

## Meeting Dates & Events

Mon., Jan. 6  
Retiree's Meeting

Mon., Jan. 13  
Executive Board Meeting

Tue., Jan. 14  
East Side L-18 Luncheon at APG

Wed., Jan. 15  
West Side Luncheon at Triple Cats

Mon., Jan. 20  
Martin Luther King Day  
FOP Hall Closed

Mon., Jan. 27  
Regular FOP Meeting

Wed., Jan. 29  
West Side Luncheon at Triple Cats

Thur., Feb. 13  
Hoxworth Blood Drive at FOP Hall

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## FOP President's Message

Over the last month, your FOP leadership has been fighting to get the Ohio Police and Fire pension bill reform passed. This bill would raise the employer contribution for police officers from 19.5% to 24%. The employers currently pay 24% for our firefighter brothers and sisters. This bill passed the House with overwhelming numbers. On the Senate side is where it has stalled. While our pension fund is still stable, we are going to continue to fight in 2025 to get this very important piece of legislation passed.

On the national level, your FOP leadership has been fighting to get the Social Security Fairness Act passed. It overwhelmingly passed in the House. It began to stall in the Senate. However, thanks to the countless calls and emails from the FOP membership, a vote has been taken and the windfall elimination provision and government pension offset has been eliminated. So, what does that mean for you? It means that when you become social security age eligible, you will no longer be penalized because you have a government pension. You will receive the full benefit you have rightfully earned. This is a monumental win for our members.

As some may know, a petition will begin circulating by the Ohio Coalition to end Qualified Immunity. This group is made up of anti-government radicals. They must secure more than 413,000 VALID signatures from 44 counties in order to get this on the statewide ballot. This petition would end Qualified Immunity for all public employees. While Democrats and Republicans both oppose this and it seems to not have a lot of support, the FOP is ready to fight this very dangerous proposal. I have been in constant contact with our state board members. We will monitor the progress and report back. In the meantime, I encourage all members to talk to their family, friends and neighbors and urge them all to refrain from signing the petition. Ohioans need to take a stand and support public employees by ensuring this does not make it to a statewide vote.

I have been watching very closely the issues Thin Blue Line insurance has been having. They suffered some damaging internal personnel issues that have created a lot of angst for our retirees who have this insurance. It does appear the issues are being resolved. The retirees I have spoken with have reported minor problems that were slowly addressed. They are assuring their members that all outstanding claims are being processed. If any members are experiencing significant problems, please reach out to me and we will find a solution.

Finally, I want to thank all the volunteers who put on an outstanding Christmas party for the kids of the FOP. It's always a great event. Furthermore, as we end 2024 and begin 2025, I want to thank all our members who volunteer to make sure all our events throughout the year are first-class events. This organization would not survive without all the great men and women who volunteer. I wish everyone a happy and safe 2025.

Fraternally,  
Ken Kober

# POLICE RETIREES NEWS

By Mike Bolte

**Retirees for Cincinnati and Hamilton County Officers Meet the First Monday of the month and begins at 1900 hours** and will be on January 6th, 2025. Call Michelle at the FOP Hall, 513-381-2550, to join IF you are not a member.

## Luncheons and Breakfasts

**All LEO Retirees, Active Officers and Supporters are encouraged to come and have breakfast and/or lunch at these events.**

**West Side:** The West Side luncheon at Triple Cats is the 2nd Wednesday **and** LAST Wednesday of each month. Both are in Harrison and start at noon. The West Side breakfast is EVERY Saturday at Price Hill Chili in the Garden Room and starts at 0800 hrs.

**East Side:** The East Side L-18 Luncheon is always at the Anderson Pub & Grill at Beechmont/Nagel. The luncheon will be on January 14th. The East Side Saturday breakfast is at the Country Inn located at 910 Ohio Pike, Amelia, Ohio and starts at 8 am.

## WESTSIDE HOLIDAY CLUB

Bucketheads 6507 Harrison Ave. Next date is Monday, January 20th, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

## 2025 FOP LEOSA Qualifications

Please contact Carl Rauschenberger by email or by cell phone for information: carler272@yahoo.com or 513-325-8022. Certification course is at the Fairfield Sportsmans Assoc., 6501 River Rd. There is a \$5 guest fee, and a \$40 charge for the qualification with 1 or 2 guns. The dates for training are flexible.

