

Meeting Dates & Events

Mon., Feb. 5
Retiree's Meeting

Mon., Feb. 12
Executive Board Meeting

Tue., Feb. 13
East Side L-18 Luncheon at APG

Wed., Feb. 14
West Side Luncheon at Triple Cats

Mon., Feb. 19
President's Day Holiday-Observed

Mon., Feb. 26
Regular FOP Meeting

Wed., Feb. 28
West Side Luncheon at Triple Cats

Fri., May 3
Awards Dinner

Fri., May 17
Memorial Parade

Thur., June 6
FOP Picnic

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FOP President's Message

I would like to congratulate and welcome the members of the 114th recruit class to the FOP. By now, they are a couple weeks into their FTO phase of training. I encourage each new graduate to make it to a meeting or two and consider getting involved.

I have spent the last month visiting every roll call and nearly every preferred assignment with two of our lodge attorneys, Mr. Steve Lazarus and Mr. Steve Lawson, giving a refresher on your legal benefits and how the process works. It's imperative you contact the FOP immediately after being notified for an internal interview or CCA either via email (michelle@fop69.org) or phone (513-381-2550). Please don't wait until an hour before your interview to ask for a rep. This makes it challenging to fulfill these requests.

The 2024 committee selections have been completed and sent out via email. Thank you to all who have answered the call to serve this lodge. These selections were not taken lightly. Don Meece and I spent a considerable amount of time making sure we can involve as many members as possible.

I was made aware of numerous complaints about the conduct and court room etiquette of the newest elected official, Judge Silverstein. Judges are given the freedom to run their rooms as they see fit. However, I have met with the city prosecutors office to explore how they can make sure officers are not spending any more time in court than absolutely necessary. Prosecutors are being reminded to release officers who are not going to be needed in a reasonable amount of time. If this continues to be an issue, please let me know. I also had a lengthy discussion with Chief Theetge regarding issues with court. We are working on a solution that will be acceptable to everyone. I will keep you all up to date as this process moves along.

Finally, on Sunday 2/11/2024 will be the Olivia Zick Memorial Hero workout. This will take place at 0900 hours at the academy. The workout will be designed for those of all ages and abilities to participate. After the 30-40 minute workout, the FOP hall will be open for everyone to come enjoy brunch and fellowship. If you are unable to workout, please consider coming to support those who will be participating. Any questions please contact PO Ben Williamson (D1).

Fraternally,
Ken Kober

POLICE RETIREES NEWS

By Harry Roberts & 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 February 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, February 13, 2024. The East Side Saturday breakfast is at the Country Inn located at 910 Ohio Pike, Amelia, Ohio and starts at 8 am.

West Side Holiday Club: The next events are Monday, February 19, for President's Day, and Monday, March 18, for St. Patrick's Day. Mark your calendars! Questions contact: Cliff Bell or Dave Reinhart.



DISTRICT TWO LEGENDS

Congratulations to the District Two Legends Mike Phillips, Charles Gardner, Perry Lock and Bob Ahlers, who were inducted for 2024. The Ceremony took place at the Local Post on January 17.

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.

Recent Retirements:

Nicholas Hageman Christopher Ruehmer
Stephen Lawson Stephanie Broxterman
Christopher Pohlman Bryan Stormes Douglas Smith
Thomas Coombs William (Mel) Keuper Darryl Patrick
Anthony Ward Donald Konicki

Attention All for 2024 Florida Reunion

Update for 2024 Florida Reunion

Guy Engelbert is working on a PowerPoint for the upcoming reunion and is asking for any and all photos from last year to be sent to him at: guyengelbert@centurylink.net.

GOLFERS MUST CONFIRM: Call Dave West 513-604-1532. We have 24 reserved spots (6 tee-times); Falcon Fire Golf Course-10 minutes from Red Lions Hotel; Tues., Feb. 27, & Wed., Feb. 28- \$79.00 + tax- pay at Pro Shop. The restaurant will be open at 9am for breakfast. Longest Drive (one par 5- front and back), Closest to the Pin (par 3s).

ALL REUNION ATTENDEES, PLEASE CONFIRM ASAP with: Sandy Vickers (\$35 check in her name covers social for all 3 nights), Send to: 10790 Autumnridge Dr., Independence, Ky., 41051. Better not delay booking a room at the Red Lions Hotel! Call Elisa, 407-997-3224, Locked in rate is \$82+tax; Can cancel with no charge, 72 hours before.

