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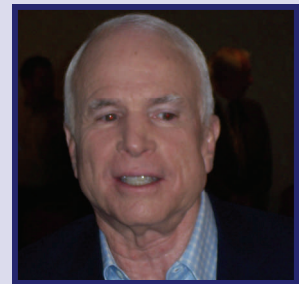
**Voting**, a right many fought for and we defend everyday, is the main principle of our democracy. The people decide on who the leaders will be and what direction our country will follow. This is not just a privilege but a duty, it is a **right** guaranteed to each and every American, one person, one vote. Voting is a way to have your voice heard from the halls of Congress to City Hall. I urge each and everyone to exercise your right. Register and vote during the coming election. Many Americans gave their very lives so that our liberty and way of life could continue and prosper. Vote!

The Grand Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police Board of Trustees and Executive Officers met in Detroit, Michigan last month. Each FOP state represented expressed the will of their membership through their votes. The Fraternal Order of Police membership spoke loudly with one voice that the endorsement of the FOP would go to Senator John McCain and Governor Sarah Palin. President Chuck Canterbury pledged the support of our organization to the Senator and Governor who arrived at the Board meeting to accept our endorsement. The candidates spoke with the Trustees and guests, sincerely thanking the FOP for the endorsement.

The Florida State Lodge Legislative Committee has worked extremely hard on state endorsements. Our web site contains the results of the Primary. Of the 120 races in which we supported candidates, our candidates won 111 times. As the General Election approaches, please check on the list of candidates endorsed by the FOP and support them with your vote.



Jim Preston, Governor Sarah Palin,



Senator John McCain

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These are the individuals we will work with in Tallahassee on issues important to our public safety community and membership of the FOP. Our endorsement is sought after by many who recognize the strength and unity of our law enforcement brothers and sisters. Those who receive it have earned it and we support them.

Thankfully, Florida was spared from the devastation of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike that struck in Louisiana and Texas. We have been working with those members affected by the disasters. If you would like to donate to those who need our help,

The National Disaster Relief Fund needs your contributions. As the economy slows, we look to "FOP first" as the place to put our resources and donations to help our own.

We have continued our training initiative and implemented a new class in cooperation with local Emergency Management. The FOP Training Committee "Community Emergency Response Team" training (C.E.R.T.) has begun. Classes were held by Sarasota Lodge 45, Tampa Lodge 27 and at the October Board meeting in Ft. Lauderdale. We are providing training opportunities to our members who will respond to disasters as volunteers to assist with the recovery efforts following a disaster. This training is a requirement by FEMA in order to be allowed into the disaster area as a volunteer. The Training Committee will assist all Districts and Local lodge with setting up a class in your area.

The Florida State Lodge has created a new "Retirees Committee" chaired by Past President Tom Perry to address growing concerns and issues involving our retirees. Pensions and health benefits are being eroded. At the national level an IRS proposal to increase the retirement age to '62' is being considered. We consider this a significant safety issue to our members and are monitoring closely this concept, lobbying to have public safety opt out of any change that would impact our pension plans.

Next spring, the National Board of Trustees and the State Presidents will meet in Florida hosted by Jacksonville Lodge 5/30. We look forward to bringing the Trustees and State Presidents from each FOP state here to showcase Florida and all our state has to offer.

"Leadership Matters" an excellent training course put on by the Grand Lodge will be in Nashville, TN, February 5—7, 2009. This is an exceptional opportunity to learn how to be an effective FOP leader and run a lodge. You would be well served to attend this important class. ★



Jim Preston, Cindy McCain, Nelson Cuba

## FREE WEAPONS QUALIFICATION AND LUNCHEON

Sheriff **Gary S. Borders** would like to invite all retired Law Enforcement Officers to a FREE Weapons Qualification and Luncheon. Sheriff Borders' intention of the day is to meet the requirements of H.R. 218 for all retired officers/deputies **who reside in Lake County**.

Where: Lake Tech Center Institute of Public Safety Range, 13000 Frankies Road Tavares, FL 32778.

When: Saturday October 18, 2008

Time: 8:00 am- 4:00 pm

Qualifications will be conducted in two sessions

Session 1 will be from 8:00 am till Lunch Time

Session 2 will be from 1:00 pm till 4:00 pm

\*Should you wish to attend the luncheon and the afternoon session, please arrive at the range at 11:30 am. Adults are welcome so you may bring your spouse. Please no children due to the nature of the operation. For those who are going to be qualifying please dress accordingly; long pants and closed toe shoes. No shorts or flip flops.

Directions: *From the North*; take SR 19 South from US 441 in Tavares. Once you are to the intersection of SR 19 and CR561, veer left onto CR 561. Go approximately two miles until you see the DMV and Lake County Animal Services building. Frankies Road is your very next right hand turn.

*From the South*; take CR 561 North from US 27 to Frankies Road and turn left. If you are taking SR 19 go north to CR 448A and turn right. Once you are at the intersection of CR 561, turn right and follow the above directions.

