



# SIREN

A newsletter dedicated to members of the Fraternal Order of Police in light of their dedication to duty.

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## *Message from the President*

Greetings,

Well, the kids are back in school with their new backpacks and multiple packages of pens and Kleenex. Don't you wish you could take the summer off and start all refreshed 3 months later? I think I'm on to something!!!

As you all know, we've gone through some very trying times recently. We've had a couple of officers who are fighting for their careers and public opinion that definitely isn't where we want it. What do we do about it? That's the main question I ask myself 20 times a day. How do we prevent these kinds of things from happening again? I think we owe it to ourselves as an organization to educate ourselves on what to look for in a troubled employee. We then have to have the courage to get that person some help. We have a good Employee Assistance Program. It's confidential. If you think you have a problem with substance abuse or any other issue, go get some help now. No one will know and no one will judge you for going. I've gone myself. It helps and it's free. We also have to police ourselves. Let's try to keep a better eye on each other and be our brother's keeper! We don't do ourselves any favors when we lose our tempers with people and lower ourselves to their level. I learned much later in my career how to smile and be polite to people as I'm putting the handcuffs on them. I hope you learn that much sooner than I did!

As you know, we are serving lunch at the lodge. Come by and look at our menu and try a brand new sandwich. We have a monster burger (The blue line special), we have a great tenderloin, ham and cheese, Philly steak, and more! They are well worth the trip!

I recently attended a meeting with the Chief and other top staff members. They were discussing the detective situation and the desire to find a mechanism to get more detectives to the districts. Clearly that is the desire, but they haven't landed on a clear cut solution on how to get there. We have some bright minds working on the issue and I think everyone is doing things for the right reason. As of now, however, they are still undecided on a procedure or a timeline so the work continues.

I attended the first week of the second Leadership Academy recently. Although I sat through Bill Westfall's presentation a few months ago, I eagerly awaited hearing it again and I wasn't disappointed. The guy is just plain GOOD. He takes leadership and what that means to a whole new level. You are doing yourself a huge disservice if you get the chance to hear Bill and don't take advantage of it. Another speaker that week was Brian Willis, a retired officer from Calgary, Canada. He offered his services and taught a seminar on personal excellence on Saturday 9/18 and he donated all of the proceeds to the Jason Baker Foundation. Additionally, Brian donated many copies of a book he just completed. The book "I wish I knew now" is a compilation of stories from officers about things that they learned in their careers. The book sells for \$25.00 but the FOP has a number of books for sale for \$20.00 and ALL of the proceeds go to the Jason Baker Foundation. It'll make a great stocking stuffer for any officer!

As you may know, the FOP elections will be coming up in late November. There will be contested races and the office of President is one of those contested races. All that I will say in this issue is this: Please vote! Vote for whatever candidate that you think is best for the membership and the future of the FOP. Listen to the issues, ask questions and get the facts, but please vote! It's important that the message of the vote is clear.

Stay Safe! Reduce crime. Watch out for each other. Spend time with your family.

Fraternally,

Bill Owensby

## Auxiliary News & Notes

**Never Let Them  
Walk Alone!**

**Let's Show Our Support!**

Your FOP Auxiliary #86 is having a fundraiser for

**IMPD Officer  
Jeremiah Casavan & Family**

(Son Cooper is sick & we are helping with is Make a Wish Trip!)

**When:**

**October 4, 2010**

**Where:**

**Chick-fil-e**

(Southport Rd & Emerson)

**Time:**

**4pm-8pm**

- Tell them the Auxiliary Sent you & 20% will go to the families
  - Or bring this flyer in!
- There will be a table with a donation jar as well!
- Put your name on your Receipt & drop in our PRIZE Jar who ever spends the most will win a PRIZE!
- Invite your FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, CHURCH FAMILY, etc.

**Let's Show OUR Support!**

Any questions or concerns please contact Vice President of Auxiliary #86 Kristi Ferguson at 317.225.1707



## Auxiliary Halloween Party!

**October 30<sup>th</sup>**

**2:00 - 4:00 PM**

**1525 S. Shelby**

Please join us for some  
Ghoulish games, freaky family fun, and frightening  
snacks!

