

Meeting Dates & Events

Tue., Oct. 1
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Mon., Oct. 7
FOP Golf Outing

Tue., Oct. 8
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West Side Luncheon at Triple Cats

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West Side Luncheon at Triple Cats

Sat., Dec. 14
FOP Christmas Party

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FOP President's Message

I am extremely proud of the work the wage team put in to get our membership the largest wage increases since 1982. This also includes, beginning February 1st, off-duty details will be paid at time and half and pensionable. This is a benefit that will not only increase your pension when you retire, but will also significantly increase the amount of money going into the pension system for those already retired. The wage team gave me the ability to negotiate at an advantage thanks for their hard work. So, I say thank you! I also want to thank our lodge attorney, Steve Lazarus. His counsel throughout this process played a huge role in getting this deal done.

Over the last month, we had two critical incidents. The first involved an officer who was responding to a report of a shooting when a fatal pedestrian crash occurred. The second involved undercover officers being shot at. As a result, a lengthy pursuit ensued, and all suspects were arrested. In both cases, the officers all reacted according to their training and performed admirably. I want to thank the police administration for the way they handled both situations.

I attended the Task Force on Juvenile Diversion at the Ohio Supreme Court. We continue to make progress as we figure out the most thoughtful way to effect change within the juvenile court system. This is a lengthy process that will conclude sometime in June of 2025 by giving recommendations to the general assembly.

Once again, the FOP provided breakfast for the 85 cops who were working the Hudy 14k. The FOP will be at it again in October providing breakfast for officers working the Queen Bee Marathon as well. This small gesture has been very well received. I look forward to seeing how we can expand upon this in the future.

Finally, I want to extend my deepest condolences to the Cox family with the loss of District Four Officer Scott Cox, who passed away after a tragic incident while off duty. I ask that, in this time of sorrow, we look after each other. There are many resources available should the need arise. Together, we will get through this painful time.

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 October 14th, 2024 (changed due to golf outing). 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 October 8th. The East Side Saturday breakfast is at the Country Inn located at 910 Ohio Pike, Amelia, Ohio and starts at 8 am.

WESTSIDE HOLIDAY CLUB

Bucketheads 6507 Harrison Ave. Next date is Monday, November 11, 2024; Veterans Day, 12:00 p.m.

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:

Kevin Brown Terry McGuffey

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.

Florida 2025 Police Reunion Information: February 25th, 26th, and 27th, 2025

Red Lions Lake Buena Vista
5150 W. Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway
Kissimmee, Florida 34746

Our contact is Elisa Quinones or her assistant, Salha. Tell them you are with the Cincinnati Police Reunion. Phone number to call is 407-997-3224

Price of the rooms are now:

King Rooms and 2 Queen Rooms are \$85 plus tax a night. If you plan on playing golf, contact Dave West at 513-604-1532.

The price for the Social Nights will remain at \$35 per person.

Checks are to be made out to Sandy Vickers, and sent to: Sandy Vickers, 10790 Autumnridge Dr., Independence, KY 41051.

The Annual FOP Golf Outing is on October 7th.

The FOP Retiree Meeting is on October 14th.

The Regular FOP Meeting is on October 28th.

L-18 EASTSIDE LUNCHEON John Burke

The September L-18 APG luncheon was another great time. 73 retired attendees enjoyed the food, service and the networking. Our October meeting will be on October 8th and should prove, once again, to be loads of fun. Hope to see you all there.



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

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

FOPA OFFICER OF THE MONTH

Jackie Metz

The September FOPA was held on Tuesday, September 3rd. Officer Mike Bricker and his canine partner, Nitro, were honored for their apprehension of an aggravated auto robbery suspect that occurred in December.

On December 27, 2023, Police Officer Mike Bricker and his Canine partner, Nitro, were called to assist District 1 officers who were attempting to apprehend the operator of a stolen Ford F250, taken in an aggravated auto robbery in the City of Norwood. Officers had deployed stop sticks on the vehicle and all 4 tires were deflated. Officer Bricker positioned his vehicle behind Mr. Bramble's vehicle and was following him until he abruptly stopped the vehicle and exited. Mr. Bramble reached back into the vehicle and retrieved a knife and began running, with the knife in his hand. Officer Bricker observed Mr. Bramble running with the knife in hand towards a populated area, and deployed Nitro, off lead, to apprehend Mr. Bramble. Nitro jumped on Mr. Bramble, knocking him to the ground and Mr. Bramble began to comply with officer commands and was taken into custody without further incident.

During the follow-up investigation, Mr. Bramble admitted that he stole the vehicle in an effort to engage officers into pursuing him and to attempt, "suicide by cop". Mr. Bramble stated that Officer Bricker's deployment of Nitro "really messed up my plan".