Agenda: 8:00 – Welcome by Sheriff Gary Borders

8:15 – HR 218 Overview by Pat Gross, Sheriff's Legal Advisor

8:45 – Range Safety, Weapons Inspection and Qualification by Range Staff

11:45 – Lunch

1:00 – Welcome by Sheriff Gary Borders

1:15 – HB 218 Overview by Pat Gross, Sheriff's Legal Advisor

1:45 – Range Safety, Weapons Inspection and Qualification by Range Staff Requirements:

\* Please review the following web address

Florida Department of Law Enforcement

to ensure your eligibility under HR218;

<http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/hr218/attach/hr218qaupdate2008.pdf>

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### *weapons qualification continued*

\*Retired Law Enforcement Identification card from your former agency and your Driver's License.

\*One weapon you intend on carrying with total of three (3) extra magazines/speed loaders and a holster.

\*Two boxes of ammunition

\*Eye and Ear protection

RSVP: Phyllis Priest by calling 352-343-3791 or e-mail at [Phyllis.Priest@lcsso.org](mailto:Phyllis.Priest@lcsso.org)

*She will need the following information:*

1. Name as it appears on your retired LEO identification card Department from which you retired
2. Social Security number
3. Weapon make, model, caliber and serial number
4. Phone number and e-mail address if you have one
5. Session time you prefer
6. Number of attendees

## Quiz

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years War last?
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Passing requires 4 correct answers—All done?  
Check your answers on Page 7

## CERT TRAINING



Gene Leonard, District 3 Director

Gene attended CERT Training at Tampa Lodge 27. Each of the 19 participants from Temple Terrace, Tampa, Polk County and Hillsborough County Lodges received a CERT bag, equipment and vest to use at the next disaster callout. Like a Good Boy Scout, Gene is prepared. Florida State Lodge training coordinator Lisa Dubord will assist districts and local lodges with setting up this training. ★

## **INFORMATION ON IRS REGULATIONS DEFINING "NORMAL RETIREMENT"**

The National Legislative Office has received several calls and emails regarding recent news media coverage of a new regulation issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) amending the definition of "normal retirement age". Per these new regulations, the IRS would deem age 50 as the "normal retirement age" for public safety employees.

The FOP has been aware of this issue for some time and, working in tandem with other stakeholder organizations, has sought both further clarity on how this regulation would effect public pension plans, the ability of public safety officers to retire at any age if they reach a given level of service (20, 25 or 30 years), existing bargaining contracts which address pension benefits and other issues. In conference calls with IRS and officials with the U.S. Department of the Treasury, they indicated they did not know the answers to these questions.

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The FOP will continue its dialogue with Treasury, the IRS, and other Administration officials. In addition, we have asked for assistance from Congress to retract or delay the implementation of this new regulation until such time that its impact is more clearly understood.

Feel free to contact the National Legislative Office for additional information. ★

**Vote**  
**NOVEMBER 4, 2008**

## **LODGE DISASTER TEAM UP AND RUNNING**

Have you ever wondered what you would do in the event a disaster struck your home and you were required to report for duty? This is a valid question. The Lodge has come up with one answer.

This past year the Lodge approved the formation of a Disaster Team comprised of some of our retirees and their spouses. A Community Emergency Response Training session was held in September. It was attended by the following individuals: Don Fialka, Matt Rich, Greg and JoAnn Putman, Joe and Judy Ross, and Max Patrick. These people are certified and able to respond to disaster situations.

**The main concern for the Lodge Disaster Team will be to render assistance on a priority basis:**

- A. To active law enforcement officers who are members of F.O.P. Lodge #45.**
- B. To retired officers of Lodge #45.**
- C. To full time certified law enforcement personnel of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office.**
- D. To active law enforcement officers who are members of F.O.P. Lodges within District #3 and continuing statewide if conditions permit.**

The Disaster Team is open to any Lodge retiree and their spouse. Contact the Lodge for information on how you can help out. ★



## SARASOTA COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' LODGE #45, INC.

### DISASTER TEAM GUIDELINES

1. Membership: The Lodge Disaster Team will be composed of retired members of the Lodge and any family member who is not a law enforcement officer. Any member of the Disaster Team will be required to obtain CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) certification.
2. The Team will have a chairperson who will be responsible for coordinating annual recertification and arranging for initial CERT training for new Team applicants.
3. The Chairperson will maintain a list of all names, addresses, telephone numbers and other contact Information for TEAM members.
4. The main concern for the Lodge Disaster Team will be to render assistance on a priority basis:
  - A. To active law enforcement officers who are members of F.O.P. Lodge #45.
  - B. To retired officers of Lodge #45.
  - C. To full time certified law enforcement personnel of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office.
  - D. To active law enforcement officers who are members of F.O.P. Lodges within District #3 and continuing state wide if conditions permit.
5. In the event of a disaster within Sarasota County involving property damage or loss, the Disaster Team will make itself available to make personal contact and inspection of homes of active law enforcement officers who are members of the Lodge in accordance with CERT criteria. The Disaster Team shall attempt to secure the home from further damage from rain or wind to the extent possible with supplies available and without risk to injury or death of a TEAM member.
  - a. Once the homes of active law enforcement members who are members of the Lodge has been accomplished, the same procedure may be extended on a priority basis as outlined in section #3 above.
6. The Lodge will provide the Disaster Team with certain basic equipment consisting of CERT Backpacks, helmets, work gloves, latex gloves, identi-tape, hammers, nails, tarps, pry bars, first aid supplies, MRE (Meals Ready to Eat) for a minimum of 3 days, shirts, reflective vests, flashlights, batteries and other items that from time to time may be needed. The Lodge will reimburse Team Members for the cost of transportation, food, or lodging when responding to a declared disaster.
7. Team members may provide their own tools or equipment, such as: chainsaws, power saws, extension cords, portable generators. The Lodge will not be responsible for the damage or loss of personally owned equipment. However, Team Members will be entitled to reimbursement for gasoline and oil for the usage of portable generators and chainsaws.
8. Other duties or requirements for the Disaster Team may be revised from time to time as needed. ★

