



SIREN

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

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JANUARY SIREN

Message from the President

Greetings!

First of all, I'd like to apologize for not getting an issue of the Siren out until now. With the budget review, new website installation, and my absurd ability to procrastinate, it was really easy to put off! Seriously, it's been busy at the 'ol FOP office lately. We have been doing per capita taxes for members, dealing with numerous labor/management issues and a really tight budget. As for 2012, we are planning on quarterly mailings of the Siren due to budget constraints, but I will do regular offerings on the main page of the website. Our website is www.fop86.org. If you haven't checked it out you really should. While we are still tweaking it we've really tried to make it user friendly.

As I write this, we have an officer recovering from a gunshot wound at Wishard Hospital. Dewey Runnels was shot in the upper left thigh by a bad guy who immediately regretted his actions. He's no longer with us and Dewey is expected to make a full recovery. I'm sure Dewey would covet your thoughts and prayers as he recovers. This is yet another snapshot of the extreme dangers our officers face every day, as well as a "hats off" to the training that we receive! Across the nation assaults on police officers are on the rise and we have to respond with increased vigilance and training. Get Well Dewey!

I've mentioned our budget twice in this article. You may be wondering why. Legal Defense. In the last two years, (coincidentally that coincides with the current administration), our legal defense budget has DOUBLED. We are currently assisting with filing contract grievances and other claims at a record pace. It isn't because we have more officers making bad decisions, it's because we get little cooperation when we bring an issue to the table to discuss and feel like we have no other recourse than to take legal action. I've attempted on numerous occasions to work through various issues but to no avail. We are implementing the Labor Management Committee as described in the contract, as well as utilizing a portion of the contract never before utilized. We are going to have a full time "Special Duty Representative" assigned to the FOP, utilizing FOP pool hours. The Executive Board voted for Rick Snyder to assist me in a full time capacity so we can get a handle on the increasing labor management issues. We will be addressing contract violations, grievances, discipline issues, etc. Issues that I've addressed in the past, but that have increased my workload and demands for time significantly. I want to make sure that we continue to put forth a top-notch effort in defending your rights and insuring you are treated fairly and legally. In addition to those issues already mentioned, your FOP has taken part in Senate hearings regarding line-of-duty medical retirements as well as hearings regarding changing current retirement benefits, which we will strongly resist. As you may also know, we respond to every incident involving deadly force by an officer to ensure rights are protected. It is my opinion that we have developed a very good national model for responding to police action shootings. We have evolved into a "well-oiled machine" when it comes to these events, working with the Investigations Division, Internal Affairs (who take statements) as well as the Executive Staff to make sure the affected officers are treated properly and are afforded the opportunity to give a proper statement when the time comes.

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CONTINUED MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

December 10th marked Christmas early for hundreds of local children as your FOP86 treated them to “Shop with a Cop”. Our main fundraising effort each year leads to close to 300 children getting Christmas when they wouldn’t have otherwise. They are treated to an early morning movie, then lunch and a Walmart shopping extravaganza! They get picked up by their officer who get them to the theater, then to Walmart where their officer helps spend their money on clothing and other needed items, as well as some toys. Many thanks to officers from 11 different departments who volunteer their time to make sure a child gets a Christmas. Darin Fishburn, our fundraising manager, does a magnificent job each year in raising both awareness and money for this effort. This year it was covered by several media outlets, most notably Channels 13 and 59.

For those of you who know Mike Sergi (my apologies). Just kidding, of course. Mike is a retired IPD Lieutenant, who (we think) has the longest tenure as the Lodge 86 President at 7 years. Since his retirement Mike has been seen wandering the hallways of the lodge, both the old lodge and now the new lodge. Mike has continued to serve this lodge and membership in several areas, but notably as the chef for the Associate/Social Dinners each month. For many reasons, the Executive Board voted to name the kitchen after Mike Sergi for his years of dedication and service. Mike will be presented with a plaque and we will also place one in the bar for all to see. We also gave him a special name for his kitchen, you’ll have to ask him where that plaque is located.