Officer Bricker and Canine Nitro were an integral part in preventing danger to the citizens in the area that day, as well as preventing the suspect from harming himself, during a rapidly evolving situation. Thank you Officer Bricker and canine Nitro, for protecting the citizens and officers present during this incident!

OP-F PENSION IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Jay McDonald

We want to give you a **brief legislative update** on where the bill stands and how we **need** to call on our members to advocate for pushing it across the finish line. **This process is important to all of our members, no matter which system you are in. The FOP of Ohio and the Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters are working together to strengthen the OP-F system, and your participation could not be more important.**

We want to make this convenient given your busy schedules, so we will be hosting our meeting over Zoom and will offer two sessions. The meetings will take place on October 16 with Zoom sessions at Noon and 7pm. Please plan to join us and RSVP through this form on our partner Communications Counsel's website: <http://communicationscounsel.com/fop>

Once you RSVP, we'll send you the Zoom link before October 16. We look forward to speaking with you then.

OHIO NATIONAL TRUSTEE

Greg Toyegas

The 2024 FOP fall board meeting was held in Charlotte, North Carolina. At the board meeting, candidate & former President Donald Trump was endorsed by our membership, and he showed up at the board meeting to receive the endorsement. You may not like the outcome of these results, but it was democracy.

Our NFOP along with our state FOP has many benefits. At the board meeting, we voted to add LIFEMD which is ran through Thin Blue Line and they offer a weight loss program like Ozempic and other pharmaceuticals like this. There is a program called Financial Cop which talks about budgeting tools, debt management and investing. There is one called Cross Country Mortgage, and they help with mortgages for police and their families. Check out the web pages of both the state and national FOP for all the companies that support us!

Law enforcement has changed, and Mental Health is seen as a real threat to us. If you are experiencing any issues, do not hesitate to contact a friend, a buddy, a coworker or someone. You can text BLUE to 741741, CALL 1 800 267 5463 or the Suicide & Crisis hotline at 988. Life is good, but we see so much that sometimes you need to talk or be heard.

The NFOP will be looking at a per capita increase. They are looking to do it over time so it's not a big increase all at once.

The current board are all seeking reelection as your national officers. There was a motion brought by the South Dakota Trustee to give the NFOP board a 5% increase. It passed.

The NFOP PAC fund is trying to build up their money and they said if you sign up to donate \$10 a month for the next three months, maintaining enrollment for 3 months, you'll be entered to win a Springfield Armory PH9119AOSD pistol. If you are already donating, you are already enrolled and entered.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Alternative Response Community Service Officer The City of Cincinnati is hiring individuals for their Community Responder team. These responders will be first to respond for 311 calls and some non-criminal 911 calls (road hazards, disabled vehicles, etc.). Refer to the City of Cincinnati website for additional information and to apply.

Armed School Security Guard Guardian Angels School & McNicholas High School are having discussions about hiring armed security guards at the schools; they are across the street from each other and are thinking about sharing cost to pay the funds to hire armed security. Contact Corey J. Stoops, Principal, Guardian Angels School (located at 6539 Beechmont Ave, C/O, 45230), via email at: Cstoops@gas-school.org or by phone at: 513-624-3141.

COMMUNICATIONS COUNSEL

Ryan Stubenrauch / Jamieson Gordon

Just in time for football season! This September's story of crisis communications in the news comes from San Francisco, California and a San Francisco 49er.

Ricky Pearsall, a player for the San Francisco 49ers, was allegedly the victim of an attempted robbery which was followed by a fight.

Here's the statement released by the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD):

On August 31, 2024, at approximately 3:37 p.m., San Francisco Police officers responded to the area of Geary Street and Grant Avenue on a report of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers located two male subjects suffering from injuries. Officers rendered aid and medics transported both subjects to a local hospital for further medical evaluation.

During the preliminary investigation, officers learned one of the subjects attempted to rob the victim, San Francisco 49ers player Ricky Pearsall. During the attempted robbery, a physical altercation ensued, and both the suspect and victim were injured. The suspect is in custody and charges are pending at this time. All information is preliminary, and more information will be provided as it becomes available. Media availability will be held this evening at San Francisco General Hospital.

This investigation is ongoing and active. Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call the SFPD tip line at 1-415-575-4444 or Text a tip to TIP411 and begin the text with SFPD. You may remain anonymous. SFPD Case #240-547-482.

We've seen many worse media statements than this, but there's still room to clean it up and make improvements.

"Rendered aid" and "physical altercation" are both jargon-y, which we try to avoid when possible. We have to remember that the statement won't just be read by fellow police officers, it will be read by people who don't understand police jargon as fluently – construction workers, nurses, and retail workers too.

They could also use an aspirational statement towards the end.

Here's how we would rewrite it:

On Saturday afternoon, San Francisco Police Officers responded to a report of a shooting. Two men were found with injuries, and officers swiftly moved to treat their injuries. Medics later took both men to a local hospital.