FOP Delta Dental Coverage for Retirees

Contact Michelle at the FOP Office for information on getting dental coverage through our FOP Delta Dental program.

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.

DELEGATES' ELECTION SCHEDULE

Tom Martin

Retiree's Meeting

Monday, February 5th: 1800-1900 Hrs

All Districts

Sunday, February 25th: 1930-2130 Hrs

Monday, February 26th: 0630-1530 Hrs

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Monday, February 26th: 0730-1530 Hrs

FOP Hall

Monday, February 26th: 1530-1930 Hrs

FOP INTERNAL/CCA

REPRESENTATION TRAINING A. Lee

Anyone interested in becoming an FOP Rep for Internal and CCA, please contact Austin Lee at (513) 259-9513. We will figure out a training date(s) with Steve Lazarus that works for everyone. Thank you!

ROGER BACON HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE Harry Roberts

On January 18, Police Officer Robert W. Plum, Jr. was inducted into the Roger Bacon High School Hall of Fame for his football prowess.

Bob Plum was born April 17, 1945, to Robert Wilfred and Marian Idell (Geisen) Plum, Sr. of Mt. Healthy.

He attended Roger Bacon High School and was nicknamed "Peaches." He played football and basketball, earning numerous awards on the gridiron. During his years on Varsity, he played end on both sides of the ball. During the 1962 season, Roger Bacon was undefeated and won the Greater Catholic League (GCL) title for the second year in a row and their coach was named Coach of the Year. Bob earned the Spartan Award and was named to the Cincinnati Enquirer's all city team for defensive end and the Post and Times-Star all city second team for defensive end. Bob graduated in 1963 and went on to play football for Xavier University where he majored in Political Science and minored in History.

On April 19, 1965, Bob joined the United States Army Engineers and served as a Wireman for Field Communications. He was discharged to the Ohio National Guard six months later and earned an honorable discharge on April 18, 1971.

From June 1966 to April 1967, Bob worked as a lineman for the Cincinnati Gas and Electric Company. He then drove a truck for the Coca-Cola Bottling Works until September 1968.



Bob joined the Cincinnati Police Division on September 15, 1968 in the 51st Recruit Class. On December 22, 1968, he was promoted to Patrolman, issued Badge 628, and assigned to District. During April 1976, Officer Plum was assigned a Canine partner, Ajax. He transferred to District 1 on August 5, 1979. During May 1980, he attended training put on by the United States Police Canine Association. During the Summer of 1981, he and his partner participated in Regional Canine Competitions. Then in 1982, he competed in the regional, then national competitions. He took another eight days of Canine Training at Middletown in 1985. When Ajax retired, Bob joined officers on a relief in District 1 and immediately became one of the informal leaders with an exemplary record. He was the first one chose for Field Training Officer duty when new recruits came out of the Academy. On August 5, 1990, he transferred to the Traffic Unit and was solely responsible for the unit's new Drug Detection Canine. Officer Plum retired April 24, 1993 with 28 years of service to his country and community and 45 letters of appreciation and/or commendation, including five from Cincinnati Police Chiefs, two from a Hamilton County Sheriff, and one each from a Cincinnati Mayor, Hamilton County Prosecutor, Erie County Sheriff, and Police Chiefs of Norwood, North College Hill, and Wyoming.

Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!

MONTE CARLO GAME NIGHT

Presented by: The Matt Haverkamp Foundation &
St. John Neumann Men's Society



WHEN

Sat – February 3rd
7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

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ADMISSION

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MORE INFORMATION:

Contact
Mike Wicktor 513.319.5534
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JUNE 7TH, 2024 2ND ANNUAL FALLEN HEROES GOLF CLASSIC

Entry is \$125/player or \$500 per team

Our 2nd Annual Fallen Heroes Golf Classic provides lifesaving equipment needs to first responders across the Tri-State region. This event is our major fundraiser where first responders, veterans, military service members and civilians all try their hand in competition for bragging rights, trophies, and prizes galore all while remembering those that sacrificed so greatly to protect our communities/country.

Food and non-alcoholic drink is provided plus 2 free beers with each player registration. Register via website link. Mulligan packages are also available in person (Limited 1 per team)

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2024, unless full sooner

L-18 EASTSIDE LUNCHEON John Burke

The January, 2024 L-18 Eastside luncheon welcomed 74 attendees. Our newest FOP#69 President introduced himself and we greatly appreciated him being in attendance and wish him incredible success!

The next meeting is Tuesday, February 13th, when we will once again have great food and service, along with superb trivia prizes, and outstanding networking from some of the finest law enforcement professionals from days past!