Don’t know if you’ve heard but we’ve scheduled some sort of football game here in Indy for February. No, it won’t be the Colts. It is a huge opportunity to showcase our city and especially our department. All of the eyes on the world will be here with hundreds of media and cameras and reporters. We know we can do things right, moving crowds and cars and such for all of the events that we host yearly. That will likely pale in comparison to the attention we will get that 10 days in Jan/Feb. We have to be on our best behavior and be the consummate professionals. In speaking to the Executive Staff, it appears that they may be prepared to put forth a schedule for officers sometime the first week of January.

I would anticipate this next legislative session to have some interesting debates on pension benefits and labor organizations. Your State FOP and Lodge 86 will be monitoring any proposed legislation. For those of you who have followed these events nationally you know that this may be problematic for us locally.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Happy New Year and I hope that your 2012 is good to you! As always, let us know if we can be of assistance to you in any way. Our office number is 637-1195 and my cell phone number is 502-5523.

Stay Safe!

Fraternally,

Bill Owensby

Letter from 1st Vice President

1st Vice President's Message / Rick Snyder

Recently, I published a thank you letter to the membership on our FOP86.org website for my recent election to the office of First Vice President. I am both humbled by your confidence and ready to begin work on our current and future challenges. My goal is to focus on the 3 L's which form the foundation of our FOP: the Labor, Legal and Legislative efforts which ensure the protections our active and retired members have earned so that they may better enjoy the fraternalism we often come to rely upon.

I will also be working in the capacity of the *Special Duty Representative* per our current labor agreement. This means I will serve as a liaison between labor and management in an effort to resolve disputes in a fair and equitable manner and conduct FOP business. As a result, our goal is to proactively participate in the FOP/ Management Committee process for the purpose of discussing and seeking solutions to FOP/IMPD relationship issues. So, please let me know if you have any concerns, questions, or general input for consideration. (Email: rsnyder@fop86.org and follow me on Twitter @RickFOP86)

I also had the opportunity to participate in the 2011 Shop with a Cop event this December. I am always amazed at the hard work and dedication of our Fundraising division, our Auxiliary and our individual members who volunteer an entire Saturday to make this special event happen every year. Please check out the related article on this event in this issue of the SIREN. Many thanks to Fundraising Director, Darin Fishburn, without his steadfast commitment and leadership this event would not be possible. It is truly a remarkable day and one of the most rewarding experiences for me personally. I would strongly encourage you to consider participating next year, you will not regret it.

In closing, please remember our fallen as we begin this New Year. Recommit yourself to their legacy. January will be a month that weighs heavy on our hearts as we remember the death and life of Brother Officer David Moore. Please also plan to attend the annual remembrance ceremony of Deputy Tommy Settles in February. Many of our members are also planning to attend the National Police Week in Washington D.C. this May. Above all *Never Forget* and Stay Safe!

Fraternally,

Rick Snyder

Shop with a COP Fundraising News

Local FOP lends a helping hand to kids in need this Christmas

This holiday season the Indianapolis Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #86 helped bring smiles, warm clothing and toys to children within the metro community through their Annual Shop With A Cop® Event. After completing fundraising efforts throughout the year, the FOP put over \$61,000 back into the community and helped bring Christmas cheer to over 300 Indianapolis youth. The FOP also adopted a local homeless shelter this year.

“The members of FOP 86 are committed to protecting and serving the Indianapolis community,” said Rick Snyder, First Vice President of the lodge. “That also means helping children and their families during times of difficulty.”

Every December, the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #86 sponsors an Annual Shop With A Cop® Event. Marion County police officers from 11 different departments unite to take needy children from all over the Indianapolis community each year and spend the day with them.

The day begins with each child being picked up in a police cruiser; a movie theater is reserved where they enjoy a movie. Then the children are taken by the police to Wal-Mart. On the way to the Wal-Mart the children can ride with the lights and sirens on. At the Wal-Mart, the children enjoy a meal, shopping, and a special visit with Santa. Upon returning home, the children are given a backpack containing personal hygiene products, gift certificates and coupons, along with a food basket for the entire family.