## Greater Cincinnati Police Historical Society and The Shield

The Greater Cincinnati Police Historical Society and the Shield are always accepting donations. If you are a member of the Cincinnati Police Federal Credit Union, you can fill out a form and make a monthly donation to one or both. It is easy and tax deductible.

## Florida 2025 Police Reunion Information: February 25th, 26th, and 27th, 2025

Red Lions Lake Buena Vista  
5150 W. Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway  
Kissimmee, Florida 34746

Our contact is Elisa Quinones or her assistant, Salha. Tell them you are with the Cincinnati Police Reunion. Phone number to call is 407-997-3224

Price of the rooms are now:

King Rooms and 2 Queen Rooms are \$85 plus tax a night.

If you plan on playing golf, contact Dave West at 513-604-1532. Golf is going to be Tuesday the 25th and Wednesday the 26th. Tee off is 1200 hours both days. Price is now \$103 per day, paid upon arrival at the Pro Shop. Dave is reserving 24 spots for both days and his deadline is February 1st, so please contact him ASAP.

The price for the Social Nights will remain at \$35 per person.

Checks are to be made out to Sandy Vickers, and sent to: Sandy Vickers, 10790 Autumnridge Dr., Independence, KY 41051.

**The FOP Retiree Meeting is on January 6th.**

**The Regular FOP Meeting is on January 27th.**

## L-18 EASTSIDE LUNCHEON John Burke

The Christmas version of the L-18 APG luncheon was a joyous time as we got together for the last time in 2024. Over 80 attendees graced the building as we enjoyed the food, service, and fellowship! Please join us for the January 14th fun as we welcome in 2025!



**Please contact Austin Lee at:  
austin.lee\_21@yahoo.com  
to have your police or police family  
owned business added to the newsletter.**

**Make sure to call the FOP Hall at (513) 381-2550  
to notify them of a death of a retired police officer.**



## FOPA OFFICER OF THE MONTH

Jackie Metz

The December FOPA was held on Tuesday, December 3. PO Andre Miller, Sgt. Ben Schneider, PO Craig Graening, PS Jeff Bley, and PO Johnny Harris (not pictured) from the Central Business Section were honored for their work apprehending a mentally ill person armed with a firearm.

Back in February, a known MHRT suspect was observed outside the Duke Energy Center, angrily yelling at a man who was with his 11-year-old daughter. The suspect believed the man was trying to kidnap the little girl and was holding a loaded firearm to the man's head. Officers coordinated a response and were able to surround the suspect, safely recover the victims, and take the suspect into custody without any physical harm to either victim.

Lt. Caton nominated these officers and during the meeting stated, "I cannot speak more highly of these officers and the quality people they actually are. They are very deserving of this award."

Thank you to all of these officers (and sergeant) for your commitment to our citizens and congratulations!



## WELLNESS UNIT PRESENTATION

Tiphanie Galvez

CPD Wellness will host "A Fighting Chance" presentation by Retired Police Agent Ashley Ferris at the Cincinnati Police Academy for all CPD employees, retirees, and adult family members.

On December 27, 2021, in just 45 minutes, a gunman traveled throughout the cities of Denver and Lakewood, shooting 6 victims, killing 5, and engaging a total of 5 officers in gunfire. Agent Ashley Ferris was the 7th and final individual shot by the suspect. Seriously wounded and on the ground, Agent Ferris continued fighting, shooting, and killing the suspect. This presentation is a detailed account of Ferris's critical incident and lessons learned. Topics include incident management, investigation, wounded officer's perspective, lessons in training, recovery, and resilience, officer suicide, considerations for leadership, and using a focus on purpose to build wellness. The presentation will include radio traffic, video clips, and photos from the incident.

The presentation will be offered twice at no cost: Thursday, February 6, 2025, from 1800 – 2100 hours, or Friday, February 7, 2025, from 0830 – 1130 hours. To sign up, CPD employees must submit a F17 through their Chain of Command. Retirees and family members may email CPDPeerSupport@Cincinnati-OH.gov to attend.

