



What Is the Fraternal Order of Police Associates (FOPA)?

The FOPA is a civilian affiliate of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). Our members are friends and families of law enforcement Officers, responsible and respected business persons, professional men and women, and citizens from all walks of life—people willing to devote a portion of their time and efforts toward assisting the various law enforcement agencies of our communities, states and nation.

The FOPA is part of a national organization known as the Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police Associates with local Lodges throughout the nation. The GLFOPA is a non-stock charitable corporation as defined by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Lodges that are members of the GLFOPA are entitled to share the tax exempt status. Any contributions made to those Lodges are tax exempt. The corporation is a non-partisan organization without regard to race, creed, color or religious belief.

The FOPA's interests revolve around law enforcement and the men and women that have dedicated their lives to the protection of ours.

The FOPA actively supports legislation, charitable causes, and all law enforcement efforts on a local, state and national level.

Goals of the FOPA

The FOPA is an organization formed for the purpose of increasing our understanding of the rights, duties and problems of law enforcement officers; of fostering respect for them; and of bettering conditions under which they serve society. We accomplish this through public relations, as well as legislative and educational efforts. It is our aim and objective to support law enforcement throughout our country in every way possible. We believe that Law is the safeguard to freedom, and it is our duty to defend it.

National History of the FOPA

The Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police Associates was formed on August 27, 1967; organized on August 10, 1973; incorporated on March 21, 2005; and received its tax exempt ruling on April 13, 2006.

Nationally, we are a proud corporate sponsor of Easter Seals, actively involved in legislation, and supportive of all Law Enforcement programs.

Functions and Activities of the Associate Lodges of the FOPA

Associate Lodges work to assist their parent Lodge. They provide law enforcement agencies with dedicated public support.

Many Associate Lodges present scholarships to dependents of law enforcement officers and Associate members.

Associate Lodges donate funds to officers in need or distress, provide funds for various law enforcement needs and youth programs, and present awards to recognize outstanding and dedicated law enforcement officers and Associate members.

Associate Lodges hold joint social functions enjoyed by members, family, and friends.

Benefits of the Florida FOPA

Membership in the Florida State Lodge FOPA entitles you to the following benefits:

- State wide fraternalism with our law enforcement family.
- Professional membership cards, decals, and emblems which are recognized nationally.
- Recognition of outstanding achievements through various awards programs.
- The opportunity to attend and vote at State and National Conferences.

Do You Believe...

...in a better State, Community, and Country?

...in professional Law Enforcement?

...in protection for your family, home and business?

...in a united effort to safeguard freedom?

If you answered YES, you are a candidate for membership in the FOPA!

Contact the FOPA

If you have a Lodge that would like to be part of the FLFOPA, please contact the Florida State Lodge at www.floridastatefop.org.



FLORIDA STATE AT LARGE ASSOCIATE LODGE
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER _____ CELLULAR NUMBER _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS

SOCIAL SECURITY _____ D.O.B. _____

EMPLOYED BY _____
OR RETIRED FROM _____

PLEASE REMIT WITH APPLICATION A CHECK TO THE FLORIDA FOP STATE ASSOCIATE LODGE FOR \$60.00 at P.O Box 1349, Tallahassee, FL 32302 (Annual FOP Dues).

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