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DC Lodge #1

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## Police Week 2009

*Remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice*

*May 5- May 15*

### Schedule of Events

#### Tuesday May 5, 2009

##### *Annual Blue Mass*

The Blue Mass will be held at 12:10 PM at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. For additional information please call (202) 347-2713.  
St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
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#### Monday May 11, 2009

##### *30th Local Memorial Service*

The Auxiliary of the FOP DC Lodge #1 is proud to sponsor the Local Memorial Service Honoring our fellow officers from the surrounding jurisdictions. The event service will start at 11:00 AM and will take place at the Memorial Fountain located in front of MPD Headquarters at 300 Indiana Ave NW, Washington, DC. If you have any questions please email the Auxiliary by clicking here.

#### Tuesday May 12, 2009

##### *Police Unity Tour*

Arrival Ceremony will be held at 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. Begun in 1997, the Police Unity Tour has raised nearly \$5.6 million dollars for the NLEOMF. Visit [www.policeunitytour.com](http://www.policeunitytour.com), call (973) 443-0030, or E-mail [info@unitytour.com](mailto:info@unitytour.com) for more information

#### Wednesday May 13, 2009

##### *21st Annual Candlelight Vigil*

The Candlelight Vigil will be held at 8:00 p.m. at the 400 block of E Street, NW. The event is sponsored by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. No tickets are required and everyone is welcome. Due to parking limitations, it is strongly advised that anyone attending the event take the Metro Red Line to Judiciary Square. For additional information please call (202) 737-3400.

##### *25th Annual Concerns of Police Survivors Registration*

The National Concerns of Police Survivors' (COPS) will hold their 25th Annual Concerns of Police Survivors Seminars from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on May 14 and May 16, at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. Registration is for this event is mandatory.

#### Thursday May 14, 2009

##### *Seventh Annual Honor Guard Competition*

The competition will begin at 8:30 a.m. at John Marshall Plaza, located on Pennsylvania Ave NW at 4th Street, NW. Awards will be presented immediately following the competition. This event is sponsored by the Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police.

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##### *15th Annual Emerald Society & Pipe Band March and Service (Pending)*

Sponsored by the National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies, Inc. Assemble at 4:30 p.m. at New Jersey Avenue & F Street, NW. Step-off promptly at 6:00pm, Holiday Inn on Capitol Hill, 415 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. 5:00 p.m. staging area, 6:00 p.m. step off. Contact: Don Gil-martin (732) 689-5267 or email [Tonality13@hotmail.com](mailto:Tonality13@hotmail.com).

#### Friday May 15, 2009

##### *28th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service*

Sponsored by the Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police and the Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary. The Memorial Service will be held on the West Front of the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C.

The Service begins at 12:00 noon and is expected to run approximately 2 hours. Contact: Linda Hennie or Marcello Muzzatti at the National Police Week Hotline (202) 547-1651.

The Wreath Laying Ceremony will be held immediately following the Memorial Service at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, located in the 400 block of E Street, NW.

##### *Nationals Police Week Memorial Night*

Join us Friday night as the Washington Nationals take on the Philadelphia Phillies at the new baseball stadium in Washington, DC. For ticket purchase visit [www.policeweek.org](http://www.policeweek.org)

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The Lodge is composed of Members from over 40 different law enforcement agencies and civilian associate members from all walks of life. The Lodge is involved in many community projects, charities, and social functions as well as their efforts to improve law enforcement.

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# THE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

By Marcello Muzzatti  
President

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Since spring should have sprung by now, and summer is approaching, I just want to wish everyone a happy and safe summer. The FOP is always looking for ways to bring our members closer and to events that benefit us all. In the beginning of the year we had the Fifth Annual FOP Cruise on Royal Caribbean Liberty of the Seas. I know I have said this before and I know I will say it again but if you ever plan to go on a cruise, these are the ones to go on. We have such a great time as a group and you will also have a great time as a couple or as a small group. One of the good things about traveling with us is that we know most of the tricks and can guide the first time cruisers. This year we went to several islands; some new and some we had been to before. You just don’t go for the islands though; it is the whole experience of the trip and the ship. Where else can you go where you don’t have to drive, you don’t have to worry where you need to eat and you can be with your friends? Next year’s cruise has already been planned and final preparations are being made for the announcement. The cruise is set for January 2, 2010 from Miami, Florida to the Panama Canal, with several stops in between. Stay on the lookout for information on these events and more on our web site, [www.dc-fop.org](http://www.dc-fop.org) or in this paper.

Another trip that the FOP was invited to was the United States Park Police Annual Ski Trip. All I can say is that Rob Berreta did a great job in putting this together and they had a good turn out. Several of you did not know about

it and next year we plan to advertise it better. Once a date is finalized we will communicate it to you so that you can make sure to add it to your winter plans.

Police Week starts May 11, 2009, shortly after the publication of this paper. We have leased the upper parking lot again and hope to have a better turn out than last year. Each year is better than the last – let’s see if we can keep up this trend! Due to a serried of unfortunate events, the lodge will be facing some financial difficulties in the near future and will need to make sure that this event becomes one of our leading fundraisers for the lodge. We all know that some waste and give-aways have always occurred in the past and this can not continue. We need to do everything we can to save money this year. Many of you have various contacts in your communities and we are asking for your help with utilizing these contacts. If you know of a place that will loan us a Bobcat-style forklift, camper trailers for some of our crew that wants to stay on site and any type of a “Gator or Golf Cart” type vehicle we would very much appreciate the assistance. These are very large expenditures for us each year and this would be a tremendous savings to the lodge.

I waited until the last minute to submit this article so that I could share the most current information on the Postal Police union issue. As you know, we took the Postal Police under receivership after they removed the Chairman of the labor Committee without due process. This was clearly proved at a hearing that was held at the lodge. Once they were put under receivership, they obtained an attorney

that was able to find a loop hole in the Charter that did not allow us to take that action. They took us to court and although the judge agreed with our actions, he deemed that our actions were incorrect because they were not stated in the contract. The final ruling of the court was in favor of the Postal Police, which resulted in us having to pay the attorneys’ legal fees. We appealed the legal fees in court in hopes that the court would understand our position and order us not to pay such fees. This was not the case. The judge had a few options and ruled on



the lesser fee of the attorney which was \$152,273.00. After consulting with our attorneys, the advice was that if we appealed this issue we could be liable for an additional amount which would be over \$100,000.00 in fees. In addition, once we began to pay off this amount, the attorney then wanted to add another \$17,000.00 for his legal brief in the last appeal. After my objection and anger, our attorney brought that down to \$12,000.00. After much discussion at the board meeting a motion was put on the floor to pay this amount. This deal still needs to be approved by Judge Huvell of U.S. District Court in a final hearing.

All of this does not come easy to tell you. This case is a mess and is causing a great deal of strain on the budget and the members on the Executive Board. In the end we did the right thing for the right reason. We tried to protect the members’ rights as we saw it. I am sorry that the Postal Police officers have not been able to hear the words of DC Lodge 1 since the members that filed against us never allowed us to communicate to the Postal Police officers. Rumors spread fast and some of the members feel that we did something illegal. The bottom line is that any criminal would have received more rights than what the Labor Committee Chairman received from the board of the Postal Police. One thing to point out at the time of the writing of this article, the Postal Police had an election for their new board and the person who started all of this and led the major part of the fight was voted out.

Well folks, this is the time that I say goodbye to you for this edition of the *Simulcast*. I am so sorry for the situation we find ourselves in and feel I have let you down. I fought the fight that was meant to protect the members. Never in my dreams did I think that I would have to protect a member from another member.

I still remain loyal to you and the FOP; I will watch your back and I will back you up. Be safe out there and go home every day safe and injury free.

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# LODGE OFFICERS

## From the Vice President

By Andy Maybo

I hope everyone has safely made it through our winter season. I know I am looking forward to the warmer weather. Although, with the warmer weather comes more tragic summer storms. We have our team of volunteers in place and we will now begin to finalize a response plan for our Disaster Aid Response Team. Beginning in May, I plan to meet after our Lodge General Membership meetings. If anyone would like to volunteer that has not yet signed up, please email me at [vice-president@dc-fop.org](mailto:vice-president@dc-fop.org).

I would like to also address the role of volunteers both at the Lodge and the Labor Committees. Regardless whether you are part of your Labor Committee and the Lodge, or just the Lodge, the organization you belong to is only as strong as its membership. Everyone needs to participate; volunteerism is a critical part of what we do and it plays a large role in who we are as an organization. Often members feel that because they pay dues, they are exempt from having to volunteer their own time. With this, they also expect countless hours of availability and work from those who volunteer their own time as elected officials. Elected officials are always willing to do whatever is necessary for their membership; however, volunteers are becoming a dying breed. Elected officials who are volunteering their own time are becoming tasked with doing everything themselves. This is causing a few of these committed individuals to become burnt out and disinterested in the work at hand. You, the membership, can put a stop to this by becoming involved and offering your assistance. I promise you that you will enjoy the participation and even have some fun. This is also the time for the younger officers to step up and get involved. The rookies and the younger officers are the future of the Fraternal Order of Police. Get involved now so you can gain the experience and knowledge to be the distinguished leaders of the future this organization deserves.