SFPD soon after learned that the alleged victim was San Francisco 49er player Ricky Pearsall. The suspect allegedly tried to rob him, causing a physical fight. As of now, the suspect is in custody and charges are pending.

We will share more information with the public as soon as we can. We are committed to a fair and transparent inves-

tigation that reveals the truth and pursues justice. Until then, please report any information about the incident to the SFPD tip line via phone 1-415-575-4444 or text SFPD to TIP411.

ATTENTION RETIRED FOP MEMBERS

Dennis Luken

Do you review your Medicare "Explanation of Benefits" (EOB) statements on a monthly basis? If you don't, you could be making a big mistake that could compromise your Medicare benefits!

Recently, a criminal organization stole my wife's Medicare identification number and her benefits were billed for \$4,200 for ostomy bags. A product that is not routinely billed for nor does she require such a product.

On the billing company's website, we found eight postings from individuals for the same fraudulent billings. Of course, my detective skills went into overdrive and I immediately reached out to my contacts in multiple federal agencies to report the fraud and inquire if there was an ongoing investigation.

I was able to speak with an agent from Health & Human Services of the Attorney General's Office. The responsible criminal organization is located outside the United States and they have filed **\$10 billion (with a "B")** in fraudulent Medicare claims (**\$1 million daily**). They have not been able to determine how they are obtaining the Medicare identification numbers. However, your Medicare numbers are out there all over the internet and are ripe for the picking. There were 600,000 Medicare recipients compromised in a data breach last year.

If you have a supplemental insurance plan, the fraudulent claim is also billed to your supplemental insurance plan and have likely paid the claim. Medicare does not readily communicate with private insurance companies when fraud is identified and contributes to health insurance fraud.

SOLUTION: Review your month Medicare & supplemental insurance "Explanation of Benefits" (EOB) statements for fraudulent or incorrect billings. Notify Medicare and supplemental insurance companies when fraudulent claims have been identified. Remember, fraudulent claims could negatively impact your future healthcare insurance benefits!

NEVER FORGET



Officer Kevin Crayon
EOW: September 1, 2000



Detective Walter T. Hart
EOW: September 19, 1965



Detective Howard F. Smith
EOW: September 13, 1972



Police Officer James Gary Weber
EOW: September 8, 1982

Public Employer Violated Public Employee's First Amendment Rights After Terminating Employee for Facebook Post

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In August 2024, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals held that the Hamilton County Public Library ("Library") violated an employee's First Amendment constitutional right to free speech when it terminated the employee for a Facebook post made on his personal account.

The case arose in May 2020 after the employee shared a meme on his personal Facebook that said: "All Lives Splat-ter: nobody cares about your protest." The employee was a security guard at the Library's downtown branch, and had less than 100 Facebook followers, with a small percentage of whom also worked at the Library. The post was on the employee's page for less than 24 hours before the employee deleted it at his mother's request. During the time the post was on the employee's Facebook, co-workers sent screenshots of the post to the Library manager, who then notified the Human Resources director.

Following the receipt of the post, the Library conducted an investigation as to whether the post violated the Library's harassment policy. The Library interviewed other Library employees, and some "expressed disappointment" with the employee's post as well as concerns about possible public perception of the post. During this time, the Library publicly supported the Black Lives Matter movement and made statements conveying their support. Two weeks after the employee's post, the Library terminated the employee from his employment. His termination letter indicated that the post violated the Library's harassment policy and caused

his manager and coworkers to lose confidence that the employee could "fairly and appropriately wield his authority." The next month, the employee sued the Library and other individuals in federal court.

The Sixth Circuit considered the necessary elements for the employee's post to be protected as free speech under the First Amendment. First, the Court held that the employee was speaking as a private citizen, not related to his official duties as a security guard. Second, the Court held that the employee's speech involved a matter of public concern. Finally, the Court concluded that the employee's interest in free speech outweighed the Library's interest in ensuring it could continue to operate efficiently. The Court held that there was no evidence that the employee's post hindered the Library's operations, and that although the Library published a letter expressing the Library's support for the protests, that "there was no evidence that the Library's support of BLM was part of its mission to lend books and provide other services."

Ultimately, the Court ruled that the Library violated the employee's constitutionally protected rights under the First Amendment. The Court concluded that although the employee's speech was "highly distasteful," that the "First Amendment protects abhorrent speech, and it does so even if the speech makes others feel quite uncomfortable." The case is now being sent to the U.S. District Judge to determine damages and whether the employee will be awarded lost wages.

Legal Lesson Learned: In some circumstances, the First Amendment can provide protection of a public employee's speech when the speech is about a matter of public concern and the individual is speaking as a private citizen. However, public employers are permitted to place restrictions on some employee speech to ensure efficient operations of work.

