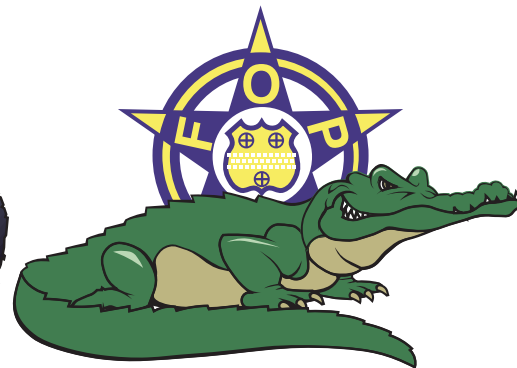


Florida On Patrol



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From the President

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The 51st Annual Florida State Conference is just around the corner. The events planned by the District Three Lodges are simply great. There will be a lot to do and some grand entertainment. The registration is all-inclusive and very reasonable I might add. Tentative agendas were sent to all Lodge President's, Secretary's and State Trustees during the first week of May. As it stands, the tentative agenda will be the actual agenda for the meeting. No changes have been requested to date.

The business of the Florida State Fraternal Order of Police will be as exciting as ever with a, "Good News" concept. That means, bills paid, money in the bank, investments holding their own and outgoing expenses being held to a minimum. For an example, another successful Memorial Fund solicitation mailing is helping tremendously with the cost generated by this undertaking. Building Fund money set aside for an emergency will be the resource to pay for the new roof construction. We have designed a more functional roof, which will far outlast the conventional flat roof and hopefully, will no longer have to worry about potential water damage to our office and equipment.

The February Elected Board meeting went off without a hitch. All committees seem to be functioning well. I have received several appointment change

requests for various committees and will be making the changes in conjunction with the two Vice-Presidents upon the conclusion of the June Conference. If any Lodge President or District Director would like to make a recommendation for a committee appointment or a change in the current members of the various committees, please put it in writing and deliver it to me at the conference.

The dedication of our Law Enforcement Memorial on May 7, 2000 preceding the Candlelight Vigil was simple and very touching. I am proud of the fortitude of our membership to undertake such an awesome and expensive project at a time when financial austerity was still a serious concern.

This, our 51st Annual Conference as you know, is an election year. Elections such as ours should never be taken for granted. We must always, no matter what our personal thoughts about an individual, always focus on the, "Good of the Order". Our success will always be predicated in part by our growth. Additionally, our retention of members indicates our ability to deliver a product. The product is service to the member. Addressing his/her needs. Being there. When you select your leaders for the next two years keep these very important issues at the forefront of your selection.

I trust this edition of the Florida On Patrol finds all of our members and their families well and in good health.

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ORANGE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL

by Ketron Brown, President FOP Lodge 93

A five-year dream has now become a reality. The Fraternal Order of Police dedicated a permanent law enforcement memorial at the new Orange County Courthouse on May 3, 2000. The memorial stands tall as a reminder of the law enforcement officers who have been killed in Orange County and its incorporated cities since 1870 while in performance of their sworn duties. The ceremony timing is even more appropriate for this year, due to the slaying of Orlando Police Officer George DeSalvia by an armed assailant during a traffic stop.

This \$350,000 endeavor has been the pet project of Brother Dough Sarubbi from start to finish. While serving as President of Orange County Sheriff's Office FOP Lodge 93, Brother Sarubbi started the preliminary planning process that finally resulted in construction of the memorial. Due to the cost of this worthy project, a cooperative effort was launched to include the Orlando Police Dept FOP Lodge 25, Sheriff Kevin Beary, Chief Jerry Demings, and a host of other corporate donors. If you or your lodge would like to help support this project, please send your check to: Orange County Law Enforcement Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 2085, Orlando, FL. 32802. All contributors will be greatly appreciated!



(newly dedicated Orlando Memorial)



(aerial view of newly dedicated Orlando Memorial)

Fraternal Order of Police Legislative Session 2000

The Fraternal Order of Police started this session with a very aggressive and full agenda. After a lot of hard work and dedication, we are finishing up the best session we have ever had.

Bills that Passed Fraternal Order of Police Top Priorities

Disability/Special Risk: Has passed the House and Senate and is awaiting the Governor's Signature. The Fraternal Order of Police has filed this bill for several years, and all of members that took the time, and gave their sweat equity by coming and walking the halls in Tallahassee are owed a great deal of thanks. We are very proud of this bill, and hope to be able to improve the lives of those harmed in the line of duty, even more next year.