The Florida State Lodge Communications Committee and your newsletter editor are looking for newsworthy contributions to share in the "Florida On Patrol" newsletter. If you have any local news articles, lodge information or important functions happening, please send the information to [president@floridastatefop.org](mailto:president@floridastatefop.org) to be included in the next edition of the newsletter.

We are looking to expand the online newsletter to include advertisements from members or local businesses, associates or others interested in sharing their business information with our 20,000 members. Advertising rates will be competitive and available on request. Discounts for active members and associates with their own businesses. ★

## ASSIST MEMBERS IN HURRICANE RAVAGED AREAS

*Please remember Harris County Texas Sheriff's Detective Tommy Keen who was killed in the line of duty accidentally while clearing a downed tree following Hurricane Ike.*

While the storm is over the clean up and recovery is just beginning. Many officer's lives were affected and they need your help.

### Assist Members in Hurricane Ravaged Areas

The NFOP has a Disaster Relief Fund that will be used to assist members whose families and/or homes have been damaged by the Hurricanes. Your assistance is needed to help these members. Please make your contribution today. All contributions to this IRS 501.c3 organization are tax deductible.

#### Please mail donations to:

Fraternal Order of Police Foundation  
701 Marriott Drive  
Nashville TN 37214

Please make checks payable to "FOP Foundation"

**Or you can make a contribution by MasterCard or Visa by completing and sending the following form.**

#### Please mail, fax or email this form to:

Fraternal Order of Police Foundation  
701 Marriott Drive  
Nashville TN 37214

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thank you for your support.**

## Quiz Answers

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|---|--------------------|
| 1) How long did the Hundred Years War last?                       | *116 years         |
| 2) Which country makes Panama hats?                               | * Ecuador          |
| 3) From which animal do we get catgut?                            | * Sheep and Horses |
| 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?   | *November          |
| 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?                          | * Squirrel fur     |
| 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal? | *Dog               |
| 7) What was King George VI's first name?                          | *Albert            |
| 8) What Color is a purple finch?                                  | *Crimson           |
| 9) Where are Chinese goose berries from?                          | *New Zealand       |
| 10) What is the color of the black box in a commercial Airplane?  | *Orange, of course |

COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

FOURTH DISTRICT

July Term 2008

**THOMAS SIMCOX,**

Appellant,

v.

**THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD POLICE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT  
SYSTEM,**

Appellee.

No. 4D07-4638

[August 27, 2008]

GROSS, J.

Former police officer Thomas Simcox appeals from a final administrative decision rendered by the Board of Trustees of the City of Hollywood Police Officers' Retirement System forfeiting his retirement benefits. In federal court, Simcox pleaded guilty to the crime of conspiracy to possess heroin with intent to distribute. Because substantial competent evidence establishes that Simcox committed a "specified offense" under section 112.3173(2)(e)(6) Florida Statutes (2007), we affirm.

Simcox worked as a City of Hollywood police officer until he resigned on February 22, 2007 – less than a month after a federal criminal information was filed against him. The information charged Simcox with one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846 (2007). The charges arose from an undercover sting operation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation targeting corruption within the Hollywood Police Department

Simcox pleaded guilty as charged. During the plea colloquy, Simcox admitted that he provided escort services for a truck driver who was portrayed as carrying multiple kilograms of heroin. Simcox's role was "to make sure that the truck driver encountered no problems with his delivery." Simcox conceded that he, his co-conspirators, and the undercover officers "discussed the operation in detail, including the counter-surveillance techniques they would employ, and the methods they would use to ensure that the [heroin] delivery [was successful]." Simcox acknowledged that after escorting the truck, he "returned to the hotel room in Miami Beach where [he] . . . received payments for these activities." While in that hotel room, he and the co-conspirators discussed "how the operation had gone, including some of the surveillance techniques and methods they had used." The district court adjudicated Simcox guilty and sentenced him to 135 months incarceration.

After the conviction, the Board held a preliminary hearing and decided to conduct a formal hearing on whether Simcox had forfeited his retirement benefits pursuant to section 112.3173.