Thank you to all of the dedicated volunteers who have made the recent events at Lodge 1 a success. Without you, these events would not happen. This year, the annual National FOP Day on the Hill was another successful event. United States Senator Patrick Leahy of Vermont was in attendance as our guest speaker, and as always, he did an outstanding job.

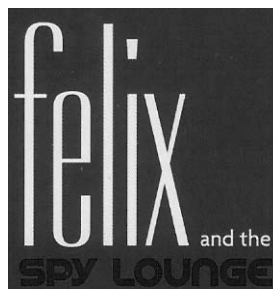
The FOP DC Lodge #1 St. Patrick's Day Party was held on March 15th this year and it was an absolute blast! What a great time everyone had. The food was awesome and the beverages were cold. Tori and all the volunteers who assisted did a great job as usual with planning and executing this event. It was great to see so many come out for this celebration!

With Police Week rapidly approaching, I encourage everyone to take a minute to reflect on those who have been lost in the line of duty. It is also a great time to stop and recognize the officers we work with on a daily basis. So many times we have all heard the phrase, "You don't know what you have until you lose it." Police Week allows us to both reflect on the past and the present. It gives us insight into the future and enhances our appreciation for the men and women we work with. This year, I am happy to announce that the Washington Nationals have agreed to host Law Enforcement Appreciation Night on Friday, May 15 at the 7 pm game. The Nationals will host the Phillies that evening. I hope to see you all there! The Nationals are going to honor police officers from all over the country in a special pre-game celebration. Discounted tickets can be purchased on-line by going to the web link located at the bottom of the page at: [www.policeweek.org/schedule.html](http://www.policeweek.org/schedule.html)

These tickets are for all law enforcement, family and friends.

Come enjoy a night at the ball park with good food, family, friends and fun! The Washington Nationals will also have a fireworks display after the game!!!

*I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer. Always remember that family comes first, to be safe, and to make good decisions! God Bless!*



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## National Trustee's Update

By Lou Cannon

Having just returned from the National Spring Board Meeting I can tell you only the current National Officers announced their intentions to run again. No other candidates have currently announced, but there is talk of others that may run so we will have to wait and see if challenges emerge at a later date.

I do intend to run for the position of National Trustee once again. My desire is to continue my service to you the membership. I feel my experience, knowledge, and commitment to both the membership and the FOP will win over enough support to continue my service. I pledge to continue to work hard for all if re-elected.

For those enrolled in the National Legal Defense Plan look for some changes and improvements. Dues for the program will go as voted on at the National Board Meeting; however benefits will be added along with service improvements. Important off duty coverage will be added. In brief while you may pay slightly more your benefits will increase substantially more. Additionally this will enable the plan to compensate the Plan Attorneys closer to the market rate as they have not received a fee increase in six (6) years. Still the best deal around.

Planning for the National Conference is starting in earnest, if you are a Delegate an know for sure you are going you should be looking and booking your travel for Long Beach, CA. Long Beach, Orange County, and LAX are the three airports that serve that location. LAX may be the less expensive depending on what you find. The Lodge is currently working on what compensation will be given to Lodge Delegates. There are several items the Lodge has in the works that impact the funds available for the Convention. This will certainly affect the size of our delegation.

Police Week will also be here very soon and as always volunteers are needed and encouraged. Contact Tori for more information. It is extremely important this year for everyone to be mindful of the economic times and hardships the Lodge will be facing, therefore we want to be prudent in our "gifts" to our visitors.

The FOP Label Program which many of our members enjoy and use is undergoing some improvements also. Look for information in your upcoming mailing from the National FOP.

I understand also that Club attendance is down. I know many of us are very hesitant to drink and drive and the economy is desperate to say the least. All the more reasons to plan a stress relief get together. Set a budget for yourself and friends and meet at the FOP. Find out from others what they are doing in these tough times to cope and stretch their dollars farther. Pitchers of beer are cheaper and go just as far if not farther than a bottle of beer. I know some will think I am off for suggesting something like this, but we need to stick together and look out for one another. If we remain united and treat each other as the family we are we will survive and return stronger and better. Those families with children are especially stretched thin. Maybe we in the FOP could start a Recycle Program of toys and clothes as yours grow out of them contact us and a Section of Simulcast can be started for a listing of those that have items and one for those that need items. If someone know of a LE Family that is need let me know and I will work to see that those needs are meet if possible. FOP can stand for Family of Police which we are.

*Stay safe and stay in touch.*



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# LABOR

## Corrections Moves to Forefront in DC

*By Nila Ritenour  
Chairperson FOP/DOC*

### **BROTHERS AND SISTERS,**

In March FOP/DOC joined our fellow city Union Leaders in testifying at City Council about the poisoned atmosphere that currently exist between Labor and the Executive Management in Washington DC. The current administration's anti-union efforts have resulted in a united front within the ranks of Labor. Sitting at the Council presenting testimony were Union leaders from Fire, Police, Corrections, Teachers, Water and Sewer, Blue Plains, EMT's, Doctors, Construction, and a lot more. We were fighting attempts to stack the PERB with unqualified, pro-management nominees and to highlight Labor Relations responsibility for implementing the poisonous atmosphere that is dominating Labor Relations in our city government. Our FOP DC Corrections Union is committed to staying in the forefront of this fight. Our Union has nearly three dozen arbitration cases winding their way through this system, 28 are termination cases. The unfair labor practices being perpetrated by Executive Corrections Officials against our members will result in Millions of city taxpayer's dollars in back pay and legal fees being paid to honest hardworking front line Officers and staff wrongfully and needlessly terminated. The fight continues despite a rear guard action by pro-management elements within the Union.

The first week of May is National Corrections Employees Week. I want to take this time to thank each and every DC Corrections Professional for the unending dedicated service they provide the citizens of Washington DC every day. We truly work, and walk the toughest beats in town. Sadly, despite mini riots, stabbings, fights and unending stress from the incarcerated, our main source of stress remains the administration down town.

What that administration calls progress, the instillation of a lot of surveillance technology, is actually the inauguration of an era of "Big Brotherism" against staff. Already our life expectancy is 58.7 years nationally. The added stress of management, engaged in Monday morning quarterbacking correctional real time decision making, is unbearable. Our Union Executive Board, led by Mr. Rosser and myself, remains

committed to challenging this policy. During National Corrections Officers week we will stress the Unity that exists within our labor Committee. We will honor our fallen Brothers and Sisters, and recommit to the fight for what is right and just within our Corrections profession. We will welcome the many Corrections Officers who pilgrimage to the site of the National Memorial site of our annual ceremony honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We offer prayers to the loved ones they have left behind to cherish their memories.

Brothers and Sister I invite you to participate in the schedule of events that annually are sponsored by our Labor Union. These begin the week of Sunday May 3rd, and end with our Corrections Employees Picnic scheduled to be held on the grounds of FOP Lodge 89 located in Upper Marlboro Maryland. Our Executive Board, Sergeant Hazel Lee, Corporal Laurrine Ellis, Corporal Jerrie Moody, Sergeant John Rosser and I invite participation in this weeklong celebration. God Bless all Correctional professionals. We truly work and walk the toughest beat in town, the tiers of our Corrections Facilities nationwide!



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# LABOR

## What is Going on in DC Housing?

Yvonne R. Smith  
Chairperson

As we have witnessed the close of another year, I am grateful that none of our Officers have met with serious tragedy in 2008. To the Creator we are extremely grateful.

The face of the Office of Public Safety has drastically changed since my last article. We were short of personnel at that time, and now we are pitifully shorter. These shortages have impacted in our ability to give 100% service to the residents of DCHA properties. There are officials who may want to challenge our estimation, but just in case you want to verify for yourself, stroll over to a DCHA property and tell me what you see. Our workforce is suffering. I have cited the Office of Public Safety several times for violation of the Health and Welfare clause in our contract. For example: our Officers are re-assigned on a daily basis for duty at fixed locations. This interferes with their ability to assist in other Police activity.

Properties which once were covered by 3 or 4 Officers, now have only two and often only one. I was recently listening to talk radio with Mayor Fenty and a caller identified herself as a resident near Potomac Gardens. She observed several drug transactions and wanted the Mayor to send help to this property. This citizen was clear on what she knew, she stated "every day I watch the Housing Officers. There are only two. Can you send them some help?" I tried to call in and respond, but couldn't get through. The Mayor's reply

was that he "was going to call Housing to get some help." Well Mr. Mayor, we have no help. What you see is what we have.

