



Fraternal Order of Police FLORIDA STATE LODGE



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RE: Fraternal Order of Police/Star & Shield Insurance Exchange
Law Enforcement Academy Scholarship

The Florida State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police in partnership with Star & Shield Insurance Exchange, are pleased to announce a new law enforcement scholarship program.

The FOP has long provided annual educational scholarships to eligible students continuing their formal education in college. FOP State President James Preston together with Star & Shield President Allen Durham are proud to expand the FOP Scholarship Program with a new annual award. "We are going to sponsor the son or daughter of an FOP member to a Police Academy", stated James Preston. "To us it seems only natural that we would assist a young man or woman looking to enter the law enforcement profession."

Allen Durham, President and CEO of the Star & Shield Insurance Group stated "this is a very exciting opportunity that we are pleased to support". Star & Shield Insurance Exchange is a member-owned auto and home insurance company exclusively serving the law enforcement, corrections and fire rescue communities and their families across the state of Florida (www.starandshield.com).

The Florida State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police represents 22,000 active and retired officers in Florida. The FOP is the oldest and largest police organization in the United States established in 1915 with over 327,000 members nationwide.