### We're hiring!

#### Opportunity: Part-Time Police Officer Assignment: School Resource Officer

Seeking Two (2) Part-Time Greenhills Police Officers: School Resource Officers

Department: Greenhills Police Department

Assignment: Winton Woods City Schools – South Campus & Alternative Campus

Salary Range: \$35.00 - \$40.00 per hour

#### Job Description:

The Greenhills Police Department, in collaboration with Winton Woods City Schools, is seeking to hire two part-time Greenhills Police officers, as School Resource Officers (SROs), to provide safety and security services across two campuses: the Winton Woods South Campus and the Winton Woods Alternative School. These officers will be responsible for maintaining a safe and secure environment for students, staff, and visitors.

#### Candidates:

Must be a certified Ohio Police Officer. Extensive law enforcement experience preferred. Experience working with youth and/or in school environments is a plus. Strong interpersonal communication skills. Ability to respond to emergency situations quickly and effectively.

#### Village of Greenhills:

Greenhills community, a National Historic District, consists of 1.25 square miles with just over 3,700 residents. Members of the Greenhills Police Department have the privilege of serving and protecting one of the most close-knit communities in Hamilton County, Ohio. [Learn more about the Village Greenhills by clicking HERE.](#)

#### About the Schools:

Winton Woods South Campus: Grades 1-6, with approximately 2,000 students and staff.

Winton Woods Alternative School: Smaller population serving approximately 100 students and staff through the day.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

Provide safety and security services at either the Winton Woods South Campus or the Winton Woods Alternative School. Maintain a visible presence on school grounds for seven hours per day, on all school days (185 days total). Engage with students, staff, and faculty to foster a positive and secure environment. Assist with safety plans, emergency protocols, and general campus security. Act as a liaison between the Greenhills Police Department and Winton Woods City Schools.

#### SCHEDULE

Workdays: School days (185 days per year)  
(off summer, holidays, weekends)

7 hour Shift

South Campus hours: 9:30am-4:30pm / Alternative School hours: 7:00am-2:00pm

#### How to Apply

Interested candidates should submit an application, resume, and cover letter, to Lt. Anne Ward at [a.ward@greenhillspd.org](mailto:a.ward@greenhillspd.org). Application can be obtained by clicking [HERE](#).

For more information, please contact Lt. Anne Ward or Chief Jim Howarth at [j.howarth@greenhillspd.org](mailto:j.howarth@greenhillspd.org) or by calling 513.825.2101

Greenhills Police Department 11000 Winton Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45218



### UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

### Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 69

Thursday, February 13, 2025

9:00am – 11:15am & 12:30pm – 2:45pm

Blood Drive held at FOP Lodge 69, 1900 Central Parkway

All donors receive a long-sleeved waffle T-shirt!

To sign up to donate, please VISIT  
[hoxworth.org/groups/fop69](https://hoxworth.org/groups/fop69),  
SCAN the QR code, or  
CALL Hoxworth at 513-451-0910



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Please remember to call Michelle Comarata at (513) 381-2550 if you have moved, have gotten married or divorced, have added a child/dependent, and also to check or update your death beneficiaries.

## IN MEMORIAM Greater Cincinnati Police Museum

### Cincinnati Police Officer James R. DeRonde

Jim joined the Cincinnati Police Division on July 1, 1973, in its 59th Recruit Class. He was promoted to Patrolman on November 25, 1973, issued Badge 491, and assigned to District 4. On January 5, 1975, he was rotated to District 1. On July 10, 1983, he transferred to the Communications Section. Officer DeRonde returned to District 1 on January 22, 1984. On September 7, 1986, he transferred to District 3. Officer DeRonde left on April 25, 1989, with almost 16 years of service.



Officer DeRonde died suddenly on December 9, 2024, at the age of 73.

He was predeceased by his wife Vickie (Burgin) DeRonde. He is survived by his son, Michael (Melissa) DeRonde; grandchildren, Luke and Cameron DeRonde; and brother, Ronnie DeRonde.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

### Cincinnati Police Captain Wilbur Edward Klosterman, Jr.

Wil joined the City of Cincinnati, Public Utilities Department as a Parking Meter Collector on February 22, 1960. On September 20, 1963, he joined the United States Army Reserves as a Combat Engineer, Demolition Specialist and Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic. He served for almost 4 years.