This Labor Committee endorsed Mayor Fenty, and Marion Barry for their positions. We believed in the programs they advocated and looked forward to their assistance in helping us improve our working conditions and increasing our ranks. At first I believed our issues fell on deaf ears. Not only has President Obama brought about some changes, our Mayor's visit to these "unforgotten" areas in S.E. D.C. have brought about changes also. Prior to Mayor Fenty's visit, where he was visibly upset at what he saw, these properties, maintained by contract managers, were targeted by known drug dealers. Many of whom we have barred from our properties and were free to run their operations based on no Officers being posted in these areas. You know what? After the Mayor left, Officers are posted in at least one of these locations on all three shifts and at the other location on the midnight shift. Is this enough? Time will tell. The stats will show us the truth. In reality it is really sad that it took the Mayor's anger to get protection for the residents. Isn't this the mission of the DCHA? How can you neglect a property (1430 L. Street, S.E.) where at least 5 dead bodies have been found within a 18 month or less period.

Daily we watch the news which continues to highlight drive by shootings, stabbings, child deaths, child abuses, and drug activity on DCHA properties. When you look at the photographer's footage what do you see? There are no positive images in the background. There are no officials from the Office of Public Safety to even serve as spokespersons to give "accountability."

We are famous for quick fixes. For example—the OPS responds to resident complaints by re-assigning

Officers, from one duty location to another. While the Officers go to that location, the residents spread the word the Officer is gone, and call out to the drug dealers, barred persons, and drug abusers to come on our properties. This leaves the law abiding residents vulnerable to the type of activities the bad guys promulgate. At one time we had these areas under control. Bad guys wouldn't dare cross the streets for fear of going to jail or getting barred. We had good communication from post to post and Officer to Officer. The MPD has recognized the weakness of the OPS and has given assistance to assign MPD Officers in the Potomac Gardens complex. If it were not for their presence our problems would escalate. If you recall, testimony at the Oversight Hearings resulted in the OPS stating they were going to hire 10 Officers. We have 4 who have graduated from the MPD Academy. While we received these 4 in the 2008 we lost 10 Officers ( 2 Senior Officers, 6 Special Police Officers, and 2 sworn Police Officers). This is a lot for a small Department. While the OPS may hire, there is still an issue of lack of upward mobility and retention due to a work schedule that requires Officers to rotate days off and shifts. Why are we not back filling? The other issue is that in order to be a DCHA Senior Police Officer, you must be a MPD retiree. This is written in the DC code. Officers who retire from other Police Departments are not eligible for this position, which we feel is discriminatory.

In the past 8 years, the OPS has not hired not one Special Police Officer. Morale is lower than low. The OPS has hired Security Officers (unarmed) and sworn Police Officers. We have been given an array of reasons for this, none of which we believe. We now know that this is the method used by OPS to weaken the links of the Labor Committee. How else can it be explained?

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## Marines in Law Enforcement



DC Lodge #1 member, MPD Officer Dwayne Johnson would like to start a local chapter of **Marines in Law Enforcement**, to include DC, Maryland and Virginia active and retired Police Officers that have served in the United States Marine Corps. This project is in the very beginning stages. If you are interested in becoming involved and/or receiving news and information please contact Officer Johnson for more information At [usmcjarhead81@aol.com](mailto:usmcjarhead81@aol.com)

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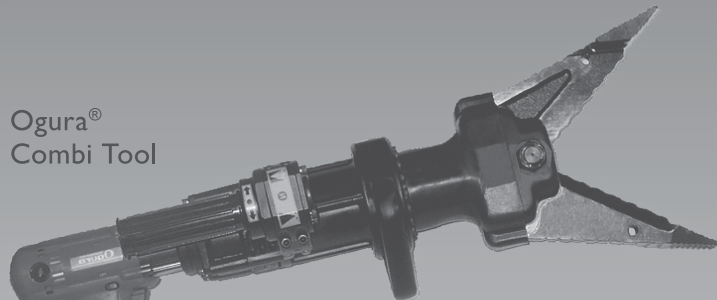
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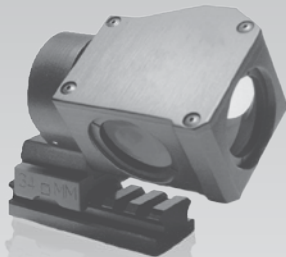
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# LABOR

## FOP Opposes “Card Check” Bill

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, called on Congress to reject the so-called “Employee Free Choice Act,” which was introduced today in both the House and the Senate.

“Without Federally supervised private ballot elections democracy would not exist. The United States is the world’s model for democratic government,” Canterbury said. “If passed into law this bill would set a dangerous precedent for our nation, and send a dangerous message for the rest of the world that the democratic system can be put aside in the service of selfish interests.”

The legislation as proposed would replace the current process of secret ballots with a “card check” system that would rob employees of their privacy, power, and voice in deciding who should represent and defend their rights. Under this process, the identity of workers who signed—or refused to sign—union organizing cards would be known to the union organizers as well as to the worker’s employer and co-workers, leaving these individuals vulnerable to threats and intimidation from union leaders, management, or both. The most common method for determining whether or not employees want a union to represent them is a private ballot election overseen by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). The NLRB provides detailed procedures that ensure a fair election, free of fraud, where employees may cast their vote confidentially without pressure or coercion from unions, employers, or fellow employees.

“The only way to guarantee worker protection from coercion and intimidation is through the continued use of a Federally supervised private ballot election so that personal decisions about whether to join a union remain just that—private,” Canterbury stated. “There is no justification that exists which allows for the erosion of our nation’s democratic principles.”

## DC Housing

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In addition to stalling and technically ignoring our calls to increase the ranks of Special Police Officers, the OPS has tried to bypass our grievances concerning the Health and Safety rules by forcing our Officers to work in unsanitary and unsecured duty stations. Our Officers have been promised lockers for almost a year and a half. OPS officials come to Labor Relations meetings with many promises that even Cinderella can’t believe. The most repugnant of all is DCHA’s failure to keep these locations sanitary and free of rodents. I have submitted numerous grievances on behalf of our Officers regarding the outrageous working conditions of the 1200 Delaware Avenue, S.W. Location, which is infested with rodents, foul carcass odor and bed bugs. We can no longer keep secret our dilemma. We have notified the Health Department and city officials about the presence of rodents and despite the DCHA’s efforts to exterminate, I believe the problem is too overwhelming for the vendor. We have been patient long enough, and our 1st priority is the health and welfare of our Officers.

Again just like before, I give the OPS a “failing grade of F-.” While we remain full of egos and excuses, our issues continue to threaten our well-being. After all, we too are human beings. We would like to work in a nice, clean, safe environment. Until next time, I remain committed to the fight in the exercise of free speech and of my rights. I am not afraid.

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# LABOR

## Information Can Make Our Union Powerful or Powerless

*Sergeant Gertrude Jones  
FOP/DOC Chief Shop Steward  
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**H**ello brothers and sisters this is my first article. First let me say, "Welcome" to all of our new officers. I have briefly met some of you on separate occasions at the Armory, while you were in training, when I was conducting Roll Call. I want to take this opportunity to welcome you to the "Toughest Beat in the City."

How am I qualified, as an outpost officer, to talk about the "toughest beat? The beat you are walking now has been paved by many officers just like me. My experiences and dedication to duty speaks for itself. I have paid my dues and I continue to pay them just as you should in dedication to good public service. Let us dispel the idea that because we work in different places and in different capacities we are not united; We are united!

How many of you have heard of the term, "Divide and Conquer"? Use this analogy to help you see what this method does to the body of this Union. As you are reading this article right now, the cell phones from

some of our own members are connecting to the cell phones of managers at the highest levels of this agency. Their saying, "did you see that article that Sgt. Jones wrote?" Now, there won't be anything that is detrimental to the operation of this agency inside this article, but those members will report it simply because I am speaking. My point is two fold in this analogy; first and foremost I want you to see the division that we allow to exist within our ranks. This is not happening by force, but because of the loss of respect for self by the very people that may one day be called to save your life. Maybe members, who participate in this self degrading practice of informing management of union affairs, think that they will be in a better position with management. My second point is that this practice does absolutely nothing that benefits us as a body. It weakens us as a unit. Imagine your body wrecked with some debilitating disease and the doctors have tried everything but they just can't stop the infection that continues to stop the affects of the medicine that should be working to cure your ailments. This is what the "run-tell-management-everything" method does to us.