**Kids Dress in Your Best Costume  
You may win the Contest!**

## ***PAC Committee Endorsements***

The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #86 has announced their endorsements for the upcoming General Election November 2, 2010

After interviewing the candidates, The FOP executive board and membership has endorsed the following

Marion County Sheriff – Dennis Fishburn  
 Marion County Prosecutor – Mark Massa  
 Marion County Clerk – Jana Scott  
 Marion County Recorder – Julie Voorhies  
 Marion County Assessor – Becky Williams  
 Marion County Auditor – Joe Hecko

Center Township Constable – John Warren  
 Perry Township Constable – David Taylor  
 Warren Township Constable – Paul Scott  
 Washington Township Constable – John D. O'Hara  
 Wayne Township Constable – Alan Driver  
 Franklin Township Constable – Jeff Duhamell

Washington Township Trustee – Frank Short  
 Wayne Township Trustee – Andy Harris  
 Lawrence Township Trustee – Christopher Bowen  
 Decatur Township Trustee – Alexis Skriloff-James

Senate District 29 – Robin Shackelford  
 Senate District 31 – Jim Merritt

House District 89 – John Barnes  
 House District 92 – Phil Hinkle  
 House District 99 – David Blank

The FOP#86 wants to thank all the candidates who went through the process. We feel we have endorsed **Great** candidates and we are asking now for the FOP membership to support these candidates. Please help by volunteering at phone banks, knocking on doors, or by donating money to their campaigns.

To get involved contact  
 Chris Bailey 317-491-5113 or [irishsarge@gmail.com](mailto:irishsarge@gmail.com)

## Notes of Interest

Sarah Fedder, daughter of Mishawaka Police Officer Mark Fedder, has just released her first CD - "Heaven was Needing a Hero". This song has been sung by Sarah at police officers funeral services and memorial services throughout Indiana.

The song is dedicated to all survivors throughout the nation.

The CD is \$10.00 and can be purchased at the FOP Hall.

All proceeds from her endeavor goes to Indiana COPS (Concerns of Police Survivors).

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### THE ANNUAL HOMICIDE AND ROBBERY REUNION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 2010

6:00 P.M. FOP HALL 1525 SHELBY ST.

It's that time of year again to start planning on the "Reunion". Come and enjoy the new FOP Hall and great food, prepared by Chef Gary. Visit with old friends and listen to all of the old "war" stories, which get better every year. Everyone is invited, it's a great time.

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*Dear Members and Employees of F.O.P. Lodge #86*

*I would like to take a minute and convey my family's appreciation for the support that has been shown to us over the summer. It is during times like these that we truly find out who our friends are. I have been overwhelmed by the number of people, many of whom I didn't or still don't know, who have given me encouragement throughout the summer. I have truly found that I have more friends than I ever thought I would and for that I thank you. Your professional, emotional and financial support has truly kept my family going and again, WE thank you.*

*It has been a long summer for our department. We will overcome all of these obstacles just as we have overcome obstacles in the past. We will do this by continuing to take care of each other, which is the best thing we do.*

*I cannot emphasize enough what the support from all of you have done for our family. It is very much appreciated and will never be forgotten.*

*Thank you all very much.  
Fraternally,  
Jerry Piland and family*

## Fundraising Events

### FISHBURN ★★ FOR SHERIFF ★★

#### F.O.P. Lodge 86 Meet & Greet Event

The F.O.P. Lodge 86 will be hosting a meet and greet rally for our endorsed candidate for Marion County Sheriff Dennis Fishburn. The event will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 on Tuesday October 19, 2010 at our new facility located at 1525 South Shelby Street.

The ticket prices will be as follows:

Individual tickets \$25.00

Sponsors:

**Table sponsor** will be \$500.00 and will include tickets for a reserved table of 8 with recognition at the introduction and on the main banner. The reserved tables will also have signs.

**Group sponsor** will be \$250.00 and will include 4 tickets with recognition at the introduction and on the main banner.

**Individual sponsor** will be \$100.00 and will include 2 tickets with recognition at the introduction and on a sign.

There will be a cash bar with complementary soft drinks and hors d'oeuvres provided. Tickets will be available for purchase at the F.O.P. front desk or by contacting:

Chris Bailey 491-5113

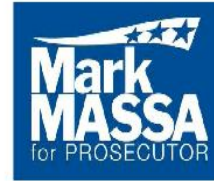
Aaron Tevebaugh 414-3800

Vince Huber 847-2990

Harry Liggett 432-1081



Please make checks payable to F.O.P. PAC.



#### F.O.P. Lodge 86 Meet & Greet Event

The F.O.P. Lodge 86 will be hosting a meet and greet rally for our endorsed candidate for Marion County Prosecutor Mark Massa. The event will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 on Tuesday October 5, 2010 at our new facility located at 1525 South Shelby Street.

The ticket prices will be as follows:

Individual tickets \$25.00

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Stop by the New FOP Hall and visit the merchandise shop. You can purchase new shirts, jackets, and other items

### Mark Your Calendars

‘Shop-With-A-Cop’ is right around the corner. The annual event is December 11th. We need your help so please plan ahead and join us for a great day helping the underprivileged kids in Marion County.