FOP LODGE 69 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual FOP Children's Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at the FOP Lodge #69 located at 1900 Central Parkway. This year there will be three sessions. The three sessions are as follows:

1. 0930 to 1130 hours
2. 1230 to 1430 hours
3. 1515 to 1715 hours – Designated for children with Sensory Related Challenges, special needs and other family needs.

All active and retired Cincinnati Police officers and their family members are invited. Children 10 years of age and under are eligible to receive a Christmas gift.

Reservations to attend must be made no later than Friday, December 6, 2024 by 1600 hours.

You must contact Mrs. Michelle Comarata at 513.381.2550 to reserve a session and time.

Volunteers of all ages are NEEDED. Please advise if available when making reservation or notify Committee Chair Shannon Heine.

*Thanks to all who
attended and helped
make this year's
Retiree Picnic a success!*



9th DISTRICT TRUSTEE Jon Halusek

I attended the National Presidents meeting in Charlotte, N.C. the first week of September on behalf of the State.

This was an informative meeting; it was interesting to me that every State President spoke about the same things: Hiring, Retention, and (Democratic) District Attorneys that are charging officers with murder when they are involved in a police intervention shooting, even if justified. The Presidents also talked about the revolving door system that judges give to violent criminals that have been arrested for violent acts not only against citizens but officers as well. In one case in New York, a police officer was shot, and the violent criminal was out in about two hours. You see it here, so you need to remember this when voting for these judges and elected officials.

In Georgia, a Bill has been introduced that if a department goes below 70% of its complement and crime is at certain percentage, then the Attorney General takes over that Department.

The National Board of Trustees voted to give themselves and the National Board a 5% cost of living raise. This passed unanimously. It states in the National Constitution and By-Laws, "the National board of trustees may vote to give a cost-of-living raise (COLA) once per year. Any COLA increase more than 5% in a single year shall be voted on by the delegates at the National Convention". On the other hand, there will probably be a National Constitution and By-law Amendment presented to raise your per capita up by \$1.50 for the next 2 years then by \$.45 for the next 9 years. This will bring our per capita up to about \$2500.00 for the next two years then about \$760.00 per year for the next nine years. If this passes on the floor, then we will need to budget for this increase. The current National per capita rate is \$11.50 per year per member.

The National FOP also endorsed President Trump. This process allowed every member through the Local Lodges to vote. We took our vote at the regular meeting in August and that vote was given to the National Trustee. Each District sent their votes to the National Trustee and Ohio endorsed Donald Trump. Every state except for the District of Columbia and Maryland voted to endorse Donald Trump. The District of Columbia and Maryland voted to do a no endorsement.

When it comes to voting please inform yourself on each candidate in each race and make an informed decision based on your research and beliefs.

On September 9th, Discharge Petition #16 for H.R.82 (the Social Security Fairness Act) was introduced in the house. The Petition needs 218 signatures and as of September 13th it has 171 signatures. Congressman Greg Landsman is the Majority Whip for this process. If you ask what exactly a Discharge Petition is here you go: A discharge petition is a way to bring a bill to the floor for consideration without a

report from a committee. Under normal rules in the House of Representatives, any bill a member introduces is assigned to a committee for markup and review before it's allowed to come to the floor for a final vote. But for legislation that's been sitting in committee for at least 30 days that the House is in session, a discharge petition can be used to force the bill to the floor. The petition "discharges" the committee from further consideration of the bill, giving more power to individual members of the House and taking power away from the leadership (Speaker of the House Mike Johnson) that typically assigns bills to committees and controls the legislative schedule.

In the House:

The Speaker of the House, Representative J. Michael Johnson (R-LA) pulled H.R. 9494 the "Continuing Appropriation and Other Matters Act," from the House floor because of a lack of support in the Republican Conference. The bill is a continuing resolution what would fund the operations of the Federal government through 28 March 2025. The House Committee on the Judiciary held a hearing entitled, "The Consequences of Soft-On-Crime Policies."

In the Senate:

The Senate Committee on the Budget held a hearing entitled, "Social Security Forever: Delivering Benefits and Protecting Retirement Security."

The Senate passed S. Res. 810, "A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of September 11 through September 17, 2024, as 'Patriot Week'."



COPS FOR A CURE
FOR A CURE

5K/FUN RUN

OCTOBER 27, 2024
8 A.M. TO 11 A.M.
SPRING GROVE CEMETERY

\$35 PER ADULT RUNNER
*Price increases on 9/30/24

KIDS AGES 10 & UNDER: \$10 EACH
ALL PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE A T-SHIRT!

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THE BLUE LINE FOUNDATION
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MEN WEAR PINK

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Cincinnati Police Officer Scott A. Cox

Scott was appointed to the Cincinnati Police Department on July 25, 2021, as a member of the 111th Recruit Class. He was promoted to Police Officer on February 6, 2022, issued Badge 69, and assigned to District 5. After a year, he was rotated to District 4. He had 3 years of service to the City of Cincinnati.