At the formal hearing, the Board found that Simcox had committed a "specified offense" forfeiting his retirement benefits under section 112.3173(2)(e)(4) because the acts underlying the federal crime of which Simcox was convicted would support a Florida conviction for a Chapter 838 felony under both section 838.016, unlawful compensation for official behavior, and section 838.022, official misconduct. Alternatively, the Board found that the federal conviction fell within the catch-all provision, section 112.3173(2)(e)(6).

Review of the Board's forfeiture order is governed by section 120.68, Florida Statutes (2007). *See Hames v. City of Miami Firefighters' and Police Officers' Trust*, 980 So. 2d 1112, 1113-14 (Fla. 3d DCA 2008). The Board's final action may be set aside "only upon a finding that it is not supported by substantial competent evidence in the record or that there are material errors in procedure, incorrect interpretations of law, or an abuse of discretion." *Id.* at 1114 (quoting *Waters v. Dep't of Health, Bd. of Med.*, 962 So. 2d 1011, 1013

(Fla. 3d DCA 2007) (citing § 120.68(7)); *see also* §§ 120.68(8) & (10), Fla. Stat. (2007).

The Florida Constitution and statutes provide the framework for the forfeiture of public retirement benefits. Article II, Section 8(d) of the Florida Constitution provides: Any public officer or employee who is convicted of a felony involving a breach of public trust shall be subject to forfeiture of rights and privileges under a public retirement system or pension plan in such manner as may be provided by law. Section 112.3173(3) implements that portion of the Florida Constitution and provides:

Forfeiture.--Any public officer or employee who is convicted of a specified offense committed prior to retirement, or whose office or employment is terminated by reason of his or her admitted commission, aid, or abetment of a specified offense, shall forfeit all rights and benefits under any public retirement system of which he or she is a member, except for the return of his or her accumulated contributions as of the date of termination.

Two statutory definitions of a “specified offense” pertain to this case. First, section 112.3173(2)(e)(4) provides this meaning: “[a]ny felony specified in chapter 838, except ss. 838.15 and 838.16.” Second, the “catch-all” provision of section 112.3173(2)(e)(6) defines “specified offense as, [t]he committing of any felony by a public officer or employee who, willfully and with intent to defraud the public or the public agency for which the public officer or employee acts or in which he or she is employed of the right to receive the faithful performance of his or her duty as a public officer or employee, realizes or obtains, or attempts to realize or obtain, a profit, gain, or advantage for himself or herself or for some other person through the use or attempted use of the power, rights, privileges, duties, or position of his or her public office or employment position.

The term, “felony” means “any criminal offense that is punishable under the laws of this state, or that would be punishable if committed in this state, by death or imprisonment in a state penitentiary.” *Hames*, 980 So. 2d at 1116 (citing § 775.08(1), Fla. Stat. (2006)).

On appeal, Simcox argues that the acts constituting his federal conviction are not punishable as a “specified offense” in Florida under section 112.3173. He maintains that his actions in furtherance of the drug trafficking scheme were unrelated to his position as a police officer; that he did not use his “power, rights, privileges, duties or position” as a police officer when participating in the scheme; and that his role in the scheme was merely that of an unlawful citizen.

A public officer or employee may have his pension benefits forfeited if the acts underlying the federal crime of which he was convicted or admitted to during his guilty plea would support a Florida conviction for a Chapter 838 felony or other felony described in section 112.3173(2)(e)(6). *See Desoto v. Hialeah Police Pension Fund Bd. of Trustees*, 870 So. 2d 844, 846 (Fla. 3d DCA 2003) (holding evidence was sufficient to meet the statutory requirement of “a nexus between the crimes charged against the public officer and his or her duties and/or position”); *Newmans v. State, Div. of Ret.*, 701 So. 2d 573, 577 (Fla. 1st DCA 1997) (holding retired sheriff forfeited all rights and benefits under state retirement system upon his conviction for obstruction of justice; acts committed by defendant were “inseparably intertwined” with his position as Sheriff).

Contrary to Simcox’s arguments, the record contains substantial competent evidence sufficient to support forfeiture under section 112.3173(2)(e)(6). In finding that the crime was related to Simcox’s position as a police officer, the Board relied on his admissions during his plea colloquy. In that plea colloquy, Simcox admitted that he participated in a drug trafficking scheme to transport over one kilogram of heroin; his role was “to make sure the truck driver encountered no problem with his delivery”; he utilized counter-surveillance and other methods to ensure that the delivery was successful; and he received payment for his corrupt services. These concessions support the Board’s conclusion that Simcox used the expertise he gained as a law enforcement officer to facilitate the scheme.

By accepting \$8,000 in exchange for protecting and escorting the drug deliveryman, Simcox obtained an advantage for himself. He knowingly intended to violate the duties he owed to the public and the public agency for which he acted and was employed by committing those acts. *See generally Newmans*, 701 So. 2d at 574 (in forfeiture action, hearing officer noted “that the Sheriff takes an oath of office in which he swears that he will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and government of the United States and of the State of Florida and will faithfully perform the duties of Sheriff.”). Given these facts, the record supports the finding that Simcox obtained his monetary advantage through the use or attempted use of his privileges, experience, and duties, which were all a part of his position as a police officer. “Faithful performance” of a “duty” as a police officer under section 112.3173(2)(e)(6) does not allow an officer to traffic in drugs when off duty.