This year a seven year old little girl was overheard saying, “Because of the police, I get to have a Christmas this year.”

“That’s why we do what we do,” explained FOP President, Bill Owensby.

Individuals can offer donations towards the Shop with A Cop Event by contacting FOP86 by phone, (317) 637-1195. To enroll a child in the Shop with A Cop program, please contact Director Darin Fishburn at (317) 264-7982.

[A special video of this year’s 2011 Shop with a Cop event may be viewed at the following website]
<http://fop86.org/community/shop-with-a-cop/>

FOP Merchandise

Christmas Special on Officers Tactical Gear Bags	\$30.00
New Polo’s Shirts	\$25.00
New Reflective Pull Over Wind Jackets	\$40.00
New Winter Freedom Coat	\$50.00
New Pink or Blue Baby Blankets	\$15.00

Come on in from 9:00am—5:00pm M—F to pick up your merchandise!!!

Investment News

Approximately four years ago, a vision was established based on feedback from you the Officers, to implement and offer a more “user friendly” investment program. Due to our status as governmental employees, the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan was the best route for pre-tax savings. The plan you currently have in place is a 457 plan, however, there is very little investment counseling or assistance with this current arrangement.

After months of negotiations, discussions and research, we have implemented a new 457 plan specifically for the F.O.P. Lodge #86. This option is an alternative to what is currently available. There are several benefits to utilizing this new option. A few of them are:

1. We now have access to our own Representatives (Midwest Deferred Comp.) who can assist us; not only with this program, but any other financial planning needs you might have questions about or need answers to.
2. Our new program has investment options available that are monitored closely by our Representatives. They will be meeting on a quarterly basis with a committee of our people who have stepped up and volunteered to assist in getting this new benefit off the ground.
3. Our money will remain at AUL: we have a newer/updated contract that still offers us the guaranteed 4% in the fixed interest account and more investment options.
4. A website link is currently being established by our Reps that you will be able to access from our F.O.P. site. Additionally, you will be able to link up to your AUL account via their site from a link that will be provided.

Our new plan through AUL allows for us to take loans from our own accounts. Contact Amy or Mike for details.

Beginning in January, our Representatives, Amy Hauptert-Jarvis and Mike McGee, will be making visits to all of our Districts during all shifts. Be watching for information about their schedules to your respective Districts. Feel free to call either of them at the following cell numbers: Amy: 317-797-2739 and Mike: 317-201-0868. Do not hesitate to call them. They are here to help us and have already met with several of us who opted to transfer our accounts over to them.

Retirees Corner

RETIREES CORNER

TOM COTTON

Greetings, fellow retirees. As I set here writing this article, I'm looking out at the falling snow. We are midway between Christmas and New Years. I find it hard to believe that this year is almost over.

But blessed to have to have made it thru another one. As we approach the new year we will see a little bump in our retirement checks, 1%. In this day and age that it is pretty good. Thanks to

Owensby, Overley, Blackwell and the rest of the negotiating team for a working on our behalf. Our December meeting was the Christmas Party and was well attended. Everyone seemed to enjoy

themselves. The desert table was running over with all kind of goodies. Thanks to everyone who participated. Annie Hamblen has put together a really nice photo album from the party. I will

have it at the next meeting. I have appointed Annie as the Official Photographer for the Retired Officers Club. Hopefully she will snap a couple pictures at each meeting and add them to the album.

Speaking of the next meeting, it is January 12th, 2012, usual time and place. Until then I hope you have a happy, prosperous, and healthy New Year.