Almost a year after his father retired from the Police Division, Wilbur Jr. transferred to the Cincinnati Park Board on September 26, 1966. He attended the Cincinnati Police Division's 47th Recruit Class and graduated as a Park Police Patrolman on December 28, 1967.

In September 1967, Army Specialist 4 Klosterman transferred to the United States Air Force Reserves as an Air Policeman. Sergeant Klosterman was honorably discharged in September 1969.

Over the next several years, he was promoted to Park Police Sergeant and Park Police Lieutenant. On December 10, 1987, he was promoted to Park Police Captain and Commander of the Cincinnati Park Police Department.

The Park Police Department disbanded, and he transferred to Cincinnati Police Captain on November 13, 1988, and was assigned as Operations Night Chief. Captain Klosterman retired on April 1, 1990, with 30 years of service to his country and community.

Captain Klosterman died on December 14, 2024, at the age of 83.

He was predeceased by his son, Jason Michael Klosterman (1974). We believe he is survived by his wife of 56 years, Florence (Price) Klosterman, and sons, Todd Edward and Ryan Cole.

### Police Officer Stephen Henry "Steve" Riley

Steve joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Cadet on July 23, 1967. Cadet Riley served in Station X, District 4, and Police Communication Section. Cadet Riley was promoted to Police Recruit on October 25, 1970, for the Division's 54th Recruit Class. He was promoted to Patrolman on January 3, 1971, issued Badge 408, and reassigned to District 4. On February 10, 1974, he transferred to District 3. On January 8, 1976, Police Officer Riley transferred back to Communication Section. By June 1979, he had served his community for almost 12 years. Police Officer Riley transferred to the Regional Computer Center as a Computer Operator II on June 10, 1979, where he continued to serve his community.



Officer Riley then went on to a management position at the Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company.

On December 14, 2024, at the age of 75, Officer Riley suffered a massive, fatal heart attack while distributing Christmas gifts to his neighbors.

He was predeceased by his sister-in-law, Lisa Sandhas. Officer Riley is survived by his wife of 53 years, Denise Marie (Sandhas) Riley, his children, grandchildren, siblings, and sibling-in-laws.

Our thoughts go out to his wife, family, and friends.

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### *When Cops Retire*

*When a good man leaves the "job" and retires to a better life, many are jealous, some are pleased and yet others, who may have already retired, wonder. We wonder if he or she knows what they are leaving behind, because we already know.*

*We know, for example, that after a lifetime of camaraderie that few experience, it will remain as a longing for those past times. We know in the law enforcement life there is a fellowship that lasts long after the uniforms are hung up in the back of the closet. We know even if he throws them away, they will be on him every step and breath that remains in his frame. We also know how the very bearing of the man speaks of what he was and in his heart still is.*

*These are the burdens of the job. You will still look at people suspiciously, still see what others do not see or choose to ignore and always will look at the rest of the law enforcement world with a respect for what they do; only grown in a lifetime of knowing. Never think for one moment you are escaping from the life. You are only escaping the "job" and we are merely allowing you to leave "active" duty.*

*So, what I wish for you is that whenever you ease into retirement, or if you are already retired, in your heart you never forget for one moment that "Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God," and you are still a member of the greatest fraternity the world has ever known.*

*Anonymous*

*Merry Christmas,  
Michael H. Bolte  
Cincinnati (Ohio) Police Captain (ret.)  
1972 - 2002*



# Court of Appeals Holds Statutory Presumption Cancer Caused by Employment for Two Cincinnati Firefighters

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Last October, the Ohio Court of Appeals for the Tenth Appellate District held in two separate cases that two Cincinnati firefighter's cancer diagnoses were caused by their employment as firefighters. The Court found that both firefighters provided sufficient evidence under Ohio Revised Code ("ORC") 4123.68, which covers cancer contracted by firefighters as a result of their employment.

In the first case, the Cincinnati firefighter was diagnosed with thyroid cancer on June 30, 2020. The firefighter had worked for the City since October 2012 and been assigned to hazardous duty from October 14, 2012, to present. After his cancer diagnosis, the firefighter filled out an application for worker's compensation benefits and an accompanying C-265 Presumption of Causation for Firefighter Cancer form. The firefighter indicated on the form that he had been exposed to each of the 16 Group 1 or 2A carcinogens, as well as other carcinogen categories marked "other."