COMMUNICATIONS COUNSEL

Ryan Stubenrauch / Jamieson Gordon

This month's crisis communication in the news comes from the centennial state, Colorado. Sadly, this news story isn't just about a truck spilling milk. This tragedy left two young children dead – which police suspect happened at the hands of their own mother.

After police originally thought the mother was a victim of the crime as well, they now believe she was the killer. She was arrested in the UK after fleeing the country.

Here are the statements that the 4th Judicial District Attorney's Office and Colorado Springs Police released:

From Colorado Springs Police Chief Adrian Vasquez: "Three weeks ago, two innocent lives were tragically taken from our community. Young lives that were filled with hopes and dreams for a bright future. I am heartbroken over this loss. The Colorado Springs Police Department stands with

the victims, family members, and others in our community who are grieving. Our detectives, lab personnel, and victim advocates continue to work tirelessly, in partnership with the District Attorney's Office, to bring justice for these victims. This incomprehensible act understandably raises a lot of questions and has an impact across our community. We will provide answers, to the extent we can, as soon as it is appropriate for us to do so."

From 4th Judicial District Attorney Michael Allen: "Regardless of the timeline, we will continue to work closely with local, national, and international agencies during the extradition process. Singler, like all persons accused of a crime, is innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt and the extradition process is an important step in ensuring due process is afforded to her. The loss of two young children in a case like this is a tragedy and demands the full support of my office and we stand ready to be their voice in our search for justice."

There are a lot of great aspects to both statements. They both exude empathy, which is particularly necessary in this case given the tragic nature of the situation. These statements also include information about the process from here on out in which community members will receive updates, which entities they are working with to pursue justice, and in the case of the District Attorney's statement – a reminder that each person is assumed innocent until proven guilty.

The one area in which the statements could improve is by adding more context to which they can stand alone. Right now, these are great reaction statements if someone has already read about the crime. But reading this without context would be extremely confusing and would bring up a lot of questions – why are you working with international agencies? Who tragically took the lives? Etc.

Here's how we would rework a general statement to be able to standalone while maintaining the empathetic tone:

Three weeks ago, two innocent children's lives were tragically taken too soon. Our hearts are heavy as family, friends, and the community mourn these precious children. Police have identified the victims' mother Kimberlee Singler as the main suspect in this case. Ms. Singler was arrested in the UK after fleeing the country. While she is innocent until proven guilty, we are working with local, national, and international agencies to pursue justice for the innocent victims. We will provide more information to the community as soon we are able. Please join us in keeping this family in your hearts and prayers.

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.

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

Firefighters Who Worked Hazardous Duty Entitled to Presumption That Cancer Was Contracted As Result of Employment

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An Ohio Court of Appeals recently affirmed the presumption in favor of granting workers' compensation coverage for firefighters who contract cancer.

In 2017, Ohio enacted R.C. 4123.68(X). This law created a presumption that cancer contracted by a firefighter meeting certain conditions was contracted in the course of employment. To qualify for the presumption, the firefighter must have been assigned to at least six years of hazardous duty and have been exposed to a substance classified as a group 1 or 2A carcinogen. If the firefighter meets these requirements, then the cancer is presumed to have been contracted through the firefighter's employment and the employer has the burden to prove that the cancer was contracted through other means.

The statute provides strong protection for firefighters, saving them from the difficult process of proving their cancer's specific origin in most cases. The recent Ohio case *State ex rel. City of Cincinnati v. Industrial Commission of Ohio (Joseph C. Conley)* demonstrates the statute's effectiveness. In this case, a firefighter contracted thyroid cancer and filed for workers' compensation benefits. The firefighter claimed the statute's presumption on his workers' compensation filing and showed that he met the statute's qualifications. The employer offered evidence that his time as a firefighter did not or could not have caused thyroid cancer. Initially, the employer prevailed, and the claim was denied. However, the commission reviewed its initial decision and reversed, finding that the employer's evidence was not sufficient to rebut the statutory presumption. Following the commission's reversal, the employer petitioned the court to vacate the commission's decision.

The court denied the employer's request, allowing the employee's victory to stand. The court held that although the employer's witness, a doctor, suggested that the firefighter's exposure to carcinogens may not have caused the cancer, he did not show by a preponderance of the evidence that the firefighter's exposure "*did not or could not have*" caused his cancer. This decision reiterated the high evidentiary standard an employer must meet to overcome the statutory presumption.