AMERICAN LEGION POLICE POST 56

As 2011 draws to an end I am proud to say that our American Legion Post continues to survive and even grow a little. We have added several new members and several

transfers from other posts. We are meeting on a regular basis at the FOP, and have accomplished several goals for the year. Not the least of which was the entering Sean Winger

for Police Officer the Year, which he won. We want to thank President Owensby and the members of the #86 Executive Board for their continued support and use of the lodge for

our meetings. We invite any veteran to come join us at our next meeting and see what we are about. The next meeting is Thursday January 19th, 2012 at 1800hrs. We would love to

have you join our brotherhood.

A note from the Auxiliary President..... December 2011

With only a few days of this year remaining, I reflect not only on the sadness of one fatal incident, but the many incidents that our officers encountered throughout the year. We have had many hurt in automobile accidents, hit by automobiles, assaulted by evil, and way too many officers shot while protecting you and me, and the citizens of Indianapolis. Please continue to say a prayer for all those officers who are still recovering from their incidents and the safety of all our law enforcement officers.

In May, FOP, Auxiliary and officers will be travelling to Washington DC for Police Week to honor our own fallen warrior and the many officers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice throughout this year. We will be there to support the Moore family and to pay our respects to these officers and their families. A meeting is soon to be scheduled for all those who are interested in attending and learning more about the activities and the services to be held during Police Week. Just a reminder that the FOP and the Auxiliary will be hosting the annual St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser, Saturday night March 17, 2012. Proceeds from the evening will assist the Moore family and their Police Week expenses.

Auxiliary members have kept very busy during this year. From hosting parties, to assisting with officers' funerals, to assisting with officers hurt in the line of duty. We are here for the FOP and their members.

I just want to introduce the 2012 Auxiliary Board and thank them and our auxiliary members for all you have done and volunteered to do this year for our family at the FOP and our officers in blue. I know countless hours have been spent on behalf of the FOP throughout the year and I sincerely appreciate all of you.

Vice President - Kristi Ferguson – wife of Officer Bobby Ferguson (Homeland Security)

2nd Vice President – Mandy Hodge – wife of Officer Mike Hodge (SW)

Treasurer – Doreen Loyal – wife of Officer David Loyal (North)

Secretary - Carla Greenwell – wife of Officer Daniel Greenwell (military)

Sgt of Arms – Jody Stevenson – wife of Officer Eric Stevenson (SW)

Chaplain – Jenna Musser – wife of Officer Justin Musser (SW)

Thank you to all the FOP Executive Board members for your support to the Auxiliary and to those that support our events throughout the year.

To all officers, Stay safe!

Fraternally,

Julie A. Black

President

FOP #86 Auxiliary

The FOP along with the Auxiliary prepared Emergency Care bags filled with essential items such as toothpaste, toothbrush, lotions, deodorant, and much more. These bags are intended to aid an officer in the event of an incident requiring officers to go to the hospital. Our hope is to never distribute any of the bags! Stay safe !!

Rick Snyder, 1st Vice President & Julie Black, Auxiliary President

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Mark Your Calendars

See Events Calendar on fop86.org for more details

January / February 2012

- 12-29-11 Executive Board Mtg 4:30 pm
- 1-2-12 Office Closed for Observation of New Years
- 1-3-12 Auxiliary Mtg 6:00 pm
- 1-5-12 Regular Business Mtg 6:00 pm
- 1-12-12 Retirees Mtg 1:00 pm
- 1-25-12 January Social 4:00-7:00 pm
- 1-26-12 Executive Board Mtg 4:30 pm
- 2-2-12 Regular Business Mtg 6:00 pm
- 2-7-12 Auxiliary Mtg 6:00 pm
- 2-9-12 Retirees Mtg 1:00 pm
- 2-23-12 Executive Board Mtg 4:30 pm
- 2--29-12 Social 4 ;00 - 7:00 pm

FOP RESTAURANT

Thurs & Fri 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm

LOUNGE

HOURS—Thurs & Fri 4:00 pm to 12:00 am
317-637-0138

FOP Special Events

**CALL THE FOP OFFICE @ 637-1195
OR CHECK www.fop86.org
FOR DETAILS ABOUT LISTED EVENTS**