Initially, the firefighter's claim for worker's compensation was denied by a Staff Hearing Officer ("SHO") after the City challenged the firefighter's claim. The decision was appealed to the Industrial Commission of Ohio ("Commission"), which vacated the SHO's order and ordered the worker's compensation claim for the firefighter. In response, the City acquired its own doctor to write an expert opinion on the firefighter's cancer diagnosis. In the doctor's opinion, the doctor relied on medical documents and medical literature to suggest that the firefighter's cancer was not caused by his employment as a firefighter. The City then requested the Court issue a writ of mandamus vacating the order of the Commission and deny the worker's compensation claim.

The Court ruled that the City's expert report did not overcome the presumption outlined in ORC 4123.68(X)(1), which provides that cancer contracted by a firefighter who has been assigned to at least six years of hazardous duty as a firefighter constitutes a presumption that the cancer was contracted in the course and arising out of the firefighter's employment if the firefighter was exposed to an agent classified as a Group 1 or 2A carcinogen. In this case, the firefighter had been exposed to 16 categories of Group 1 or 2A carcinogens. The Court held that the firefighter was entitled to his worker's compensation, that his cancer was caused by his employment as a firefighter and denied the City's request for writ of mandamus.

In the second case, the Cincinnati firefighter retired on December 19, 2014, after working for the City for thirty years. On December 3, 2020, the firefighter was diagnosed with Stage IV prostate cancer. The firefighter applied for permanent partial disability, but the City contested the firefighter's application, prompting a hearing with a District Hearing Officer ("DHO") to decide the case.

In the initial hearing with the DHO, the City presented evidence under ORC 4123.68(X)(2), which provides that the statutory presumption that cancer was caused by the firefighter's employment can be rebutted if the firefighter had a history of using tobacco products and that use of tobacco was likely a significant factor in the progression of cancer. The City then used the same doctor in the first firefighter's case to write an expert opinion regarding the firefighter's cancer diagnosis. The doctor's report indicated that the firefighter's previous use of tobacco presented the firefighter with an extremely high risk of the development of prostate cancer. Although the firefighter had not used tobacco products in over 20 years, the DHO denied the firefighter's claim.

After an appeal of the DHO's decision to a Staff Hearing Officer ("SHO"), the SHO ultimately vacated the DHO's order on March 10, 2022. The DHO found that the firefighter contracted the Stage IV prostate cancer in the course and arising out of his employment as a firefighter. The DHO also found that the employer did provide sufficient evidence through the Doctor's report to satisfy the requirements under ORC 4123.68(X)(2) for tobacco use, but the firefighter had satisfied his burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that he contracted cancer from his employment through his reports from his own doctor. The SHO vacated the DHO's order and determined that the firefighter was entitled to permanent partial disability.

The City again petitioned the Court of Appeals for a writ of mandamus to vacate the SHO's order granting permanent partial disability to the firefighter. The Court found no error of law in the decision and denied the writ of mandamus, granting permanent partial disability to the firefighter.

**Legal Lesson Learned:** In some cases when a firefighter develops cancer, there is a statutory presumption that the firefighter's cancer was caused in the course and arising out of the job.

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## FROM THE EDITORS Doug & Bobbi Utecht

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed articles to the newsletter over the last several years. We hope we provided content everyone enjoyed and have done our best to serve this lodge well. Beginning January of 2025, Brent Eve will be taking over as editor. Submissions moving forward may be emailed to: [fop69newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:fop69newsletter@gmail.com)

Sincere thanks and gratitude to Dan Hils, Ken Kober, and Steve Wilger for this opportunity.

## COMMUNICATIONS COUNSEL

Ryan Stubenrauch / Jamieson Gordon

This month's crisis communications in the news comes from Alabama where there were multiple cases of people shot and killed in November, all within a short period of time. The Birmingham Police Department released a statement to the media following those acts of violence.