Simcox also contends that, even if we find that he used his “powers, rights, privileges, duties, or position” as a police officer, section 112.3173 is inapplicable because he participated in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (“DROP”) and was therefore “retired” prior to participating in the drug trafficking scheme. *See* 112.3173(3) (“A]ny public officer or employee who is convicted of a specified offense committed *prior to* retirement . . . shall forfeit all rights and benefits under any public retirement system of which he . . . is a member.”) (emphasis added). DROP is a retirement program that allows certain state and county employees, including police officers, to retire without terminating their employment while retirement benefits accumulate and earn interest in an account. DROP does not change the employee’s conditions of employment. When the employee’s DROP period ends, he must still terminate employment. A DROP “retirement” is not a true retirement, since the employee continues to work in his job. Rather, a DROP “retirement” is an employment status that triggers entitlement to certain benefits.

We conclude that “retirement” for the purpose of DROP is different and separate from “retirement” as used in section 112.3173. Section 185.02(6), Florida Statutes (2007), defines DROP retirement solely for the “purposes of the plan.” On the other hand, section 112.3173 employs the common meaning of the word “retirement.” That definition is usually associated with an employee’s voluntary termination of his own employment or career. BLACK’S LAW DICTIONARY (8th ed. 2004); *see also Nehme v. Smithkline Beechan Clinical Labs., Inc.*, 863 So. 2d 201, 205 (Fla. 2003) (“When necessary, the plain and ordinary meaning of words can be ascertained by reference to a dictionary.”). Here, Simcox remained employed as a police officer until he officially resigned in February 22, 2007, months after he committed the federal felony. He therefore was not retired for purposes of section 112.3173.

We therefore agree with the Board and find that the evidence is sufficient to meet the statutory criteria for forfeiture as there is a connection or “nexus” between the federal crime committed by Simcox and his duties as a police officer. *See Desoto*, 870 So. 2d at 846; *Newmans*, 701 So. 2d at 577. As the Board noted, Simcox and his fellow police officers were chosen as the drug escorts because of their heightened knowledge of law enforcement techniques, their police training and because they “knew the enemy” (i.e. federal, state, and local law enforcement agents).

Because Simcox’s federal conviction equates to a violation of section 112.3173(2)(e)(6), and his retirement benefits are forfeited pursuant to that section, we do not address whether his conviction also equates to a violation under section 112.3173(2)(e)(4). *Affirmed*.

STEVENSON and MAY, JJ., concur.

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Appeal from the City of Hollywood Police Officers’ Retirement System; no lower trial case number provided. Patsy Zimmerman-Keenan of Genovese Joblove & Battista, P.A., Fort Lauderdale, for appellant. Joseph H. Serota and John J. Quick of Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Cole & Boniske, P.L., Coral Gables, Stephen H. Cypen and Alison S. Bieler of Cypen & Cypen, Miami Beach, for appellee.

***Not final until disposition of timely filed motion for rehearing. ★***

## FOP ALERT: NEWS REPORTS ON NEW IRS REGULATION

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## THE MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY CEREMONY IN TALLAHASSEE RESCHEDULED

Florida Missing Children's Day 2008 has been rescheduled for, Monday, October 27, 2008, at the Capitol from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. This event was originally scheduled for September 8, but was postponed due to hurricane Ike. The ceremony will raise awareness of Florida's current missing children, and recognize those individuals who have made outstanding contributions in missing children issues.



Governor Charlie Crist and Lt. Governor Jeff Kottkamp are invited to speak on this special occasion. Citizens, law enforcement officers, and canine trailing teams will be recognized for their exemplary efforts in abduction prevention and missing children investigations.

A special part of the program will include the recognition of the statewide essay contest winner and a young hero whose bravery and efforts kept her from being the tragic victim of an abduction. The ceremony will conclude with a "Time of Remembrance" at which time parents will receive a rose from the Governor and will place the rose beside their child's picture.

Following the ceremony elementary school children will be served lunch, and participate in a Child Safety Presentation with Sergeant Nancy Burns with the Leon County Sheriff's Office. Please contact the Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse at 1-888-356-4774 or 850-410-8585 if further information is needed. ★



*"The Voice of Law Enforcement On Line"*

## LEGISLATION SUPPORTED BY THE NATIONAL FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

**PASSED!!!** *H.R. 1 (Thompson, D-MS)*, the "Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act," which makes several changes in Federal law consistent with the findings and recommendations of the 9/11 Commission;

*H.R. 79 (Bartlett, R-MD)*, the "Powder Crack Cocaine Penalty Equalization Act," would eliminate the disparity in sentencing between crack and powder cocaine offenses by changing the applicable amounts for powder cocaine to those currently applicable to crack cocaine;

*H.R. 82 (Berman, D-CA)*, the "Social Security Fairness Act," would repeal both the "Windfall Elimination Provision" and the "Government Pension Offset" in current Social Security law;