Special Risk/FRS Retirement: Has passed the House and Senate and is awaiting the Governor's Signature. This bill was a battle, as everyone is aware this bill was hotly contested regarding its funding mechanism in the House of Representatives and before the Governor. After having the budget chairman approve the 4 million dollars in recurring revenue for the disability increase bill, we were running scared that asking the House of Representatives to fund our buy back was out of the question. Senator President Toni Jennings made the glimmer of hope turn into a reality when she passed the buy back and increased incentives from the Senate. All of the Florida Sheriffs rose up and faced the House of Representatives and the Governor. They insisted and fought for their officers to be treated fairly, and that they be given back what was originally taken from them, so that the teachers of the state of Florida would be able to join the FRS system. This went before the Governor, and our own President Phil Cameron, testified on behalf of the Fraternal Order of Police, demanding that the buy back be given top priority, in regards to the retirement surplus, that the retirement system must first give back what it has taken, before funding new but much needed incentives. The Florida Sheriffs Association, The Fraternal Order of Police, The Florida Fire Fighters Association, and Police Benevolent Association all worked together, and have accomplished getting the buy back.

LEO running for office: Has passed the House and Senate and is awaiting the Governor's Signature. This bill is another pet bill of the Fraternal Order of Police, and every year we have made longer strides, in obtaining a fair playing field for law enforcement officers that are interested in running for office. With hard work of our Senate and House sponsors we have accomplished the ability of our law enforcement officers to run for office without having to take a leave of absence without pay. So get out there and run for office.

Law Enforcement Bill of Rights: Has passed the House and Senate and is awaiting the Governor's Signature. Five years ago the Fraternal Order of Police passed their law enforcement officers bill of rights and this year at the request of the Florida Sheriff's Association, we joined into an agreement and signed off on this year's bill of rights. This bill gives you access and copies of everything in regards to any charges brought against a law enforcement officer.

Fraternal Order of Police Legislative Session 2000

Bills for Next Year

Bills for Next Year Fraternal Order of Police Top Priorities

Misuse of Laser Pointers: This bill passed all of its committees in the House of Representatives and Senate. The bill passed the House of Representatives unanimously but died in the messages in the Senate.

Defamation/LEO: This bill was found to have constitutionality problems by the legislative staff, but we now have an idea of the direction we need to take. This will be a bill that we must take small bites of the apple.

Limited Binding Arbitration: This bill was never heard in any committees, and as everyone realizes from the 175/185 battle waged last year, that this is going to be a bill that we have to work at every year, until everyone realizes that it is a priority bill for us.

This year has been a very productive year for law enforcement, and we are looking forward to an eventful year for the 2001 legislative session.

New Florida on Patrol Newsletter

This is the official debut of the new Florida on Patrol Newsletter. After many years we felt that it was time to give the newsletter an update. With the help of Hyperride Technologies, our hosting & design partner, we have done just that. The graphics and design have all been enhanced to reflect the image that we now have on the web. We have also made this newsletter available on our website at www.floridastatefop.org.

Hyperride Technologies has also made an offer to fellow local lodges who have their own website, and to those whom are seeking a presence on the internet.

A small 3-4 page site, with 10-15 images, and unlimited links is being offered to FOP local lodges for a fee of \$250.00 one time setup fee, and \$9.95/month for hosting. Internic fees would apply should your lodge want to register a domain name. To those lodges that currently have websites, Hyperride Technologies is willing to match or beat your current monthly hosting fees. Be sure and check their site at www.hyperride.net or call (954) 574-9267 for more details regarding this special offer for Florida State FOP members and lodges.

Images from Around the State



(left to right) Ron Barthalome; Rep. Harry Goode; Rob Robertson; Vic Thomas



(left to right) Phil Cameron; Rep. Elaine Bloom; Rob Robertson



*(left to right)*Phil Cameron; Rep. Sorensen; Rep. Luis Rojas



*(left to right)*Rep. Bill Andrews; Rob Robertson; Rob Bell; Phil Cameron



*(left to right)*Rob Bell; Rep. Dee Dee Ritchie; Ron Barthalome; Rep. Cort Levine; Rob Robertson



*(left to right)*Bill Andrew; Rep. J.D.Alexander; Rep. Bill Andrews

Tallahassee Memorial Dedicated

On Monday, May 8th, 2000 Police Officers from around the State of Florida gathered in Tallahassee to honor our fallen brothers and sisters who gave their lives protecting the citizens of the State of Florida.

At this gathering we had the honor of dedicating a new police memorial on the capitol grounds. This was a huge undertaking by the State President, Phil Cameron and the Memorial Committee. The Old Memorial had been on the grounds of the State Capitol since 1985. The new Memorial is something to see. If you are in Tallahassee you should take the time to visit this site. The new memorial contains the names of every law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty in this state along with the names of Federal officers assigned to Florida and who lost their lives in the line of duty. A location book is available so that individual names can be located on the memorial. Should you find that a name is missing contact the state office and it can be added.



The old memorial stone that stood proudly on the capitol grounds 1985, has been moved and placed in a new place of honor at the Florida State Lodge Office. The stone in the near future will be lighted and flagpoles will be on either side.



President Cameron and the Memorial Committee should be commended for accomplishing the almost impossible task of having this new memorial placed on the capitol grounds.

Law Enforcement Facts

by Peter Fire - National Trustee

There are approximately 740,000 sworn law enforcement officers now serving in the United States which is the highest figure ever, and about 14 % of those are female.