Here's what they said:

*The Birmingham Police Department extends our heartfelt compassion to the families affected by the recent horrendous acts of violence in the City of Birmingham.*

*During this tragic time, the Birmingham Police Department is actively pursuing those accountable with unwavering dedication. We stand committed to bringing justice to the victims and their families and holding those responsible accountable. Your assistance is essential in bringing them to justice swiftly.*

*Thank you, Birmingham citizens, for your support. Your patience is appreciated as we work to create a safer city.*

*Let's work together to make Birmingham a safer place for all.*

Often, we note that many police media statements could be improved with a more empathetic tone. This statement hits the nail on the head with a caring, compassionate tone. "Heartfelt compassion" and "unwavering dedication" both signal to readers that this police department is made up caring individuals because they wisely chose to avoid police jargon.

While they don't have much concrete information to share, notice the inclusion of aspirational statements: "we stand committed to bringing justice to the victims and their families and holding those responsible accountable." This is a great example of how to say something even if there's not much new information to share.

The only note we have on how to improve upon this statement is to clarify the line, "your assistance is essential in bringing them to justice swiftly." Do they mean "assistance" as in community support, tips, both, or something else? They probably need information but we'd suggest making that clear!

While we hopefully won't have to write any statements following tragic killing spree anytime soon, we can look at Birmingham's example to provide a compassionate statement to the community.

## 9th DISTRICT TRUSTEE Jon Halusek

The House passed H.R. 82, the "Social Security Fairness Act," in September, in large part because of the FOP's advocacy campaign and grassroots activism. Our bill passed the House on an overwhelming 327-75 vote—giving us a clear mandate to end the unfairness and injustice that steals billions from hardworking public servants every year. We need to make sure that our Senators understand the stakes and the need to act!

To bring the Senate's focus and attention to this legislation, the FOP and other unions representing public sector workers are staging a rally on Wednesday, 11 December at 11:30am in the Upper Senate Park near the Russell Senate Office Building. National President Yoes and the bill's House and Senate sponsors will be speaking and calling on the Senate to hold an up-or-down vote on the legislation.

Even if you can't be there, you can still support the FOP's grassroots push to get a vote on H.R. 82! In addition to contacting both of your Senators and asking that they support H.R. 82, you can contact:

Senate Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) at 202-224-2158 and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) at 202-224-3135 and ask them to work together to schedule the bill for a vote on the House floor.

Also contact the Senate Committee on Finance – especially Ranking Member Michael D. Crapo(R-ID) at 202-224-4515 and ask for their support to move H.R. 82 to the Senate floor for a vote. Your attendance at the rally and/or your calls to your Senators, Senate Leadership, and the Finance can make a difference! Take the time to make these calls and tell these Senators just how important the "Social Security Fairness Act" is to you and your family.

If you're affected by the WEP/GPO and are tired of getting a monthly check that reduces the benefit YOU EARNED, then make those calls! We need ALL MEMBERS to reach out to their Senators and tell them they must support a vote on the Senate floor for H.R. 82 and to VOTE YES on the "Social Security Fairness Act!" This effort will not succeed without YOU!

In the House: The House considered and passed H.R. 9598, the "Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) Reauthorization Act," on a 399-1 vote. The bill, which would reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy, now awaits action in the Senate.

The Task Force on the Attempted Assassination of Donald J. Trump held a hearing entitled, the "Secret Service Security Failures and the Attempts to Assassinate President-Elect Donald J. Trump." Ronald Rowe, the Acting Director of the United States Secret Service, testified.

The House Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled "Design

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### Help Save Lives Donate Blood

Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 69

Thursday, February 13, 2020  
9:00 AM - 11:15 AM & 12:00 PM - 2:45 PM  
Blood Drive held at FOP Lodge 69  
1900 Central Parkway

All donors receive a long-sleeved waffle T-shirt!  
Double Your Impact!  
Appointments Encouraged!

To make an appointment SCAN the QR code,  
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[hoxworth.org/groups/fop69](https://hoxworth.org/groups/fop69)







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VS. Default: Analyzing Shifts in Cybersecurity,” which included testimony from cybersecurity experts on how to protect America from growing cybersecurity threats.

In the Senate:

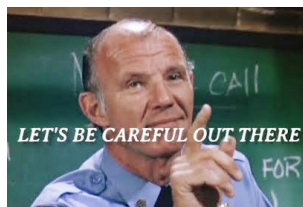
The Senate passed S. 4305, the “DHS Better Ballistic Body Armor Act,” by unanimous consent. The bill would improve the effectiveness of body armor issued to female agents and officers of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The Senate confirmed numerous judicial nominations.

