

Notes from Winter Board Meeting on January 20, 2007

- **New contest for gathering email addresses announced. Send member email addresses (w/ name and Lodge #) to acrawford@fopohio.org before March 1 and winner drawn to receive 5 passes to Street Survival Seminar in Cleveland in May.**
- **FOP members get 15% discount on Calibre Press Street Survival Seminars**
- **Golf outing to be held in conjunction w/ State Conference to benefit CIRS**
- **An award for local “LODGE OF THE YEAR” will be established**
- **Enforcement Expo 2007 will be July 1 and 12 in Cleveland. Seminars look great and it appears that they will meet criteria for state mandated training. Event is free and FOP of Ohio gets \$10 per member that attends**
- **Rules Hometown Heroes appears to be finalized**
- **FOP Board endorses Kathy Harrell for election in OP&F Board**
- **Several people spoke on National RHS plan and the problems it is facing. Will try to have ICMA rep at next Board Meeting**
- **President DiMarco, Vice President Fangman, Secretary McDonald, Treasurer Drum, Second Vice President Elson, Sgt. At Arms McDonald announced they are running for re-election. Jim Goodall from District 10 announced he is running for Vice President and Ron Haines of District 10 announced he is running for Sgt. At Arms.**
- **AG Marc Dann spoke. Named Rick Alli (President of Lodge 18 in Youngstown) to be his Chief of Law Enforcement Operations and on OPOTC Board. Will work with FOP to get BCI&I Officers qualified for PSOB benefits. Will defend Residency lawsuit. Already has worked to make BCI&I officers have better job related benefits.**
- **2007 balanced budget approved by Board**
- **An Ohio Disaster Relief Committee was proposed and assigned to Rick Grochowski to investigate the concept and if it is feasible**
- **Report on AG’s award winners**
- **Request made to have media relations seminar at Leadership Seminar at conference**

- **President Bush is confirmed to be speaker at 2007 National Memorial Service**
- **Policeweek.org is information on events in DC for National Memorial Service**
- **Letter from Bay Village Police Chief David Wright requesting that the FOP support health benefits for spouses and children of fallen officers from OP&F. The legislative committee will investigate the proposal.**
- **Akron wishes to hire 40 seasonal officers and in effect, try to bust the union. FOP will support lodge 7**
- **2008 will be in Mahoning Valley**
- **Glenn Kountz is new leader of COPS and RODDERS car club**
- **Constitution and By-laws--- Lodges will have guidelines to follow when submitting changes to local C&B's**
- **Lodge 99 in Washington Court House has disbanded**
- **Trustee Wainscott and Trustee Buns investigating the formation of a statewide lodge to provide membership to people who have no local lodge to belong to**
- **Please submit nominations for Member of the Year**
- **OPOTA Memorial Motorcade will be May 3**
- **Deadline for National C&B amendments to be submitted is April 15**
- **Ohio will stay in Marriott Hotel in Louisville for National Conference, rooms are \$127 per night plus tax and parking**
- **All National Officers, except Mike Taylor, are running for election. However, Frank Gale will run for 2nd VP and Indiana FOP President Tim Downs is running for Sgt. At Arms**
- **A motion was passed to introduce resolution at National Conference urging the Grand Lodge to purchase merchandise from American manufacturers, specifically union shops whenever possible. Specifically, license plate emblems and courtesy cards**