The NLEOMF site offers visitors an opportunity to see photographs of the Memorial, a short profile of every officer listed on the memorial walls. There are approximately 4,300 men and women and it includes facts and figures, and an online catalog along with much more. Visit the memorial at <http://www.nleomfl.com>

On, July 24, 1916 Hamilton County (OH) Jail, Matron, Ann. Hart was beaten to death by an inmate and became the first female officer to be killed in the line of duty. There are 140 female officers listed on the Memorial. Only nine of whom were killed prior to 1970.

During the last ten years more officers were killed feloniously on Fridays than any other day of the week. The fewest number of felonious fatalities occurred on, Sundays. More officers were killed between 10:00 PM and midnight than during any other two-hour period over the last decade.

In 1997, there were nearly 35 million crimes committed, in the United States, an average of more than one crime every second (according to the National Crime Victimization Survey conducted by the Bureau of Justice Statistics). That is the lowest level of crime in nearly 215 years.

Each year, an average of 62,000 law enforcement officers are assaulted while some 21,000 are injured.

The deadliest year in law enforcement history was in 1974 when 271 officers were killed. The deadliest decade was the 1970's when a total of 2,215 died or 222 each year. That figure dropped dramatically in the 1990s to 160 per year.

The deadliest day in law enforcement history was on November 24, 1917, when nine Milwaukee (WI) police officers were killed in a bomb blast at the Milwaukee South Station and a 10th officer from the Columbus (OH) Police Dept. was shot and killed.

New York City has lost more officers in the line of duty than any other department with 540 deaths, California has lost 1,255 officers, more than any other state. The state with the fewest is Vermont with 15.



(left to right) John Nelson; Patti Lake; rep. Heather Fiorentino; John Connolly



(left to right) Rep. John Morrioni; Rep. Fred Brummer between Ron Bartholome & Phil Cameron



(left to right) Rep. Futch, Chair of Law Enforcement; Lisa Henning; Rep. John Morrioni



(left to right) Ron Bartholome; Sen.Roberto Casas; Phil Cameron



Rep. Rick Minton



(left to right) Rep. John Morrioni; Phil Cameron

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Job Opportunity Sales Representative

This position will be available sometime in July or August 2000. It requires that the applicant reside in or around the Tallahassee area of the State. All applicants must have the minimum requirements as follows:

High School Diploma or GED certificate

Ten years of law enforcement experience

Some experience in law enforcement labor; collective bargaining or as a shop steward preferred

Must be able to travel throughout the northern part of the state of Florida and on occasion to other areas when needed

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Police Pipe & Drum Corp of Florida on Parade in Washington, DC at the National Police Officer Memorial



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District 7 vehicle in Mass Pipe Bands Parade in Washington, DC at the National Police Officer Memorial



CLEARWATER LODGE 10 AWARDS RECEPTION

(left to right) Paul Talkovic; Gilbert Gallegos, National FOP President; Phil Cameron, Florida State FOP President; Maureen Falkner; Peter Fire, Florida State FOP National Trustee; John Nelson, Florida State FOP 1st Vice President



Jim Tizzio, President Lodge 64 Winter Park in the Pipe Parade in Washington, DC at the National Police Officer Memorial



Just a Little Police Humor

author unknown

Police officers see and hear some pretty strange stuff in the field. The following are things that I have encountered, or one of my buddies has encountered at work.

1. If you plan to commit a crime and run from the police on foot, do pick a more subtle color to wear than bright yellow pants.
2. Don't invite a uniformed police officer into your home to chat about a crime you witnessed if you have a pile of dope on the table in plain view.
3. When you go on a burglary spree Do ensure you have enough gas in your truck to drive away from your crime scene. "But I know the people who live here" is not a valid justification for burglarizing a neighbors house when they are out of town.
4. When an officer is demonstrating a field sobriety test Don't say " well hell, I can't do that sober!" on camera and then plea not guilty.
5. If you are going to steal a car Do pick one that will blend in traffic better than a pearl white six door limo. Don't answer a question with the phrase "who me?" when you and the officer are the only people in a ten mile radius.
6. Don't repeat the question that the officer just asked. That is a stall technique and it gives away the fact you are about to lie through your teeth.
7. Don't say "I ain't got no dope. Why you wanna search my car?" Before the officer even introduces himself/herself on the traffic stop.
8. Do pick an alias you can spell before you lie to the police about your name.
9. Do ensure the birthday you give matches the age you give when lying about your birthday.
- 10 .When you attempt to drop your crack cocaine on the ground when approached by an officer don't bounce said crack off the toe of the officers boot.
11. Do come up with something better to say than " These aren't my pants." when the officer finds dope or any other contraband in your pocket.
12. Don't ask an off duty plain clothes officer in his privately owned vehicle for a ride away from your crime scene.
13. If you leave your pants, car, and ID at a crime scene, The cops will probably be able to figure out who dunnit.
14. If you plan to do a drive-by shooting on a moped, in the line of sight of an officer in a marked unit, Do plan to spend a couple of nights in jail.



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Be sure and check out the site regularly as we update the site to accommodate our members needs and requests.

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