Officer Cox was involved in an auto accident and died on September 22, 2024, at the age of 35.

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

Cincinnati Police Officer George R. Jones, Jr.

George joined the Cincinnati Police Division on April 13, 1975, in its 61st Recruit Class. He was promoted to Police Officer on September 5, 1975, issued Badge 550, and assigned to District 4. On December 5, 1976, he was laid off due to fiscal issues at City Hall.

Officer Jones joined the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and worked in Corrections.

Officer Jones developed throat cancer and battled for years before it metastasized to his lungs. He died September 22, 2024, at 72 years of age.

Cincinnati Police Specialist William Richard Olgee

Bill joined the Cincinnati Police Division in its 31st Recruit Class on April 30, 1956. On August 13th, he was promoted to Patrolman, issued Badge 702, and assigned to District 7. One year later, he was rotated to District 1, and a year later to District 6. At his request, he transferred back to District 1 on February 22, 1959. He was transferred to District 4 on January 10, 1965. On February 27, 1977, as a result of the first examination for the rank, he was promoted to Police Specialist and issued Badge PS-126. Specialist Olgee was transferred to the Intelligence Section on May 5, 1974. He transferred back to District 2 on December 5, 1976. Specialist Olgee retired on July 19, 1981, with 27 years of service to his country and community.

He went on to work for the next 24 years at Proctor & Gamble and Toyota.

Specialist Olgee died on August 29, 2024, at the age of 98. At the time of his death, he was the oldest living retired Cincinnati Police employee.

Specialist Olgee is survived by his wife, Janet (Snider) Olgee; son, William Dean (Brenda Droege) Olgee; five grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

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

Cincinnati Police Specialist Marvin E. Scheidt

Marvin joined the Cincinnati Police Division on November 17, 1958, in its 36th Recruit Class. On February 22, 1959, he was promoted to Patrolman, issued Badge 776, and assigned to District 2. One year later, he was rotated to District 1 and then to District 3 a year after that. On August 25, 1968, Patrolman Scheidt was promoted to Police

Specialist, issued Badge PS-88, and reassigned to District 2. On February 7, 1971, Specialist Scheidt transferred to the Criminal Investigation Section. On January 6, 1974, he transferred back to District 3 Investigative Unit. There he served as a civilian clothed investigator, then as a Collator, until his retirement on January 1, 1991.

He returned to the Division on September 1, 1991, as a Police Technician and served as a civilian Collator in District 1. Police Technician Scheidt resigned February 12, 2005, with 46 years of service.

Specialist Scheidt died peacefully in his sleep on September 6, 2024, at the age of 87.

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

Cincinnati Police Captain David L. Stanley

Dave joined the Cincinnati Police Division on October 29, 1972, in the 58th Recruit Class.

He was promoted to Patrolman on February 25, 1973, issued Badge 611, and assigned to District 4. On May 26, 1974, he was rotated

to District 6. He was promoted to Police Sergeant on November 3, 1981, issued Badge S-5, and reassigned to District 4. On April 17, 1983, he was rotated to District 1. Sergeant Stanley transferred to Research and Development Section in February 1985.

Five months later, he was promoted to Lieutenant and issued Badge L-1. A year later, he was reassigned to District 4. A year after that he was appointed Administrative Assistant to the Technical Services Bureau Commander. On January 10, 1988, Lieutenant Stanley was reassigned to Planning, Research, and Development. He was promoted to Captain on May 5, 1991, issued Badge C-10, and appointed Police Academy Commander. He also commanded the Community Services Section, Police Communications Section, and District 2. Captain Stanley retired on July 26, 1997, with 27 years of service to his country and community.

Captain Stanley then went on to teach in the Cincinnati Public Schools.

Captain Stanley died on August 29, 2024, at the age of 75.

Captain Stanley is survived by his wife of 52 years, Linda C. (Buken) Stanley; children, Jeff (Stacie Stark) and Sara Uhl (Jess); and ten grandchildren.

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

Cincinnati Police Officer Ricky Gene Todd

Ricky joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Recruit on July 5, 1987. He was promoted to Police Officer on November 22, 1987, issued Badge 664, and assigned to District 5. He was rotated to District 1 on

February 12, 1989. Officer Todd was medically separated on June 27, 1992, with 14 years of law enforcement service. Officer Todd died on August 17, 2024, at the age of 70.

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

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MOST SENIOR & OLDEST LIVING RETIREES

Greater Cincinnati Police Museum/Ret. Lt. Kramer

Richard Ernest Atkins

Cincinnati Police Specialist

Fairfax Police Chief

Most Senior Cincinnati Retiree



Richard was born May 18, 1928 to Thomas W. and Beulah Atkins. He attended Taylor High School in North Bend and graduated in June 1946.