Now I know that we are mandated by the agencies "Code of Silence" policy and not adhering to that policy is a direct violation that has consequences. I don't think this directive was meant to cover disclosure of union activity. I'll bet by now some members of management are regretting that this directive ever came out, because their phones won't stop ringing. Some of our members who are allied with management actually have managers on speed dial. Executive management's mailboxes are full with so much volunteered information such as, "Girl did you hear and man did you know?" that they can't even get any of their personal or real business calls. I'll bet they'd like to sometimes change the phrase "Code of Silence" to "Please stop calling me." Trust me, the need for the directive is legitimate and a necessity, don't misunderstand me. I just feel, and some of you may agree, that the intent is being misused. What is most unfortunate is that our own members are what keeps us divided against one another. We have the Constitutional Right to freedom of speech; I am exercising that right with this article, but that right can be abused if it affects the rights of others. We all know that bogus and incorrect information has been used against some of our members and has been the direct cause of job loss, and the building distrust among front line staff. We must stop talking about one another and reporting gossip that has nothing to do with the performance of our duties. Let us start educating one another about issues that are beneficial, instead of trying to score points with management by reporting harmful, unsubstantiated gossip. We have an influx of new Officers that are coming in the institution with note pads ready, just to report what they see going on inside the institution. They are following instruction and their training. If we, as senior staff, do not give them positive training in the field then they will have nothing to write but negativity. New Officers too are experiencing the effects of the dissemination of harmful information. Some of them are being walked out of the door just as fast as they walked in, so division and dissension starts at entry. This is a costly tragedy to morale and the city tax-

payers.

In closing, I want to say lets stop allowing division between us. Our Unity is only as strong as our weakest link. Today ask yourself are you a weak link? Are you a source of information that hurts your fellow Officers and staff? If you are, just stop and realize how valuable you are to the front line staff. Remember that you belong to a unit of people that believe in you for who you are, not for what negative information you bring or is brought on you. Bring your strength back to your duty, because information is power and your power has been misplaced and misused. We walk the beat with you and we will continue to walk with you, because we are all one when it comes to walking the "Toughest Beat in the City." Thank you to all Officers and Correctional Staff who took the time to read this, my first article. I would like to extend this invitation to any member who would like to express some positive views or information that may be helpful or informative for our members. These words were always my sign off to the members on the Transport Unit after the completion of roll call and I extend them to you now, "Be safe and let's go do what we do!"

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# LEGISLATION

## Top Legislative Priorities for the 111th Congress

### I. Social Security Issues

#### A. Support H.R. 235, the "Social Security Fairness Act"

The FOP strongly supports legislation to restore full Social Security benefits for law enforcement officers by repealing both the "Windfall Elimination Provision" (WEP) and the "Government Pension Offset" (GPO).

#### B. Opposing any legislation that would require the participation of public employees in Social Security

The FOP also vehemently opposes legislation which would mandate participation in Social Security for current or newly hired public employees who participate in their own retirement systems and do not pay into Social Security.

### II. Support H.R. 413, the "Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act"

The FOP strongly supports this legislation, which would guarantee the right of public employees to bargain collectively with their employers over hours, wages and conditions of employment. The bill mandates that each State pass laws providing minimum collective bargaining rights to their public safety employees and outlines certain provisions to be included in those laws. Strikes and lockouts are prohibited by the bill and States with collective bargaining laws already on the books will be exempt from the Federal statute.

### III. Support legislation protecting due process rights for law enforcement officers

The FOP strongly supports a "bill of rights" for law enforcement officers who are, in a number of jurisdictions, denied their due process rights by police administrators and management in noncriminal proceedings. There is a need for a minimum level of procedural protections for law enforcement officers accused of administrative wrongdoing because of the gravity of potential harm to officers created by this lack of uniform safeguards.

For more in depth information on FOP legislative priorities, visit [www.fop.net](http://www.fop.net)



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## Majority of the House Now Supports H.R. 235

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, hailed the news from the House of Representatives that H.R. 235, the "Social Security Fairness Act," now boasts two hundred and twenty-six (226) cosponsors—a majority of that body.

"There's no question that reaching this milestone so quickly in the First Session is a tremendous achievement," said Canterbury about the bill, which repeals the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO) in current Social Security law.

Canterbury credited this achievement to the FOP's annual Day on the Hill event, which took place the last week of February. More than two hundred FOP members from every region of the country came to Washington, D.C. and spent the week lobbying their Representatives and Senators on this legislation and the FOP's other top priorities.

"Our event made the difference," Canterbury said. "In the two weeks following Day on the Hill, our members helped sign on almost sixty cosponsors—pushing us over the top and giving us a majority of the House. We are now in a position to put increased pressure on Congressional leadership to move this legislation."

"While we are very proud to have reached a majority in the House, there is much more to be done, especially in the Senate," Canterbury said. "We need our members to continue to contact their legislators if this bill is to have a chance of consideration this year."

The Senate companion bill, S. 484, currently has sixteen (16) cosponsors.

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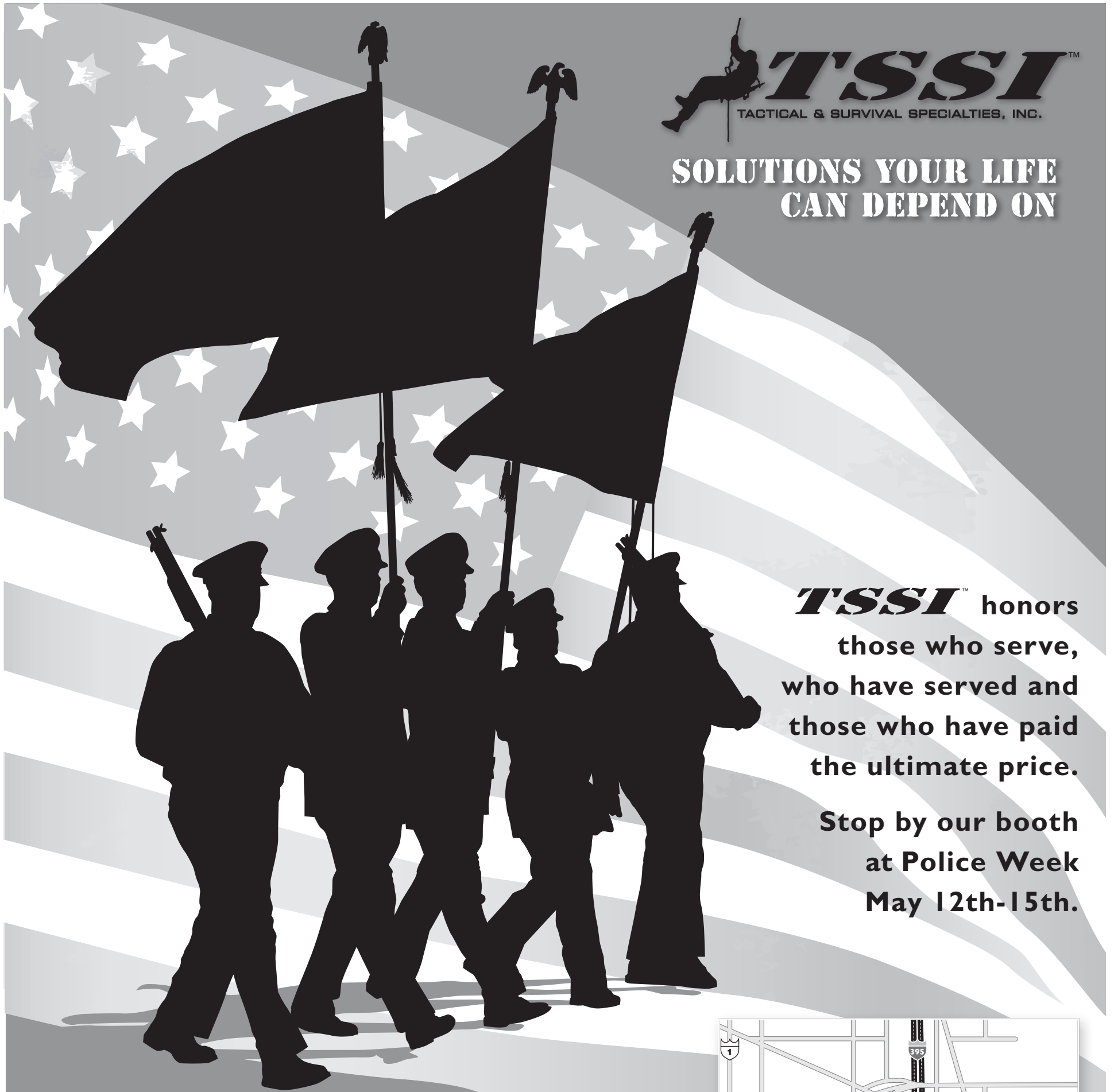
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## Legislative Committee

Steve Franchak, Chairman

On Monday, February 23, 2009, National President Chuck Canterbury and the National Legislative Committee held our briefing for the FOP Day on the Hill. During this briefing they presented the FOP legislative agenda for the upcoming Congressional session. There were approximately 250 officers from across the United States that attended. Each year this event gets larger and larger. We are close to exceeding the occupancy of the banquet room for our briefing. This is not a bad thing!