*H.R. 146 (Green, D-TX)*, the "Law Enforcement Officers Flag Memorial Act," would provide the families of deceased law enforcement officers with a flag that has been flown over the U.S. Capitol;

*H.R. 172 (Lee, D-CA)*, the "Community Partners Next Door Act," would establish a housing program that would provide a fifty percent (50%) discount for teachers, teacher assistants, administrators, and public safety officers purchasing certain eligible asset properties for use as their primary residence, including a \$100 downpayment on any related insured mortgage, and a higher Federal Housing Administration (FHA) loan limit for such purchases in high cost areas;

*H.R. 304 (Pearce, R-NM)*, the "Communities Leading Everyone Away From Narcotics Through Online Warning Notification (CLEAN TOWN) Act," would establish a registry for persons convicted of certain drug dealing offenses so that communities can be made aware of the presence of these offenders;

*H.R. 545 (Udall, D-NM)*, the "Native American Methamphetamine Enforcement and Treatment Act," would make funds available from the "Combat Meth Act" for tribal governments;

*H.R. 688 (Ramstad, R-MN)*, the "State and Local Law Enforcement Officers' Discipline, Accountability, and Due Process Act," would protect the due process rights of officers during internal investigations;

*H.R. 923 (Lewis, D-GA)*, the "Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act," would establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and permit the Inspector Generals in executive branch departments and agencies to work voluntarily with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) on cold cases;



*H.R. 980 (Kildee, D-MI)*, the "Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act," would recognize the right of law enforcement and other public safety officers to bargain collectively with their employers;

*H.R. 1073 (Filner, D-CA)*, the "Law Enforcement Officers Equity Act," would provide 6 (c) benefits to approximately 30,000 Federal law enforcement officers who currently do not have them;

*H.R. 1118 (Keller, R-FL)*, the "Drug Trafficking Elimination Act of 2007," would increase penalties for dealers of large quantities of marijuana, methamphetamines, and heroin and create a mandatory sentence for anyone caught dealing drugs to a pregnant woman or anyone under the age of twenty-one (21) and for anyone found to be working in a large drug trafficking organization;

*H.R. 1640 (Pearce, R-NM)*, the "Protecting Americans Fighting Terrorism Act," would exempt individuals from civil liability for reporting suspicious behavior to Federal, State, or local law enforcement agencies;

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**H.R. 1661** (*Van Hollen, D-MD*), the "Federal Law Enforcement Pension Adjustment Equity Act," would permit certain annuitants of the retirement programs of the United States Park Police and United States Secret Service Uniformed Division to receive the adjustments in pension benefits to which such annuitants would otherwise be entitled as a result of new salary schedules;

**H.R. 1700** (*Weiner, D-NY*), the "COPS Improvement Act," would provide full funding for the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and the programs it administers;

**H.R. 2281** (*Porter, R-NV*), the "Sergeant Henry Prendes Memorial Act," would close a loophole in current law and create a new Federal criminal offense for the killing, the attempt to kill or conspiring to kill, any public safety officer for a public agency that receives Federal funding;

**H.R. 2291** (*Pearce, R-NM*), would provide immunity from civil liability for bringing suspicious behavior to the attention of security personnel or law enforcement officers;

**H.R. 2325** (*Gohmert, R-AZ*), the "Court and Law Enforcement Officers' Protection Act," which would increase the penalties, including death, for threats and violence against law enforcement officers, judges, and courtroom personnel, impose time and other substantive limits on Federal courts' review of habeas corpus petitions challenging a State court conviction for killing a law enforcement officer, judge, or other public safety officer, limit the amount of damages that a criminal defendant could recover as a result of injuries that the criminal incurred in the course of committing or being apprehended for a felony or a crime of violence, and address implementation difficulties of the Law Enforcement Officers' Safety Act, by slightly modifying the documentary requirements for "qualified retired law enforcement officers";

**H.R. 2425** (*Boozman, R-AR*), the "Saving Kids from Dangerous Drugs Act," which would amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide enhanced penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors;

**H.R. 2726** (*Forbes, R-VA*), the "Law Enforcement Officers' Safety Act," would improve the provisions

related to carriage of concealed firearms by qualified active and retired law enforcement officers;



**H.R. 2772** (*Brady, R-TX*), the "Public Servant Retirement Protection Act," would repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and replace it with a more equitable, individualized calculation of Social Security benefits;

**H.R. 3361** (*Rangel, D-NY*), the "Pension Protection Technical Corrections Act," would make some technical corrections to the Pension Protection Act, which was enacted in 2006;

**H.R. 3547** (*Schiff, D-CA*), the "Gang Prevention, Intervention, and Suppression Act," is a comprehensive, national approach to the problem of gang violence which would establish a High Intensity Interstate Gang Activity Area (HIIGAA) program to facilitate greater cooperation between local, State and Federal law enforcement in identifying, targeting, and eliminating violent gangs in areas where gang activity is particularly prevalent and define new offenses which will enable law enforcement to fight gangs and gang-related activity more effectively;