The ‘S.W.A.C.’ raffle and auction is Friday November 19th at the new FOP Hall 1525 Shelby St.

More details to come.

We are still accepting orders for the bricks to honor the memory of a loved one or to honor your service to the community.

Contact the FOP Business Office at 317-637-1195 and purchase your brick before its too late !

## Chaplain's Message

Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, has become a special day of the year for all of us. For some, It might be our birthday, or it is now a national holiday because of a senseless event worldwide, or for others, it is the day that a very special monument was dedicated to all Marion County Deputies who have given the Supreme Sacrifice for the citizens of Marion County and their department.

Some Americans have returned to their respect for their country and flag. Last Saturday, on September 11<sup>th</sup>, the Marion County Sheriff's Department unveiled and dedicated a most somber and yet beautiful statue these men and woman. Director Straub, Sheriff Anderson, Colonel Layton each gave a tribute to the deputies. Jerry Baker, father of Deputy Jason Baker, and Dawn Veirs, daughter of Deputy Tom Settles, each presented a most eloquent presentation to those attending. The ceremony was over the weekend and we had periodic misty rain, however, many survivor family members, current Deputies, retired Deputies, officers from other departments, and friends of all attended with the reverence due to these Deputies.

Each of you need to go past 40 S. Alabama St and take a look at this monument. It stands in the center of the raised area right behind the flag pole. IS this deputy saluting the flag OR has he just completed saluting it? Decision is yours-----

On another note, please don't forget to attend the Indiana State Fraternal Order of Police Memorial Service on Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 1400 hrs at the Memorial site across from the State House. We will be honoring four (4) past year officers and twelve (12) historical honorees. Please make arrangements to stop by and show the families of the honored officers that we do care and that we

WE WILL NEVER FORGET

Take care, stay safe and healthy, and God bless each of you daily.

## A Hero Remembered

Officer William Toney	09/29/2000	Gunfire	IPD Officer Edward J. Petticord	10/02/1906	Gunfire
Officer James L Davis	09/24/2004	Gunfire	IPD Officer Robert J. Baker	10/02/1948	Struck by Car
Officer Charles J Russell	09/30/1906	Gunfire		10/12/1965	
Officer Wade Hull	09/10/1919	Gunfire	IPD Officer Thomas R. Graham		Gunfire
Officer James T. Gaughan	09/08/1951	Vehicle Crash	IPD Officer Robert E. Schachte	10/22/1974	Gunfire
Deputy Jason M Baker	09/17/2001	Gunfire	IPD Officer Nathan D. Lincks	10/25/1977	Vehicle Crash
Officer Thomas Gaul	09/22/1986	Gunfire	IPD Officer Byron Todd	10/28/1942	
					Motorcycle Crash

## *The Retiree Minute*

RETIRES CORNER

TOM COTTON

GREETINGS FELLOW RETIREES. HERE WE ARE INTO OCTOBER ALREADY. WHERE DID THE SUMMER GO? SOME OF OUR SNOW BIRD MEMBERS ARE PACKING THEIR BAGS AND HEADING SOUTH FOR THE WINTER. TAKE CARE AND WE'LL SEE YOU IN THE SPRING. WE HAD A GOOD CROWD AT OUR LAST MEETING. GLAD TO SEE SEVERAL PEOPLE WE HAD NOT SEEN FOR A WHILE. PRESIDENT OWENSBY MISSED THE MEETING, BUT HE HAD A GOOD EXCUSE. HE WAS ATTENDING A CONFERENCE OF BIG CITY FOP PRESIDENTS IN MINNIAPOLIS, SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL FOP. HE INFORMS ME THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE GOING WELL AND HOPES TO HAVE A NEW CONTRACT OFFER VERY SOON. THESE LAST FEW WEEKS HAVE BEEN VERY TRYING FOR ALL OF OUR ACTIVE BROTHERS AND SISTERS. I WANT TO SAY TO THEM, "STAND TALL, KEEP YOUR HEAD UP HIGH AND CONTINUE TO DO YOUR JOBS IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER." BELIEVE ME, THIS TOO SHALL PASS. WE RETIREES HAVE BEEN THERE, DONE THAT. TO THE RETIREES, IF YOU SEE A YOUNG OFFICER, SMILE AND GIVE THEM A HAND SHAKE AND THANK THEM FOR DOING A GOOD JOB.