Prior to the Legislative briefing, Senator Patrick J. Leahy (D-VT), Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary was our guest speaker. Again, we thank him for rearranging his busy schedule to attend our meeting.

Members may keep abreast of the status and progress of these issues in three ways.

First, and the easiest way, is to join the Nationals Grassroots effort where they will receive weekly updates of activities on the Hill.

Second, is to write down the bill numbers, Senate or House, and go to <http://www.washingtonwatch.com/> where they can type in the bill number and see the status. On this site, you have the option of either voting for or against the bill and also inserting your comments about the legislation.

The third way of tracking legislation is by <http://thomas.loc.gov/>. This site is where you can type in the bill number and receive the status and progress only.

As always, your contributions to the FOP PAC helps National work to get these bills passed.

Again I want to thank Kenny, Dennis and the rest of the Lodge staff for setting up and taking down, and helping the Legislative Committee.



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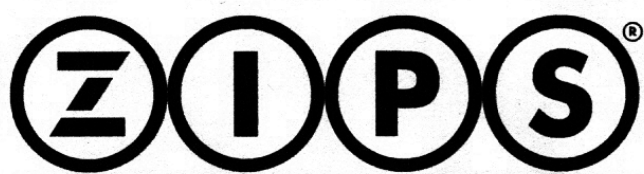
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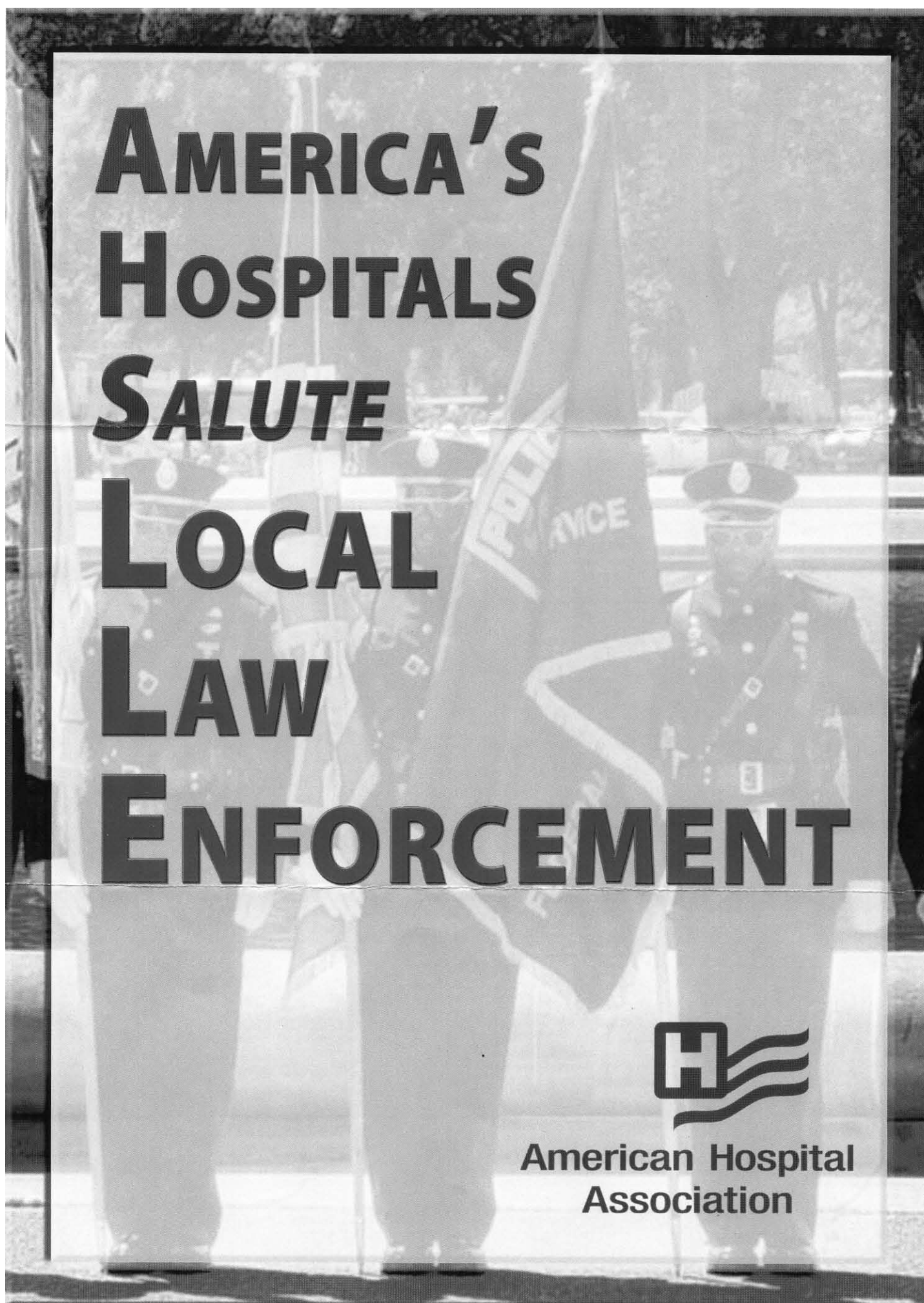
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# NLEOMF

## National Law Enforcement Museum Remains On Track

### New Timeline and Cost-Saving Measures Announced To Deal with Tough Economic Realities

Planners for the first-ever National Law Enforcement Museum today announced an extended timeline and substantial cost-saving measures “to keep the project on track despite the very challenging economic times that our nation is facing.”

The new plan calls for construction to commence in the fall of 2010, with completion expected by mid-2013. The Museum will be located in Washington D.C.’s historic Judiciary Square, adjacent to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

The cost of the project will be reduced by \$29 million, largely the result of moving off-site an entire level of administrative space intended for staff, and scrapping plans to relocate a maze of utility lines that run

under a portion of the land Congress has designated for the Museum. In addition to lower construction expenses, the cost of operating the Museum once it opens will also be substantially reduced under the new plan.

“The result of these modifications will be a high-tech, interactive, world-class Museum exploring our nation’s law enforcement profession, at a much more affordable price in today’s difficult economy,” said Craig W. Floyd, Chairman and CEO of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), which is in charge of the project. “These changes were necessary and fiscally prudent given the stark economic realities we are dealing with,” he added. The revised plan was approved last week by the NLEOMF’s Board of Directors, representing 16 of the country’s largest and most prestigious law enforcement organizations.

The overall size of the Museum will be scaled back from a four-level, 100,000 square foot building to a three-level, 55,000 square foot facility. “We recognized how hard it is to borrow and raise money in the current economic climate,” said Mr. Floyd. “So, we challenged our architects, Davis Buckley Architects and Planners, to develop a plan that would substantially reduce costs without impacting our overall mission, and they figured out a way to make it happen,” explained Mr. Floyd.

In addition to the administrative level of the build-

ing, other areas to be eliminated or reduced include the café and atrium space. Two-thirds of the exhibit space will be retained under the revised plan, along with a theater, Museum shop and dedicated areas for education and research. The Museum’s glass entrance pavilions and plaza will also remain unchanged. “We are committed to honoring the recognition opportunities that have already been secured by our generous donors, including all of our ‘Thin Blue Line’ and theater seat donors,” said Mr. Floyd.

In 2000, the U.S. Congress authorized the Museum to be built on Federal land across the street from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, and re-

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# NLEOMF

## Number of Law Enforcement Officers Killed in the United States Falls Sharply In 2008

**Dramatic reversal from 2007; fewest officers killed by gunfire in 50 years; record number of female officers die this year**

2008 ended as one of the safest years for U.S. law enforcement in decades. The number of officers killed in the line of duty fell sharply this year when compared with 2007, and officers killed by gunfire reached a 50-year low.

Based on analysis of preliminary data, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) and Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) found that 140 officers have died in the line of duty so far this year. That is 23 percent lower than the 2007 figure of 181, and represents one of the lowest years for officer fatalities since the mid-1960s.

This year's reduction includes a steep, 40 percent drop in the number of officers who were shot and killed, from 68 in 2007 to 41 in 2008. The last time firearms-related fatalities were this low was 1956, when there were 35 such deaths. The 2008 figure is 74 percent lower than the total for 1973, when a near-record high 156 law enforcement officers were shot and killed.