Within a month of graduation, Richard joined the United States Navy on June 8, 1946 near the end of World War II. He graduated basic training at the Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Illinois. He was further trained at the Hospital Corps School in Bainbridge, Maryland. He was then assigned to the National Naval Medical Center as a Ward Corpsman in the Neuro-Psychiatric Division with temporary duty sometimes to a psychiatric unit at Fort Worth, Texas. Pharmacist Mate, 3rd Class Atkins was honorably discharged on April 7, 1948 with a World War II Victory Medal.

Within a month of his discharge, he began working at Clopay Corporation as a Bookkeeping Machine Operator. In October, he took a position with International Harvester as a stockboy. In February 1949, he switched to Printer Apprentice at Tri-State Butter Company. In September, he took a position with New York Central Railroad repairing freight cars.

Richard joined the Cincinnati Police Division in their 23rd Recruit Class on January 27, 1952. Exactly three months later, he was promoted to Patrolman, issued Badge 42, and assigned to District 3 (3201 Warsaw Avenue). A year later, he was rotated to District 4 (754 West Fifth Street). Another year later, he was rotated again to District 1 (1024 York Street). On January 6, 1958, Patrolman Atkins was assigned to the prestigious Traffic Bureau. Throughout his first dozen years, he was mentioned in newspapers dozens of times, usually for traffic enforcement, drunken driving arrests, and crash investigations. By August, 1959 he was one of very few patrolmen operating a new Police Interceptor on the recently completed Interstate 75.

After competing in the first promotional examination for the new rank of Police Specialist (replacing Detective), he was promoted on February 27, 1966, issued Badge PS-81, and assigned to the Juvenile Bureau (City Hall). Six months later, he transferred back to District 3 and served in the Investigative Unit. In February 1968 he was involved in the investigation, search warrant, and arrest of a man and the closure of 35 burglaries in Price Hill, Northside, and Mt. Healthy. On May 9th, he arrested two Courter Technical High School teachers in connection with juvenile delinquency of five children. In December 1973, he was elected Chaplain of the Fraternal Order of Police. His final assign-

ment was as District 3 Investigative Unit Collator. Specialist Atkins retired June 7, 1980 with 28½ years of service.

He then began working for the Fairfax Police Department as an Administrative Assistant. In 1985, he was promoted to Sergeant. In October 1987, he was appointed Police Chief. In April 1988, he was also appointed Street Commissioner. After 14½ years with Fairfax, Chief Atkins retired December 4, 1995 with 45 total years of service to our country and two communities.

On October 26, 2023, Chief Atkins was declared by the Greater Cincinnati Police Historical Society to be the most senior Cincinnati Police Department retiree alive having served since 1952.

Raymond Richard Schad

Cincinnati Police Sergeant

Oldest Living Retiree



Ray was born October 13, 1927 to Anthony and Laura (Beuting) Schad. He attended Roger Bacon High School, graduating in 1945.

Four months later, on October 15, 1945, Ray enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II. His basic training was at Camp Peary, Virginia. He then attended Naval Mine Warfare School in Yorktown, Virginia and shipped overseas to the Far East aboard the U.S.S. Atlanta, a Cleveland-class light cruiser. The Atlanta patrolled seas around Sasebo, Okinawa, Nagasaki, Kagoshima, and Yokosuka, Japan; Manila, Philippines; Qingdao and Shanghai, China; and Saipan in the Mariana Islands. Petty Officer 3rd Class Schad was honorably discharged on September 28, 1949.

Ray joined the Cincinnati Police Division on September 15, 1952 in the 24th Recruit Class. Two months later, he was assigned to District 1 (1024 York Street) to complete his training. He was promoted to Patrolman on January 1, 1953, was issued Badge 550, and assigned to District 5 (3478 Colerain Avenue). Already on May 10, 1953, he and his partner made arrests that smashed a juvenile auto theft ring. After a year as a Patrolman, he was rotated to District 2 (314 Broadway). Five days later, as dozens of officers from multiple departments searched for an armed robber after a Groesbeck hold up, Patrolman Schad and his partner captured him in Mount Airy Forest. On September 20, 1957, he arrested a Workhouse escapee based on a photograph he viewed at roll call. On November 5, 1957, he arrested another escapee, this one from a federal facility in Chillicothe three years prior, based on his recollection of what he looked like when he escaped. On July 5, 1964, Patrolman Schad transferred back to District 1 (by then at 310 Lincoln Park Drive).

After competing in the first promotional examination for the new rank of Police Specialist (replacing Detective), he was promoted on February 27, 1966, issued Badge PS-11,

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and assigned to the Crime Bureau (City Hall). Six months later, he transferred back to District 1. On February 5, 1967, Specialist Schad transferred to District 3 (3201 Warsaw Avenue). By 1971, he was serving in the Division's Canine Corps. On January 7, 1973, he returned to District 1.