A REMINDER OF UPCOMEING EVENTS. THURSDAY OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup> IS OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING. WE OPEN AT NOON, MEETING AT 1:00PM FOLLOWED WITH LUNCH. IN CELEBRATION OF OCTOBER, TONY IS GOING TO HAVE AN OCTOBERFEST, GERMANY FOOD AND OTHER GOODIES. ALSO ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup> IS THE ANNUAL HOMICIDE AND ROBBERY REUNION, STARTING AT 6:00PM AT THE HALL. ON OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup> THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POLICE POST 56. THE MEETING WILL BE AT FOP AT 6:00PM. IF YOU ALREADY BELONG TO THE POST, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU THERE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER, PLEASE BE THERE. IN CLOSING, HERE IS A THOUGHT FROM MY BEAUTIFUL BRIDE: "REMEMBER YESTERDAY; DREAM OF TOMORROW, LIVE FOR TODAY." SEE YOU SOON.

## *CIVILIAN COMMENT*

I am sadly, sadly disappointed in the public response to the recent events concerning the IMPD. It's shameful all you good citizens that have turned your back on a great police department. 3 groups of people fall into one large category, one) received a speeding ticket or had your car towed for parking in the wrong location, two) been arrested for a DUI-that you deserved or taken something that wasn't yours and were arrested, three) the trolling scum that get arrested all the time taking advantage of good people with theft, robbery, and murderers. Well, I too lump you all into one group of people just like you lump every cop in this city as bad, standing on your soap box to knock men and women that run toward gunfire, that deal with the filth and scum of the worst in humanity everyday. Take a stand on something, really, then stand up and tell someone what a great police department we have. The events were not intentional, or with malice, the police are only human, not robots that shut off at night, just emotional robots that have to shut out your problems out of their heads every night, but if a killer gets away under some technicality, where were you guys then? Where is the rally to put a serial killer back in prison? I'm disgusted with all you good citizens! God forbid, and it maybe me, but this week a few of us will need the police, I'm picking up the phone and calling 911, you people that have an intruder at 3:00 in the morning, or get in a car accident, or have someone tear your dash out to get your Wal-Mart CD player, deal with it yourself, don't call the police if you have lost faith in them, see how that works out! The police don't have to fight your battles for you everyday, but they do it anyway, please support the police with every breath in your body, Thank You! (email sent by a civilian)

## *MERIT BOARD UPDATE*

Greetings to all you fine officers. Hope everything is going as well as can be expected in these strange times. The Merit Board has set dates for the hearings. They are as follows: 10/6/10 – Officer Lopez at 12:30 in Chiefs Conference Room. 10/20/10 – Officer Nguyen at 12:30 in Chiefs Conference Room. 11/3/10 – Officer Piland at 9:00 in Room T260. If another day is needed: 11/4/10 in same room at 8:00. Remember, these are open door hearings so anyone can observe the proceedings. Hope to see some of you at the hearings. We now have a full seven members on the Board. It's been a while since we had seven so it's good to see.

Hang in there Officers of IMPD and feel free to call or email me if any questions (317)860-1982 or [millerinsur-ancegroup@comcast.net](mailto:millerinsur-ancegroup@comcast.net).

We are going through tough times but we seem to survive because we know the truth and never give up so Stay Tuned.

Frank Miller

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### FOP RESTAURANT

Hours - Lunch M-F 11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Thurs & Fri 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm

### LOUNGE

HOURS—Thurs & Fri 4:00 pm to 2:00 am  
317-637-0138

### FOP Special Events

CALL THE FOP OFFICE @ 637-1195  
OR CHECK [www.fop86.org](http://www.fop86.org)  
FOR DETAILS ABOUT LISTED EVENTS

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## Mark Your Calendars

*See Events Calendar on [fop86.org](http://fop86.org) for more details*

### SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER 2010

- 9-26-10 Beyond the Badge Run and Walk
- 9-29-10 Centennial Memorial 11 am
- 9-29-10 State Memorial 2 pm
- 9-29-10 September Social 4:00-8:00 pm
- 9-30-10 Executive Board Mtg 4:30 pm
- 10-4-10 Pension Board Mtg 2:00 pm
- 10-5-10 PAC Event 5:30-8:30 pm  
(Masse)
- 10-5-10 FOP Auxiliary Mtg 6:00 pm
- 10-6-10 Merit Board Mtg 12:30 pm  
(Lopez)
- 10-7-10 Regular Business Mtg 6:00 pm
- 10-7-10 Columbus Day - OFFICE CLOSED
- 10-14-10 Retirees Mtg 1:00 pm
- 10-19-10 PAC Event 5:30-8:30 pm  
(Fishburn)
- 10-27-10 FOP Social - 4-8:00 pm
- 10-28-10 Executive Board Mtg 4:30 pm