"2007 was a wake-up call for law enforcement in our country, and law enforcement executives, officers, associations and trainers clearly heeded the call, with a renewed emphasis on officer safety training, equipment and procedures," said NLEOMF Chairman and CEO Craig W. Floyd. "The reduction in firearms-related deaths is especially stunning, given the tremendous firepower possessed by so many criminals today. The fact that law enforcement has been able to drive down the crime rate, and do so with increased efficiency and safety, is a testament to the hard work and professionalism of our officers," Mr. Floyd added.

"Concerns of Police Survivors is pleased to see the reduction in officer deaths for 2008 and hope this is a trend we will see year after year. But we also know that for each of the surviving families and co-workers, their one officer is one too many," said C.O.P.S. National President Jennifer Thacker. "These families, co-workers and agencies are struggling to cope with life without their officer and will need support from C.O.P.S. before, during and long after National Police Week. C.O.P.S. will continue its efforts to provide life rebuilding support and resources for 2008 surviving families and affected co-workers, as well as past year survivors to help them rebuild their shattered lives. We will embrace these families and affected co-workers and assure them there is no fee to join C.O.P.S., for the price paid is already too high," she said.

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# NLEOMF

## Museum

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quired a start date by November 2010. The authorizing law requires the Museum to be funded by private donations.

Mr. Floyd reported that more than \$37 million has been raised to date for the Museum, but he said that the economic downturn has slowed the effort and the credit crisis has made it virtually impossible to borrow money at affordable rates for museum projects. "The credit market and the economy will revive, but the timing is uncertain, and we want to see our Museum become a reality sooner rather than later," Mr. Floyd stated. "The story of law enforcement's extraordinary contributions to our nation needs and deserves to be told. We are going to make it happen."

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# Falling down the mountain

By Robert Berretta, U.S. Park Police

Well another ski trip is in the books and oh what a trip it was. I must say that partnering the U.S. Park Police ski trip with the FOP/DC Lodge #1 was just the shot in the arm that was needed. Interest had steadily waned over the past few years and new blood was essential. Despite a couple of minor hurdles the trip was a major success.

The core regulars were there as usual but this year many new faces added to the debauchery. The conditions were ripe for drinking and I believe some skiing took place as well! Their was a nice cohesion of the group which was evidenced by attendance at the Foggy Goggle, Bavarian Lounge and Mattehorn Lounge. I mean three hangovers in three days is a success in my mind. Did I mention skiing? Yeah, that was a lot of fun too!

Anyway next year will be the 30th year this trip will have been in existence and I hope to keep it going for a least another 30. So if you missed this past trip please take note; Sunday 1/31/10 to Wednesday 2/3/10 are the tentative dates for next year. So if you're interested come on board! Hope to see even more new faces next year out on the slopes.



## DC Race to remember raises \$10,000 for Museum

In the wee hours of Sunday morning, Oct. 19, the first Race to Remember: Memorial 5K took place in Washington, DC. Starting and ending at Judiciary Square in front of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, race participants brought out strong support for American law enforcement - 500 runners raised \$10,000 for the Memorial Fund, with all of it going to help realize the dream of building the country's first National Law Enforcement Museum.

Monday, Dec. 1, NLEOMF representatives Craig W. Floyd, Chairman and CEO, and Megan McMullen, race organizer and Law Enforcement Relations Manager, visited DC MPD to accept the check and recognize MPD and the FOP for their invaluable work in organizing the event. Chief Cathy Lanier, Assistant Chief Pat Burke, and MPD Officer and President of the DC FOP Marcello Muzzatti, presented the \$10,000 donation and vowed to host the Race to Remember every year to raise funds and help build the National Law Enforcement Museum. Officer Muzzatti was also presented with an award from Chief Lanier recognizing his community service in organizing the event.



The money raised will go toward the \$80 million "A Matter of Honor" campaign to build the National Law Enforcement Museum. The Museum will be located adjacent to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC.

The NLEOMF thanks all of those who participated in the Race to Remember, especially our generous sponsors: Fraternal Order of Police, Metropolitan Police Labor Committee; Fraternal Order of Police, Jerrard F. Young Lodge #1; Police Federal Credit Union; and District of Columbia Protective Services.

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Annual St. Patrick's Day Party

By *Tori Beauchemin*



The Rain didn't keep folks away from the Parade or from coming back to the lodge for our annual St. Patrick's Day party that followed. As always the celebration was in full swing from the very start. Spirits were high as our members enjoyed good friends, good music, much libation and the traditional corned beef and cabbage. You know it's a great party when there is dancing on the bar! Thanks to all who came out to support our lodge and especially to those who volunteered to work the event including Amparo, Craig Royal, Bob Short, Pat Loftus, Brett Gardner, Tom Champ, Marcello Muzzatti, Greg Waters, Tom Arroyo, Mary Delikahya, Trish Thomas, Matt Muzzatti, Andy and Amy Maybo and Kat Rohr.





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## Officers

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Fifteen of the officers killed this year were women, equaling the all-time high set in 2002. 2008 marked the first time that more than 10 percent of the officers who died in a year were female. Among all officers killed in 2008, the average age was 40 and the officers had served an average of 12 years in law enforcement.

Texas, for the second year in a row, experienced the most law enforcement officer fatalities, although the state's 2008 total of 14 was down from 22 in 2007. California had 12 officer fatalities, followed by Florida and Pennsylvania, with eight each. Four of the eight Pennsylvania officers to die this year were members of the Philadelphia Police Department, which experienced the most deaths of any agency. Thirty-five states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands lost officers in 2008. Eight officers serving with federal law enforcement agencies also died this year, down from 17 in 2007.

Mr. Floyd cited a number of reasons for the sharp decline in officer fatalities this year: 1) better training and equipment, plus a realization among officers

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The statistics released by the NLEOMF and C.O.P.S. are preliminary and do not represent a final or complete list of individual officers who will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in 2009. The report, "Law Enforcement Officer Deaths, Preliminary 2008 Report," is available at [www.nleomf.org](http://www.nleomf.org). For information on the programs that Concerns of Police Survivors offers to the surviving families of America's fallen law enforcement officers, visit [www.nationalcops.org](http://www.nationalcops.org).



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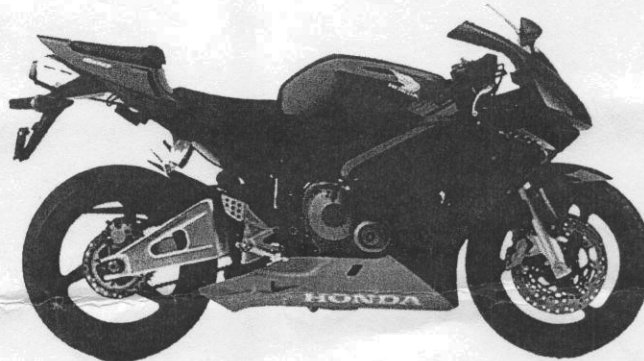
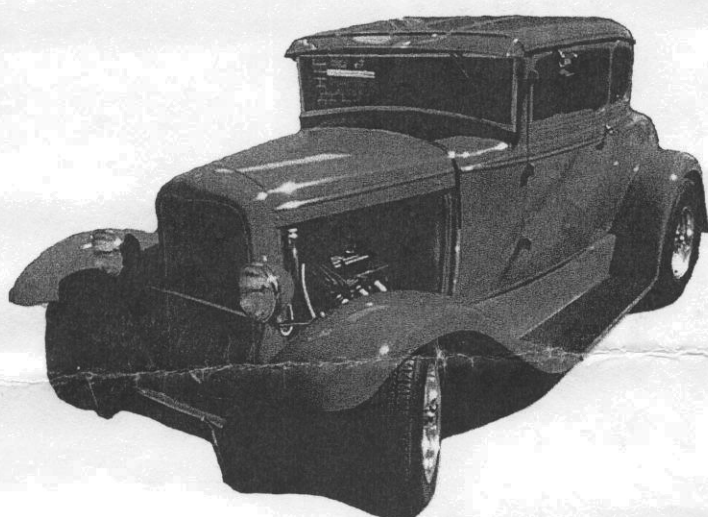


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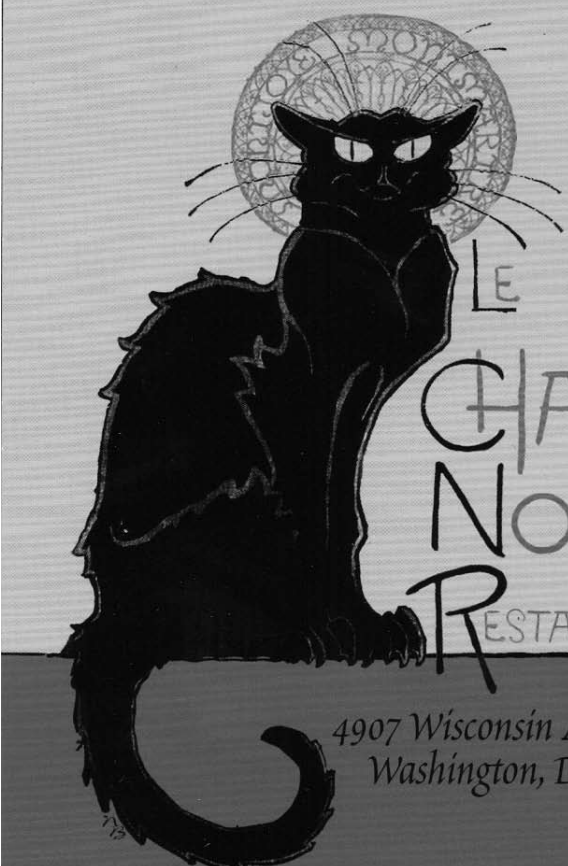
“This is a great opportunity for the law enforcement community to get together and have some fun, while also remembering those officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty,” said Craig W. Floyd, Chairman and CEO of the NLEOMF. “We’re thrilled to partner with Dover to offer this special package to the law enforcement community. It should be a great day of camaraderie and entertainment for supporters of the NLEOMF.”