**H.R. 3791** (*Lampson, D-TX*), the "Securing Adolescents From Exploitation (SAFE) Online Act," would enhance the abilities of Federal agencies to preserve evidence against child pornographers;

**PASSED!!! H.R. 4056/PL 110-298** (*Ellsworth, D-IN*), the "Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Act," will establish a Congressional Badge of Bravery, one for Federal law enforcement officers and another for State and local law enforcement officers, to recognize their acts of bravery;

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**PASSED!!! H.R. 4986/PL 110-181** (Skelton, D-MO), the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008," which made some significant improvements to the National Security Personnel System, including the affirmation of existing collective bargaining rights;

**H.R. 5674** (Meek, D-FL), the "Federal Correctional Officers' Safety Act," would require that the Bureau of Prisons provide secure arms storage areas for employees authorized to carry firearms;

**H.R. 6045** (Ramstad, R-MN), legislation reauthorizing the Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant program through 2012;

**H.J.Res. 12** (Murtha, D-PA), would amend the Constitution to give Congress the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States;

**S. 4** (Reid, D-NV), the "Improving America's Security by Implementing Unfinished Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act," specifically Section 2005 of the bill, which would create within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security an Office for the Prevention of Terrorism;

**S. 206** (Feinstein, D-CA), the "Social Security Fairness Act," would repeal both the "Windfall Elimination Provision" and the "Government Pension Offset" in current Social Security law;

**S. 231** (Feinstein, D-CA), would authorize full funding for the Edward J. Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne-JAG) programs through 2012;

**S. 294** (Lautenberg, D-NJ), the "Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act," would improve the security on Amtrak rail lines and provide funding to hire additional Amtrak police and upgrade their equipment;

**S. 368** (Biden, D-DE), the "COPS Improvement Act," would establish the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) as a distinct entity within the U.S. Department of Justice and reauthorize the law enforcement officer hiring program, as well as reauthorizes funds for technology grants and community prosecutors;

**S. 376** (Leahy, D-VT), the "Law Enforcement Officers' Safety Act," would improve the provisions re-

lated to carriage of concealed firearms by qualified active and retired law enforcement officers;

**S. 449** (Biden, D-DE), the "State and Local Law Enforcement Officers' Discipline, Accountability, and Due Process Act," would protect the due process rights of officers during internal investigations;

**S. 456** (Feinstein, D-CA), the "Gang Abatement and Prevention Act," is a comprehensive, national approach to the problem of gang violence which would establish a High Intensity Interstate Gang Activity Area (HIIGAA) program to facilitate greater cooperation between local, State and Federal law enforcement in identifying, targeting, and eliminating violent gangs in areas where gang activity is particularly prevalent and define new offenses which will enable law enforcement to fight gangs and gang-related activity more effectively;

**S. 513** (Leahy, D-VT), would repeal the "Insurrection Act Rider" and restore the previous statutory authority for the use of U.S. Armed Forces in a domestic law enforcement capacity;

**S. 535** (Dodd, D-CT), the "Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act," would establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and permit the Inspector Generals in executive branch departments and agencies to work voluntarily with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) on cold cases;

**S. 980** (Feinstein, D-CA), the "Online Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act," would impose better registration and reporting requirements on pharmacies that operate over the Internet;

**S. 1211** (Feinstein, D-CA), the "Saving Kids from Dangerous Drugs Act," which would amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide enhanced penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors;

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**S. 1235** (*Cornyn, R-TX*), the "Daniel Faulkner Law Enforcement Officers' and Judges' Protection Act," would increase the penalties, including death, for threats and violence against law enforcement officers, judges, and courtroom personnel, impose time and other substantive limits on Federal courts' review of habeas corpus petitions challenging a State court conviction for killing a law enforcement officer, judge, or other public safety officer, limit the amount of damages that a criminal defendant could recover as a result of injuries that the criminal incurred in the course of committing or being apprehended for a felony or a crime of violence, and address implementation difficulties of the Law Enforcement Officers' Safety Act, by slightly modifying the documentary requirements for "qualified retired law enforcement officers";;

**S. 1354** (*Mikulski, D-MD*), the "Law Enforcement Officers' Equity Act," would provide 6(c) benefits to approximately 30,000 Federal law enforcement officers who currently do not have them;

**S. 1357** (*Mikulski, D-MD*), the "Federal Law Enforcement Pension Adjustment Equity Act," which would amend the Law Enforcement Pay Equity Act of 2000 to permit certain annuitants of the retirement programs of the United States Park Police and United States Secret Service Uniformed Division to receive the adjustments in pension benefits to which such annuitants would otherwise be entitled as a result of the conversion of members of the United States Park Police and United States Secret Service Uniformed Division to a new salary schedule under the amendments made by such Act;

**S. 1369**, (*Collins, R-ME*), would provide immunity from civil liability for bringing suspicious behavior to the attention of security personnel or law enforcement officers;

**S. 1647** (*Hutchison, R-TX*), the "Public Servant Retirement Protection Act," would repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and replace it with a more equitable, individualized calculation of Social Security benefits;

