



FLORIDA STATE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE AUXILIARY

LAW ENFORCEMENT FAMILIES ACTIVELY
SUPPORTING LAW
ENFORCEMENT

Who can join?

- Open to All Family members of a Fraternal Order of Police member in good standing
- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Widow/widower of a Fraternal Order of Police member
- Honorary membership may be granted to immediate family members, 18 years of age or older, of duly sworn law enforcement officers who have given their lives in the performance of their duties

Membership in the Auxiliary Offers...

- Automatic Membership in the National FOP Auxiliary
- Sharing a common interest with your spouse/family member
- Family organization dealing with family issues
- Assistance and training for critical incidents
- Communication among police families
- Educational scholarships for members and their families
- Information regarding legislative issues important to police families
- Opportunity to establish a fraternal bond with police families
- "Never Let Them Walk Alone" – cast a double shadow and share a single thought
- Membership Identification Card

Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary History

Pittsburgh: The Beginning

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: Steel Town, USA. It's the Roaring Twenties and American women's voices have risen to a roar. They were heard across the nation and all the way to the United States Congress which passed the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. Women were organizing!

Pittsburgh women caught the fever and organized a "Ladies Auxiliary" to the Fraternal Order of Police Fort Pitt Lodge No. 1 in November 1920. They joined their husbands on the picket line to secure pay increases and better working conditions for the police officers of Pittsburgh.

Key players in this pioneering effort were Kathryn Milton and Mary McNamara. Kathryn Milton drew up the by-laws and served as the first president. Restricted from membership in the FOP because of her gender, female Pittsburgh Police Officer Mary Hummel was among the charter members of that first Ladies' Auxiliary.

From the shores of Lake Erie to the eastern border of Pennsylvania, "sisters" joined to create two more Auxiliaries in Erie and Scranton. Policewoman Elizabeth Jeffs organized the Erie Auxiliary and the third Auxiliary was formed to the E.B. Jermyn FOP Lodge No. 2 in Scranton.

Milestones and Sidesteps to Organizing the Auxiliary

1922 - National FOP is notified that the functioning Ladies Auxiliaries want the FOP to "charter" their organizations. A resolution is passed by the FOP allowing this, but no further action is taken.

1926 - National FOP advised the Ladies Auxiliaries to become incorporated to obtain legal standing. The Ladies Auxiliary petitioned the FOP to allow Auxiliaries to incorporate and applied for a charter in the name of the "Grand Lodge Auxiliary". The petition was accepted by the FOP but no further action was taken.

1937 - The Auxiliaries, through Edythe Hinkle of Canton, Ohio, asked for "official recognition" and action to "clarify our status". No further action was taken.

1941 - In September 1941, at the FOP National Conference in Toledo, Ohio, the Grand Lodge Auxiliary was organized. Kathryn Milton, the Pittsburgh pioneer in the Ladies Auxiliary, was elected National President.

1949 - World War II has delayed the growth of the National Auxiliary. With the war effort over, the ladies' efforts began again and at the National FOP Conference of 1949 in Lexington, Kentucky, the official charter was presented to the Grand Lodge Ladies Auxiliary by the FOP.

Grand Gatherings of the 40s, 50s and 60s

Banquet dinners, tuxedos and formals. Edith Mills, National Auxiliary President from 1949-1953, recalls that a peach colored gown was her favorite for one conference.

Attire during conferences had been formal. Rituals for the Auxiliary require the wearing of white gloves. Hats were not allowed during meetings up until the 1970s. It was during the 1970s that attire became more casual. Dresses also became a sign of unity, with Auxiliaries within state delegations dressing in similar styles (some wore uniforms) or styles that reflected their regionalism. The entire delegation from Oklahoma wore red and white checkered outfits to show support for a candidate. Their outfits reflected a western motif. Who couldn't recognize the great state of New Mexico's delegates with their serapes?!

In 1959 the [Kathryn M. Milton Scholarship Fund](#) was established. The Grand Lodge Auxiliary provides an educational grant awarded annually through a random drawing for contributing Auxiliaries. Children of FOP members and Auxiliary members are eligible for this grant.

The Auxiliary newsletter, the Journalette, was first published in the early 1960s, and then discontinued for several years, to be reinstated in 1973. At the 30th Biennial Conference held in Phoenix, Arizona the Journalette was officially renamed the "Auxiliary Journal".

Breaking Traditions and Stereotypes in the 1980s

The 1980s brought a time of change, a time of breaking traditions, and tearing down old stereotypes. It was a time to come from behind the bake sale table to the front...to the podium. No longer did the Auxiliary simply conduct the Memorial Service at National Conference but in the early 1980s the Auxiliary President was given the opportunity to address the entire delegation at the Conference gathering!

A program to honor fallen law enforcement officers was established and on May 15, 1982 the first [National Peace Officers' Memorial Day Service](#) was held in Senate Park in Washington, D.C. There were approximately 125 in attendance.



FLORIDA FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE
AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Annual Dues: Dues are paid annually at \$18.00 per calendar year prorated at \$1.50 for each remaining month in the calendar year in which you join (National Per Capita is inclusive).

Meetings: The Florida State Lodge meets in February, June and October. Locations are announced in the State newsletter and online at www.floridastatefop.org.

Application: To the Officers and Members of the Florida Fraternal Order of Police – I hereby make application for active membership to the Florida Fraternal Order of Police. I am a family member of an active Fraternal Order of Police member.

Name: _____

Family Member: _____ Lodge Number: _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____

Please print this application, fill it out and return it with your dues check and mail it to:

Fraternal Order of Police 242 Office Plaza Tallahassee, Florida 32301