To purchase this special offer, visit [www.DoverSpeedway.com/HONOR09](http://www.DoverSpeedway.com/HONOR09) or call the Dover ticket office at 800-441-RACE and mention code “HONOR09.” A portion of all proceeds will benefit the NLEOMF, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C.

The NLEOMF’s mission is to generate increased public support for the law enforcement profession by permanently recording and appropriately commemorating the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers, and to provide information that will help promote law enforcement safety.

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## Gearing up for NPW 2009: Finalizing the Names

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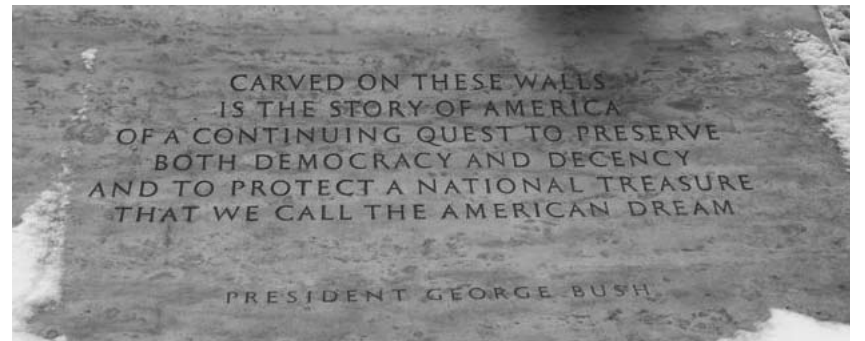
With about two months to go until National Police Week, the Research Department made it to a crucial point for this year's names engraving - they tested the proof of the names by laying them out on the Memorial walls, and made final changes to the placement.

As Ms. Bernie Spence, Director of Research, led her team to the Memorial on E Street, the sun was bright and all remnants of the winter storm that hit the East Coast just four days previously were nowhere in sight. It was a beautiful, peaceful day that somehow fit perfectly the seriousness with which they took on their project. Research team members Carolie Heyliger, Jeremy Borrego and Jackie Piccigallo placed the names and arranged them until they fit perfectly, as Bernie took careful record of any changes they made.

"It's a very important and detailed process," Bernie said. "We collect names and data forms on officer deaths as they occur throughout the year, and look for historical deaths that we may have missed. We gather support documentation such as medical records, newspaper articles and official reports, and review it all with the Memorial Fund's Names Committee for final approvals."

After several meetings with the Names Committee, Bernie said, they finalize a completed list of the names that will be engraved and honored during National Police Week, and from there they double and triple check spellings and placement on the walls.

"Once we carve an officer's name in stone, we can never change it, so we want to make sure we get everything exactly right," Bernie said. "It's important to us that we give this gift to the officers' loved ones. It's a gift of history and remembrance - a gift that will last forever."



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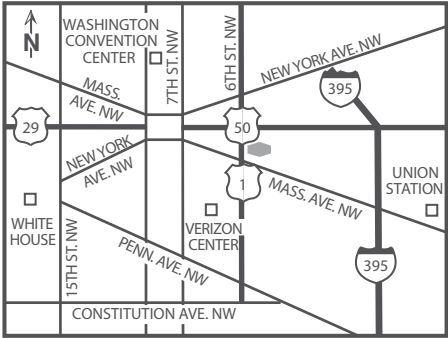
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In 1963, he joined the Metropolitan Police Department. He retired as a Lieutenant in 1991.

In 1994 he went to work at the

Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration where he stayed until he retired in 2003. Tom was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge # 1 in Washington, DC.

He was a lifetime member of the DC Ramblers Motorcycle Club. He was also a member of the Blue Knights Motorcycle Club and the Waldorf Moose Lodge. In August 1994, he received the "Longest Club Ride" Award from the DC Ramblers for a 4500 mile trip to Sturgis, SD. Tom lived with grace, honor, love and tenacity.

Many lives have been touched by him. He was an avid Redskins fan and loved to vacation in Nags Head, NC.

He leaves behind a beloved family that includes his wife Jeannette, his son Shawn Way of Duncan, OK; daughter Robin and her husband Scott Hamilton of Brandywine MD; step-son Tony and his wife Pam Wood of Lusby MD; step-daughter Judy and her husband Dean Cornish of Fredericksburg, VA and sister Florence Winfield of Dallas, TX. He is also survived by nieces, nephews and many friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Ivan Patton, JR and his stepson Harold Wood.



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### Protect Your Backs, Watch Your Backs

**O**uch! ... my lower back is killing me! Sound familiar? The pain, tingling, or numbness down the leg(s) and “buttocks”. It can be very painful to get out of your patrol car, bed, walking, and running. This certainly can affect your job performance, attitude and stress level. Just sitting for a long period of time, can be quite uncomfortable!

Nearly 50 million people visit the doctor *each* year for *Lower Back Pain*, which causes absenteeism at work, and drives up our medical bills and health premiums. Most lower-back pain is due to the *lower* vertebrae's, (L4, L5, S1) located by your back belt area, becoming inflamed and dehydrated. Your Sciatic Nerve attaches there, travels down thru your “buttocks” and down the back of your leg down to your foot area. The sciatic nerve is pinched/affected, thus sending pain across your belt and seat areas, like an electric current, and often travels down your leg. You should *always* seek the advice from a qualified physician (Orthopedic, for example) if you are experiencing pain for an extended period of time.

The leading causes for most, lower back pain are: (if not from an injury)

- Weak Abdominal Muscles, Weak Lower Back Muscles
- Tight Hamstrings (most folks don't know this)

### ■ Too much fat/weight in the stomach area

**The solution:** Exercising, Stretching, and Realistic Eating (portion control). I will also be devoting future articles, in detail, to each of these areas. Some tips and suggestions for now:

**Abdominal Exercises**—Just 5 - 7 minutes / day, performing *Stomach Crunches* (sit-ups). Hold your stomach crunches for 3 seconds, don't go fast, and only come up half way off the floor – head looking at the ceiling, not your knees. Stronger stomach muscles *takes the pressure off the lower back*, and aids when lifting and getting-up. Yes, sit-ups will strengthen your stomach but do very little for reducing the fat in the stomach area. That only comes with proper eating, weight training and cardio workouts. When you are at a stop light – simply tighten your stomach for 5 to 7 seconds, then release and breath, repeat a number of times. Another exercise - try sitting w/ arms crossed, then stand and sit back down, making a stomach muscle and do this for a minute or so (up & down) slowly, at home or at work.

**Tight Hamstrings**—Stretch those hamstrings, on-the-job and at home. All stretches have to be held for 30 seconds!, not 10 seconds, like most folks think. The looser your hamstrings are (back of your thighs) the less pressure/stress on your lower back. It works!

**Reduce The Stomach Fat**—This will also take lots of pressure off your back. This is accomplished by: Healthy Eating (portion control), Light weight lifting (building muscle burns fat) and Cardio exercises (walking briskly, running, biking and more). You can almost eat whatever you want, but just eat less, split the meal with your partner.

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If you have any questions on this article or suggested topics, feel free to call me, Joe Cullen at 773-857-7027, cell # is 312-972-2828 and my e-mail is [jcullen@CertifiedHealthFitness.com](mailto:jcullen@CertifiedHealthFitness.com).

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Is this the day I may have to take someone's life?  
Is this the day I get seriously injured or the day someone may try to take my life?  
Did I say goodbye to my family for the last time?  
Each day we go to work knowing it may be our last, but also knowing we may make a difference in someone's life.  
We may save a life today or stop a crime.  
Most of the time we have a thankless job, but each day we go home we thank God we made it through another day.  
Because we do what we do, no one did die today.  
**NOT ON MY WATCH, NOT TODAY!**

*Sgt. R.W. Renfro #304  
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### Karaoke Nights

The Club hosts a Karaoke Night Monthly on the Fridays following the General Membership Meetings. 8pm in the club.