One month later, on February 11, 1973, he was promoted to Sergeant, issued Badge S-79, and assigned to District 5 (by then at 1012 Ludlow Avenue). Seven months later, he was rotated to District 4 (7017 Vine Street). Sergeant Schad was also assigned to command the Canine Corps and was assigned a new partner, Ringo II. He and his partner took first place in the "Search and Attack" competition at a regional competition in Middletown on June 24, 1974. Beginning November 27, 1974, he and his partner were assigned to "Task Force Six," a special holiday robbery task force. By the end of 1974, he trained two canines, including one for Maysville, Kentucky Police Department. On September 1, 1975, the Cincinnati Police Canine Corps, led by Sergeant Schad, took second place in a national competition at Nashville. Cincinnati canines earned three of four top awards. He trained a new canine class of six dogs/handlers in 1976. He was elected by the Fraternal Order of Police to the office of Conductor on December 26, 1977. On September 30, 1979, Sergeant Schad was assigned to the Training and Education Section at the Firearms Training Unit. Sergeant Schad retired on February 28, 1981, with 28 years of service and 12 letters of appreciation and/or commendation, half of which were from Cincinnati Police Chiefs.

On November 12, 2023, Sergeant Schad, as one of three living members who had been assigned to District 5 at the Colerain location, attended a ceremony officially disestablishing the Fifth District.

On August 29, 2024, Sergeant Schad was recognized by the Greater Cincinnati Police Historical Society as the oldest living retiree from the Cincinnati Police Division. He is one of only two living members of the 24th Recruit Class of the Cincinnati Police Division.

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LABOR DAY LUNCHEON AT BUCKETHEADS Jim Brown

About 75 were in attendance for the L.E. Labor Day Luncheon at Bucketheads. Thanks to Cliff Bell, Dave Reinhardt and the Staff at Bucketheads for another great luncheon. Next luncheon will be Monday, November 11, for Veteran's Day at 12:00 p.m. People start arriving around 11:00 a.m.



*Thanks to all who
attended and helped
make this year's
Retiree Picnic a success!*



CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & BY-LAWS REVISIONS

Proposed by committee to bring in line with the State Constitution

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1 Who may belong

1.1 No person shall be eligible for nomination or election as an officer or delegate of Queen City Lodge 69 who is a member of any organization that is or has competed for membership with this or any FOP lodge.

1.2 No person shall be a member of more than one lodge at the same time, nor shall any member who is delinquent, or who has been suspended by the state or this lodge for any reason be eligible for membership in any other lodge until the suspension is lifted.

1.3 Classes of Membership: There shall be two (2) classes of membership, Active and

Active:

Membership in the Queen City Lodge No. 69, Fraternal Order of Police, shall consist of Police Officers of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio, and such other police officers as may be invited to membership, consisting of full-time regular police officers who are employed by the government of the United States, the State of Ohio, or its subdivisions, to perform police work in said State of Ohio, or persons who have been honorably retired from such employment because of length of service or disability, or those former Police Officers who have been laid off and have not refused recalls from the City and are therefore eligible for re-employment by the City as Police Officers at any time, but not including persons who have ceased to perform police work for any other reason. No person shall be denied membership on account of race, creed, color or sex.

Honorary:

Shall be comprised of individuals recognized by the State Lodge or by Queen City Lodge 69 for exceptional service or contribution to the Nation, the State, political sub-division, law enforcement community or the Fraternal Order of Police.

Proposed by Charles Bell and Sean Woods to hold board members accountable for attendance to meetings.

ARTICLE V

Dues

Section 2 Executive Board dues

2.1 All ~~current~~ officers of the Executive Board shall not be required to pay dues during their term(s) of office. In order for the Executive Board member not to be required to pay dues during their term, said officer must attend seventy-five percent (75%) of the Board meetings AND attend seventy-five percent (75%) of the Regular meetings during the calendar year.

2.2 All ~~current active and retired~~ officers of the Executive Board shall receive an annual allocation equal to the amount of an active member's annual dues during their term(s) of office. In order for the Executive Board members to receive the annual allocation during their term, said officer must attend seventy-five percent (75%) of the Board meetings AND attend seventy-five percent (75%) of the Regular meetings during the calendar year.

Proposed by committee to bring in line with the State Constitution and to give us direction for an appeal process. For example the issue with the Chicago State president.