Legal Lesson Learned: The statutory presumption created by R.C. 4123.68(X) provides firefighters with strong protections against employers in cancer claims. Employers need to overcome a high evidentiary burden to rebut the presumption that firefighters' exposure to carcinogens while on the job caused cancer.

9th DISTRICT TRUSTEE Jon Halusek

The State Board held a meeting on January 26th and 27th in Dublin Ohio. Below are notes from the meeting:

The FOPA is accepting scholarship applications until May 1st. All the forms are on the State website under the 'Associates' tab.

FOPA membership is down, and they are asking that each member ask just one person to join their local lodges.

There have been a few issues in northern Ohio. The first is a Juvenile Court Judge has issued an order that no officer is allowed to carry a firearm into her court. The second involves officers working in mental health hospitals. The officers are not permitted to carry firearms as these hospitals fall under "Corrections". There are 8 State Hospitals and 7 other Developmental facilities these officers patrol. There was a recent incident where a patient entered a facility with a loaded handgun and 3 magazines. The officer was able to disarm the patient without incident, but the officer had no way to protect himself if this would have gone south. The State FOP is working with the 10th District to correct this issue.

The State FOP and the State employees of the FOP have agreed to a new contract.

Our State Treasurer reported that we came in under budget last year. Greg presented the new budget which was voted on and passed. Greg also announced that the investments being managed by Dan Vogelpohl have exceeded expectations.

As for Constitution and Bylaws, two lodges submitted changes that were voted on and passed.

Pension: There is an active police officer seat open, and the board endorsed Clay Cozart. The board also endorsed Mark Drum for the retired seat. Ballots will be mailed to you. Please fill them out and send back with the endorsed names on them. There will be elections held at the State Conference as both Jay McDonald and Gary Wolske announced they will be seeking the seat of President.

Jason Pappas will be stepping down from the Vice President seat and Eric Lehnhart the current Secretary has announced he will be seeking that seat.

Travis Parker will be seeking the vacant Secretary seat.

All other offices will remain the same if no one else decides to run for any of those offices.

The legislative report stated that our General Assembly has only passed sixteen bills in the last session, the lowest number in history. Some notable issues to follow are: HB296 which increases pension contributions made by cities; HB333 which bans quotas; HB47 which would ban release time by cities for Unions; and Resolution 6 which supports the elimination of the Windfall Elimination Act.

The Ohio Attorney General has made a "Bad Cop" database. This database was to be private, but he has decided to open it to the public. This program has already had issues-there was a Chief that retired and for some reason was put on this list by mistake and he is now having issues finding employment and with his personal life. You will also be put on this list if you decide to resign in lieu of an investigation. This AG is not a friend of the police.

Please watch out for each other.

IN MEMORIAM Greater Cincinnati Police Museum

Cincinnati Police Specialist Richard “Dick” Barry

Dick joined the Cincinnati Police Division on July 3, 1955, in the 32nd Recruit Class. On October 10, 1955, he was promoted to Patrolman, issued Badge 733, and assigned to District 5. He was rotated to District 1 on April 16, 1956.



On November 27, 1956, he was drafted into the United States Army and served as a military policeman at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver. He was honorably discharged in November 1958.

Patrolman Barry returned to the Division on December 7, 1958, and was assigned to District 2. On January 14, 1968, he was promoted to Police Specialist and issued Badge PS-91. Two years later, the Division combined District 2 into District 1. Then or later, Specialist Barry was transferred to District 1 Investigative Unit. On September 4, 1983, he transferred to the Private Police Unit in the Traffic Section. Specialist Barry retired on November 15, 1986. He was then appointed as a Police Technician and assigned to the Traffic Unit. He finally retired on January 1, 1999, with 44 years of service to his country and community.

Specialist Barry died during the afternoon of January 2, 2024, four days after his 90th birthday.

He was predeceased by his wife, Mary Lee Barry. It is believed he is survived by his children, Rick (Tess) Barry, Gregory Barry, Vicki (John) Michael, Michael (Sherry) Barry; grandchildren, Shane Barry, Luke Barry, Greg Barry, Scott Michael, Jessie Michael, Jessie Michael, Jenna Barry, and Katie Barry; and great-grandchildren, Aria Barry, Decklin Barry, and Joselyn Barry.

