcement officers can use while waiting for their official retirement.

FOPA OFFICER OF THE MONTH

Jackie Metz

On December 17, 2024, PO Condon responded to report of suicidal subject. On arrival, PO Condon and other officers found a female subject on floor with cuts to both wrists and severing her radial arteries. The subject was losing a large amount of blood. PO Condon applied his tourniquet and directed another officer to do the same to the subject's other wrist. This action ultimately saved the life of the subject. This is only the latest event in which PO Condon saved a life.

On August 24, 2024, PO Condon responded to a shooting and once on scene found a subject with a gunshot wound to his upper thigh, possibly severing the femoral artery. PO Condon deployed his tourniquet and stopped the bleeding. This action was instrumental to the shooting victim surviving.

These two events are only the tip of the iceberg in which PO Condon has used his training as a medic to save a life including when he responded the 5th/3rd Active shooter event and immediately started rendering aid to the many victims of the shooter.



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March 10, 2025

Re: Police Week Parade and Ceremonies May 12, 2025

You and members of your families are cordially invited to join us to memorialize our fallen officers. Shuttle buses will run from CPD District One to Fountain Square starting at 10:00 a.m. At 11:00 a.m. the events will begin at Fountain Square. The parade will move to the Cincinnati Police Memorial at 311 Ezzard Charles Drive. Immediately following the ceremonies, a cookout will be held at the Memorial Site.

Please join us for all the day's events on May 12th. We will be glad to have you there.

Very truly yours,



YOUNGEST CINCINNATI POLICE LIEUTENANT

Lt. Steve Kramer / Greater Cincinnati Police Museum

We are asked, with respect to the promotion of Lieutenant Jerome Herring, whether he may be the fastest elevated to that rank ever, and/or the youngest. Your museum conducted research into the question and produced the following.

There are two qualifiers. First, the answer lies only within “modern history.” We know that in the late 19th century, there were some elevated to Lieutenant, sometimes skipping over Sergeant, within a few years. Second, we researched based only on anecdotal memory or past research of those we know were promoted through the ranks very quickly. We may have missed one or two.

With these qualifications, the answer is, “Yes!”

Number Five on our list is Howard Rogers who retired as Assistant Chief. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1961, ten years after being appointed Patrolman and at the age of 32. Carl V. Goodin was younger at 31.86 and it took him only 8½ years from his original appointment. He retired as Police Chief. It should be noted here that H. Bruce Knox was 31.29 years old, besting both Rogers and Goodin in age, but not in tenure.

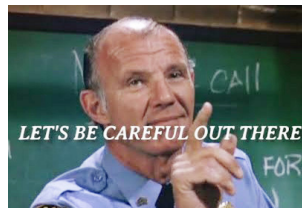
Numbers Two and Three are a virtual tie. Stanley Schrotel was a tad younger than Joseph Staft, 28.57 and 28.76, respectively. However, Staft did it more quickly, in 7.46 years compared to Schrotel’s 7.8 years. Schrotel retired as Police Chief and Staft as Assistant Chief.

As an aside, it will be interesting to watch Lieutenant Herring’s career and ascension to higher ranks, politics aside of course. Keep in mind, a young Schrotel was promoted straight from Captain to Chief. There were several laid off and/or demoted in the 1970s who may have otherwise contended, including this author who holds the record for time between Sergeant and Lieutenant and Thomas Streicher who probably holds the record between any ranks with his promotion to Chief. Who knows where Eugene Ferrara might have gone if they had not stopped promoting Lieutenants for a few years when he was a Sergeant. Timing is not everything, but it is something.

All that said, when Lieutenant Herring assumed his lieutenantancy on Sunday, March 2, 2025, he became both the youngest lieutenant in modern times at 28.51 years old, and the fastest at 6.8 years since appointment as Police Officer.

As always, if you believe another to qualify for the top five, please that us know at Historian@Police-Museum.org.

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ROLL CALL

Brent Eve

Great Police Work! - Cincinnati Police Facebook Page

We’re proud to highlight the great work of Officer Rocky Helton, whose observation skills and solid patrol work led to the arrest of a serial offender in Over the Rhine.



From Jan. 31 to Feb. 3, 2025, a series of breaking and entering offenses occurred in OTR. Flyers were circulated by CPD with descriptions of the suspect. On February 3rd, during routine patrol, Officer Helton was flagged down by a victim of a recent break-in. With Officer Helton’s keen observation and interview skills, he noted several distinct articles of stolen clothing.

Later that same day, while on patrol, Officer Helton spotted a suspect on Race St. wearing an item matching the description from the earlier incident. The individual had items from multiple offenses and matched descriptions from two other break-ins.

Thanks to Officer Helton’s refined skills, the suspect was arrested and charged.

Specialist Kevin Newman Recognized at the APC Meeting

Specialist Kevin Newman was recognized at the APC meeting on March 18th for saving a mentally ill lady from jumping off the upper level of a parking garage.



F.O.P.



FAMILY PICNIC

Thursday June 5, 2025

at

Strickers Grove

Gates open at 4:30 p.m.

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Rides start at 6:00 p.m.

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