**S. 2071** (*Feinstein, D-CA*), the "Combat Methamphetamine Enhancement Act," will strengthen Federal law by improving the self-certification process for retail sales of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine;

**S. 2084** (*Leahy, D-VT*), the "School Safety and Law Enforcement Improvement Act," would improve school security, the efficacy of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), the provisions related to carriage of concealed firearms by qualified active and retired law enforcement officers, and expand the eligibility of the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) program to include fully-sworn, bona fide law enforcement officers employed by a private institution of higher education or by a rail carrier;

**S. 2123** (*Gregg, R-NH*), the "Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act," would recognize the right of law enforcement and other public safety officers to bargain collectively with their employers;

**PASSED!!! S. 2565/PL 110-298** (*Biden, D-DE*), the "Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Act," will establish a Congressional Badge of Bravery, one for Federal law enforcement officers and another for State and local law enforcement officers, to recognize their acts of bravery;

**S. 3012** (*Leahy, D-VT*), legislation reauthorizing the Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant program through 2012;

Legislation to provide Federal law enforcement officers with a rebuttable presumption that a causal connection exists between their occupation and heart, lung, and hypertension disorders;

Legislation which would protect the personal information of law enforcement officers and their families from public access;

Legislation to exempt retired law enforcement officers from all Federal, State, and local taxes on their retirement income, regardless of their place of residence; and

Legislation entitled the "Federal Law Enforcement Protection Act" to address the concerns of the more than 70,000 Federal uniformed law enforcement officers.

For more information, please feel free to contact the National Legislative Office at (202) 547-8189 or via e-mail. ★

## LEGISLATION OPPOSED BY THE NATIONAL FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

**HB 0049-Relating to Use of Deadly Force** This bill was sponsored by Representative Bendross-Mindingall. This bill requires an overt act to support belief that use of deadly force is necessary, and provides that immunity from civil & criminal liability for certain uses of deadly force does not apply to injuries to children & bystanders who are not affiliated with overt act. We oppose this legislation, due to its impact on standard policies of use of force and opens the officer to civil liability. This bill was held up in committee by the Council Chair and we need to thank Representative Kravitz for continuing his watch dog status for law enforcement officers in Florida.

**SB 0368-Relating to Collective Bargaining Impasse/Legislative Body** This bill is sponsored by Senator Oelrich. This bill states that for resolution of a collective bargaining impasse, the sheriff, tax collector, property appraiser, supervisor of elections, and clerk of the circuit court shall each be deemed to be the legislative body for their respective employees, etc. This will allow the Sheriff to be arbiter of his own impasse. This bill has been referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Operations; General Government Appropriations. The beginning steps for us, in the defeat of this legislation is to contact Senator Rudy Garcia and ask him to not hear this bill in his community. As I am certain everyone remembers, our strategy to kill this legislation, was to keep it from being heard in committee and if possible to block it being filed in the House of Representatives. We were successful and have Representative Sandy Adams to thank for the full blockage of this legislation. Senator Paula Dockery blocked this bill in the Senate and we also need to thank her for the foresight in not hearing this legislation her committee.

**SB0396-Relating to FRS/Defined Contribution Retirement Program** This bill is sponsored by Senator Fasano. This bill changes the name of the Public Employee Optional Retirement Program to the Public Employee Retirement Investment Program, and limits the option of enrolling in the State Retirement System's defined benefit program or de-

fining contribution program to public employees employed prior to January 1, 2009. This will make all new leos ineligible for defined benefits. Requires public employees employed on or after such date to enroll in the defined contribution program, etc. This bill never received any traction in the Florida Senate and there were numerous attempts at filing amendments to other legislation. We have been successful in keeping retirement options open for the new officers in Florida.

**HB 0777-Relating to Traffic Stops** This bill is sponsored by Representative Taylor. This bill requires certain data to be collected from each traffic stop & reported to DOT, it also requires an annual report. The bill provides for a task force to be created if Governor determines that there is evidence of racial profiling. Working with Representative Ron Reagan, we were successful in blocking this legislation.

**SB 0968-Relating to Use of Deadly Force** This bill is sponsored by Senator Joyner. This bill requires an overt act to support a belief that the use of deadly is necessary. Provides that immunity from civil and criminal liability for certain uses of deadly force, does not apply to injuries to children and bystanders who are not affiliated with the overt act, etc. The Chair of our first committee reference was Senator Dockery, and we were successful in working to make certain that this bill was not heard this year. ★



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**LAW ENFORCEMENT FAMILIES ACTIVELY  
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**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
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**Membership in the Auxiliary Offers...**

- Automatic Membership in the National FOP Auxiliary
- Sharing a common interest with your spouse/family member
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  - 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](http://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**

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Larry began his financial career in 1970 after majoring in Agricultural Economics and Business Management at Purdue University. He has been a resident of Florida since 1976, when he moved from Indiana with his wife Karen, and their two children.

Larry may be contacted by calling (727) 391-1707, (800) 293-6784, Nextel DC# 158\*35\*718, or emailing [larry@jlpeggs.com](mailto:larry@jlpeggs.com). There are no fees for consultations.

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