ARTICLE VII

Suspension, ~~or~~ Expulsion, ~~or~~ Reprimand

Section 1 Reasons for suspension, expulsion, or reprimand

1. Any member of this Lodge, who by said member action, words or in any other manner, shall do anything detrimental to this Lodge, may be suspended, ~~or~~ expelled, ~~or~~ reprimanded and, any member of this Lodge, who shall communicate any detail of business or other activities discussed during a duly constituted meeting of this Lodge to any person or persons not members of this Lodge may be suspended, ~~and/or~~ expelled, ~~and/or~~ reprimanded from membership in the Lodge by proper motion of the voting members present at any regular meeting of the Lodge, except that this section shall, in no way, abridge the right of the duly constituted publicity committee to make such statements as authorized by the President. The right of appeal of any suspended, ~~or~~ expelled, ~~and/or~~ reprimanded member shall be made within thirty (30) days. **This appeal shall be in writing by certified mail or email to the President and Secretary. The President will form a special grievance committee to hear the appeal and report the findings to the Executive Board within 30 days. The Executive Board will vote to uphold or overturn the recommendation of the committee. If the findings are not in favor of the member, the member can appeal the decision to the floor at the next regular membership meeting. The floor with a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those present can vote to overturn the decision of the Executive Board. If the findings by the floor are not in the favor of the member, the member can then appeal to the State pursuant to their appeal process.**

Proposed by President Ken Kober

ARTICLE X

Election of Delegates

Section 6 Delegate's expenses

6.1 Any member, delegate or officer performing duties for this Lodge under its order which compel them to cease his regular employment or use accrued time of any type (e.g. Comp, Vacation, FLSA, Holiday) to take off work, or while the member is on their off days, shall receive two-hundred-fifty-dollars-(\$250.00) **three hundred dollars (\$300.00)** per day, plus proper traveling expenses as determined at a regular meeting, unless that member is on release or detail time, or is being compensated by another FOP Lodge for the same time period. Any Officer or member may be compensated for extraordinary work by use of per diem, with the approval of the Executive Board at an Executive Board Meeting. Any member, other than those designated to represent Queen City Lodge #69 at the State or National Conventions, shall obtain approval of the Executive Board, if that member will request per diem or any type of compensation for their expenses from Queen City Lodge #69.

Proposed by Dan Mitchell

Section 8 Delegate's expenses

8.1 Delegate's expenses shall be as follows: transportation, two-hundred-fifty-dollars-(\$250.00) **three hundred dollars (\$300.00)** per day per diem; registration fee, mileage as permitted by the Internal Revenue Service, and any other expenses voted upon by the Lodge floor.

(This will be a new amendment)

8.2 Any State or National Officer shall be compensated for the difference in per diem from the amount they receive from the State or National FOP to the amount they receive by the members from Queen City Lodge 69. The per diem is only to be compensated for State or National Conferences.

Proposed by the 1900 club, this will be a new article

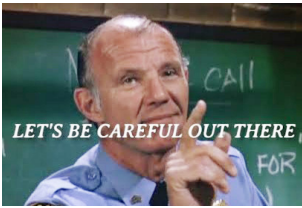
ARTICLE XVI

1900 Club Committee

1.1 The 1900 Club Committee will be appointed by the President and the Vice President.

1.2 The Committee Chairman will notify all the other FOP Lodges of our intent to hold an endorsement process.

1.3 The Committee will conduct interviews prior to the election cycle and make a recommendation on which candidate they endorse. At the next regular monthly meeting the endorsements will be read, and the floor with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present, will be needed to affirm the committee recommendation. If a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present is not reached, then there will be a no endorsement.



ROLL CALL

Doug & Bobbi Utecht

CPD Wins COPFCU Battle of the Badges - PIO Facebook page

CPD took home the WIN at the 3rd annual COPFCU Battle of the Badges softball game on Friday, September 13th.

Thank you to all who came out in support of the Cincinnati Police Department and the Cincinnati Fire Department. Together, we were able to make impactful charitable donations to the community!



Chief Theetge Honored with Award - PIO Facebook Page

On Tuesday, September 10, Chief Theetge was honored with the Ohio Federal Security Director's Patriot Award.

At the annual ceremony, the Transportation Security Administration commemorates 9/11 and recognizes the brave men and women from across Ohio who have made significant contributions to the security, safety, and welfare of the United States and Ohio.



Wyler Driven Project - PIO Facebook page

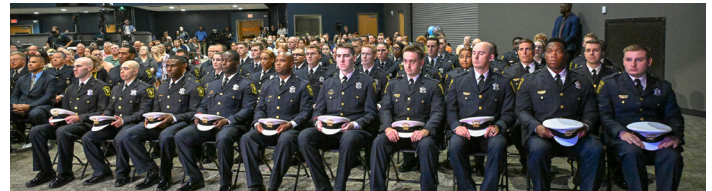
On Saturday, August 31, the Cincinnati Police Department helped bring the Driven Project's mission to life by providing a police escort for the kids riding in a supercar convoy. The experience included a supercar therapy party in front of TQL Stadium, a special stop on the Daniel Carter Beard Bridge, a VIP center field experience at Paycor Stadium with several Bengals players, and a VIP center field experience at TQL Stadium as part of the MLS Kick Childhood Cancer campaign.

Thank you to all the members of CPD that participated and helped make this event possible!



115th Police Recruit Class Graduates

On Friday, August 30, members of our 115th Recruit Class graduated. Congratulations to all and stay safe!



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