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

Police Officer Clifford J. Harvey

Cliff joined the Cincinnati Police Division on May 22, 1961, in the 39th Recruit Class. He was promoted to Patrolman on August 28, 1961, issued Badge 403, and assigned to District 3. On January 1, 1963, he was rotated to District 1. He transferred to District 7 on March 12, 1972. Three years later, he was assigned to the Vice Control Section. Eight months later, he transferred to the District 1 Investigative Unit. Officer Harvey retired on July 4, 1989, with 32 years of service to his country and community.



Officer Harvey died the morning of January 1, 2024.

He was predeceased by his wife, Josephine “Joanne” (Petrocelli) Harvey, and siblings, Mary “Sis” Schneider and Cincinnati Police Specialist Thomas Harvey Jr. Officer Harvey is survived by his children, Hamilton County Sheriff’s Deputy Jeffrey (Marty) Harvey, Cliff Harvey, and Janene (Art) Sauerwein; grandchildren, Tony (Laura) Harvey, Crissi (Matt) Reid, Lisa (Mike) Hand, CJ Harvey, Chad Bowling, Michael (Ginny) Wiedeman, and Sara (Dick) Dahrens; and great-grandchildren, Rocco Reid, Roman Reid, Renzo Reid, Ace Hand, Letty Hand, and Leo Wiedeman.

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

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OLIVIA ZICK
Memorial
WOD & BRUNCH
FEB 11

HERO WORKOUT

- 9:00 a.m.
- CPD Training Section, 800 Evans St.
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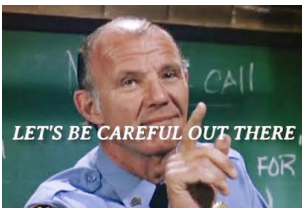
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ROLL CALL

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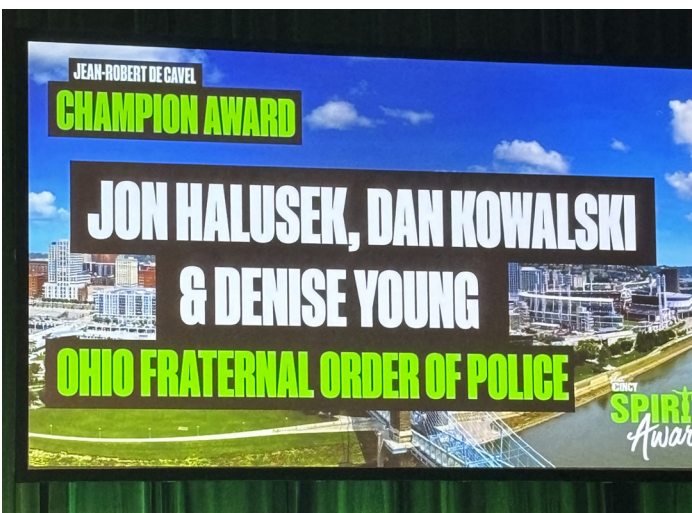
Class 114 Graduates

Congratulations and welcome to the members of the 114th Recruit Class! They graduated on January 5th and are currently with their primary FTOs. Welcome to the 'Thin Blue Line' family!



Jean-Robert de Cavell Champions Award

On Wednesday, January 31, Jon Halusek and Dan Kowalski were recognized for their work to bring the 2025 State Fraternal Order of Police Conference to Cincinnati. They received the Jean-Robert de Cavell Champion Award from "Visit Cincy." This award recognizes individuals or organizations that work closely with Visit Cincy to bring important meetings, events, and conventions to Cincinnati. Great job, Jon and Dan!



Annual Teddy Bear Toss Breaks Record

The annual Cincinnati Cyclones Teddy Bear Toss game was held on Saturday, January 6. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped set a new record of 13,319 stuffed animals!

When the Cyclones scored their first goal, fans threw their donated stuffed animals onto the ice. Immediately, the stuffed animals were collected and donated to the Cincinnati Police and Fire Departments to be passed along to children at emergency scenes such as accidents, fires, and those who are victims of crimes.



Homicide Unit's Victim Advocate Receives Award - PIO Facebook page

On January 24, Karen Rumsey was honored by City Council for her work at crime scenes to ensure no victim or survivor of violence stands alone.

Karen leads the Victims Assistance Liaison Unit where she advocates for families of homicide victims. She also co-founded the Cincinnati Citizens Respect our Witnesses Unit to provide witness protection and support.

As a licensed social worker, Karen has dedicated her career to making Cincinnati a safer community for families. She was one of the Council's honorees for National Gun Violence Survivors Week.

Thank you, Karen, for your compassion, kindness, and consistency. The Cincinnati Police Department is beyond proud to have you on our team!



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