Ken Kober, Don Meece, Sean Woods, and I traveled to Columbus for a mini-lobby day on December 4th. We met with Senator Wilson and Blessing in reference to the vote on the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Bill HB 296/SB 194. This bill increases the employer contribution to the OP-F for police officers by equaling it out to the 24% that is already paid for each firefighter incrementally over 6 years. I will send out an email as soon as I know the vote outcome and report it at the December Meeting. President Kober spoke on the importance of the Bill, and we believe both the Senators will vote for the bill.

Ken Kober, Don Meece, Sean Woods, and I traveled back to Columbus on December 12th and attended a Senate Hearing on the bill. The committee took a vote, and the Bill was defeated in committee. The President of the Senate can still take it to the floor for a vote, my understanding it that is probably not going to happen.

This year we have seen 132 Officers killed in the line of duty, 51 by gunfire, 46 auto-related, 23 medical, and 12 others. Please watch each other and cover over. As I have said many times, one is too many.



## ROLL CALL

Doug & Bobbi Utecht

### SEU Birds of a Feather Award - Cincinnati FOP Queen City Lodge #69 Facebook Page

Congratulations to the CPD Special Events Unit on receiving the 2024 Thanksgiving Day Race Birds of Feather Family Award. The award was presented by John Barrett, CEO of Western & Southern, together with Thanksgiving Day Race Director Julie Isphording and FC Cincinnati's Vince Cicero at the CBS Office. This unit works tirelessly to make sure all the major events in the city go off without a hitch. Well done!



### 36th Annual Legends Party - Jim Brown Facebook page

Jim & Jack's was the place to be for the 2024 “1132 Bar” Police Legends party. This ceremony started on a whim at the 1132 Bar in 1988. They had no idea what they were creating, but we are all glad they did. I, for one, never get tired of hanging with my brothers and sisters in blue and hearing and re-hearing the stories from days gone by. I only wish I could find all those young brothers and sisters that I worked with for some 30 years. Enjoy the pictures and next year come on out and join us and hear the stories for yourself. Like a fine wine, the stories get better with time! Congratulations, Legends, and thank you for your Service, Dedication, Professionalism, and Friendship!











## FOP Annual Christmas Party- - Jim Brown Facebook page

Santa and his Elves made a stop at Queen City FOP Lodge #69 for the 2024 edition of the FOP Children's Christmas Party. Thank you to Lt. Shannon Heine and her excellent team of volunteers for bringing so many smiles to so many kids and adults. I'll let the pictures speak for themselves!



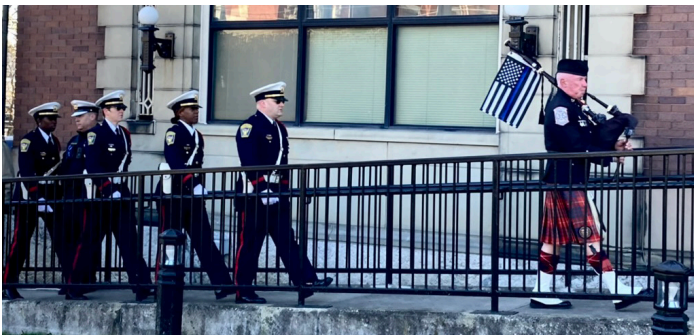






## Charles Handorf 50th Anniversary Memorial - The Finest Facebook page (William Holzman's post)

The memorial for Sgt. Charles F. Handorf was held on December 6th, at 3201 Warsaw. Sgt. Handorf was killed in a shooting in the Saylor Park area. There was an excellent turnout, as several police officers came and remembered this beloved Sergeant, for what he was, and to those that relied on his judgement and direction. His brother Nick spoke about having him as the senior member of the family, and how he was so beloved. The memorial was complete with reading of the "Final Inspection", a 21-gun salute, and playing of Taps.



## Former CPD Lieutenant named Chief of Cincinnati State - Cincinnati FOP Queen City Lodge #69 Facebook Page

Congratulations to retired CPD LT. and Queen City Lodge #69-member, Donna Robinson, on her appointment to Police Chief of Cincinnati State College. QC #69 has a long list of members who have gone on to be Chiefs. We couldn't be prouder!





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