### Lodge Website

Please visit your Lodge website at [www.dc-fop.org](http://www.dc-fop.org) there is much information that could be of use to you there.

### Lodge Emails

Less than half of our membership has provided the lodge with valid email addresses. If you or another member you know, is not receiving weekly emails with the latest lodge information, please contact Sandy in the lodge office at 202.408.7767 to update your email address in the membership database.

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*These are from a book called Disorder in the American Courts, and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and now published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place.*

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?  
WITNESS: He said, ‘Where am I, Cathy?’  
ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?  
WITNESS: My name is Susan!

ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?  
WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

ATTORNEY: Are you sexually active?  
WITNESS: No, I just lie there.

ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?  
WITNESS: Yes.  
ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?  
WITNESS: I forget.  
ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn’t it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn’t know about it until the next morning?  
WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the twenty-year-old, how old is he?  
WITNESS: He’s twenty, much like your IQ.

ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?  
WITNESS: Are you shitting me?

ATTORNEY: So the date of conception (of the baby) was August 8th?  
WITNESS: Yes.  
ATTORNEY: And what were you doing at that time?  
WITNESS: Getting laid

ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?  
WITNESS: Yes.  
ATTORNEY: How many were boys?  
WITNESS: None.  
ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?  
WITNESS: Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?  
WITNESS: By death.  
ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?  
WITNESS: Take a guess.

ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?  
WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard.  
ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?  
WITNESS: Unless the Circus was in town I’m going with male.

ATTORNEY: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?  
WITNESS: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?  
WITNESS: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

ATTORNEY: ALL your responses MUST be oral, OK? What school did you go to?  
WITNESS: Oral.

ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?  
WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.  
ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?  
WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished.

ATTORNEY: Are you qualified to give a urine sample?  
WITNESS: Are you qualified to ask that question?

*And the best for last:*  
ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?  
WITNESS: No.  
ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?  
WITNESS: No.  
ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?  
WITNESS: No.  
ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?  
WITNESS: No.  
ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?  
WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.  
ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?  
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Mr. Kenny Rodgers  
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Dear Mr. Rodgers:

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As a law enforcement officer myself, I am encouraged that others feel as compelled to honor our fallen brothers and sisters in law enforcement who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Your contribution to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial guarantees that we will never forget their sacrifice.

Please feel free to contact me if I can provide you with any additional information about the Untouchables Golf Classic or the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, and I look forward to working with you on the upcoming Nineteenth Annual Untouchables Golf Classic.

Sincerely,

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# NATIONAL NEWS

## Record High Number of Female Officers Killed in 2008

by Craig W. Floyd

A convenience store camera had caught the entire incident on videotape—every horror-filled moment. Nicola Cotton, a 24-year-old New Orleans police officer, had been brutally murdered while attempting to arrest a rape suspect.

It was a Monday morning, January 28, 2008. One of her colleagues, Matt Patin, was among the first officers on the scene. He had heard the urgent radio transmission from the police dispatcher saying that an officer needed help just a few blocks away. When he arrived on the scene, he stepped over a number of spent shell casings and saw his friend, Nicola, lying motionless on the ground and bleeding from her head. “I dropped down on the ground next to her and called her name, ‘Nicola, Nicola.’ I was hoping she would answer, but deep down, I knew she would not,” he said later.

After watching his friend taken away in an ambulance, Matt went into the nearby convenience store and learned about the videotape of the incident. “I watched Nicola fight for her life for almost seven minutes,” he said. “I watched the killer stand over her and shoot her over and over and over. When

she squirmed, he took another shot. She did not go down without a fight. While I was watching the video, I thought, ‘You go girl — you gave it your all.’ Nicola Cotton became the first of 15 female officers killed in the line of duty in 2008 (based on preliminary findings by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund in Washington, DC). There has never been a deadlier year for women in the history of American law enforcement. The only other year to match that record-high total was 2002. Ironically, the overall number of law enforcement fatalities in 2008 was 140, the second lowest figure in more than 40 years. This means that for the first time ever, more than 10 percent of all of the officers killed last year were women. Among those 15 female officer fatalities, six were killed in automobile crashes, four, including Officer Cotton, were shot to death, two were struck and killed by vehicles, one was stabbed, one died in a train crash and one died of a job-related illness. According to the International Association of Women Police, women have been involved in police work since 1845, when they were first assigned as ma-

trons in the New York City Police Department. But it was not until 1893 in Chicago that a woman, Marie Owens—the widow of a Chicago police officer—was actually given the rank and pay of “policeman.” In 1910, Alice Stebbins Wells of the Los Angeles Police Department, became the first woman to be classified as “policewoman,” and was given arrest powers. Over the next 60 years, only nine female officers were killed in the line of duty, compared to 9,279 male officers who died during that same period of time. The first woman in the United States to be killed in the line of duty was Anna Hart, a jail matron with the Hamilton County (OH) Sheriff’s Department. On July 24, 1916, she was beaten over the head with an iron bed post by a prisoner in the county jail who was attempting to escape.

A similar fate awaited another jail matron, Mary T. Davis, eight years later in Wilmington, Delaware. A female prisoner, Annie Lewis, had been arrested for threatening her husband with a pistol. Matron Davis was put in charge of her and she was alone with the prisoner on the second floor of the Wilmington jail.

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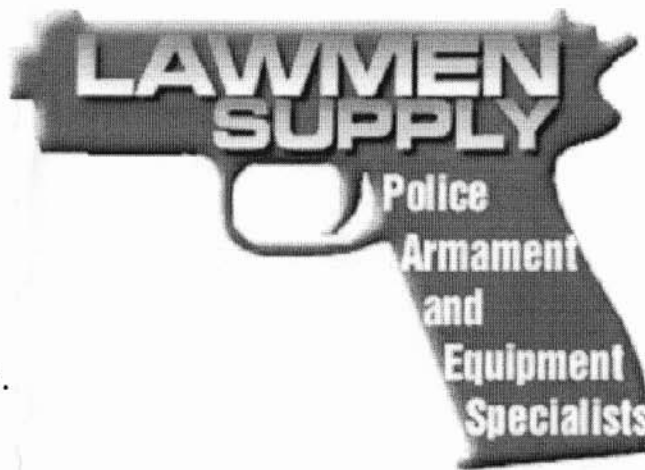
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When Matron Davis observed water coming out of Lewis's jail cell, she went in to investigate and was savagely beaten about the head with a chunk of concrete. Though 67 years of age, Matron Davis put up a fierce fight against her much younger attacker. Department records reflect that the funeral procession for Mary Davis was the largest Wilmington had ever seen. The inscription on her gravestone helps explain why. It reads: "Mary T. Davis - A Friend to All."

Since 1970, though, there have been 220 women killed in law enforcement service (about three percent of the total law enforcement fatalities for that period), which is indicative of the substantially higher number of women in law enforcement beginning in the 1970s. Interestingly, the 15 female officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in 2008 was approximately 11 percent of the total number of fatalities, which is nearly identical to the total percentage of sworn female officers serving in the United States today (11.7 percent, according to the FBI Uniform Crime Report for 2007).

Skagit County (WA) Sheriff's Deputy Anne Jackson, 40, was described by one of her law enforcement colleagues as "the champion of the underdog." Her law enforcement career began as the department's first animal control officer. She gained great satisfaction rescuing abused and neglected pets. A few years later, though, she wanted to help victimized people and became a patrol deputy. Tragically, though, her valued service to her community ended on the afternoon of September 2, 2008.

Deputy Jackson was responding to a trespassing complaint in the small northwest Washington town of Alger. When she did not respond to a radio status check another deputy was sent to investigate. He found Deputy Jackson shot to death, along with another murder victim at the same location. Two other construction workers were found shot and killed nearby and yet another body was discovered a few houses away. The murder suspect was a mentally deranged killer who had recently served six months in jail for the possession of drugs. Before finally being captured, the 28-year-old man killed another motorist, his sixth murder victim, and wounded four others, including a Washington state trooper.

Deputy Jackson had touched many lives during her law enforcement career. Even the mother of her killer told of how Deputy Jackson had reached out to her in the past, trying to help with her mentally ill son. "She

was very gracious," Denise Zamora said. "She knew exactly what we were going through."

Among the onlookers at Deputy Jackson's funeral was a homeless woman who had only met the caring law enforcement professional once. "I was homeless, and she pulled up in her patrol car, rolled down the window, and handed me five bucks. I'll never forget it."

Skagit County Sheriff Rick Grimstead said, "We all grieve for [Deputy Jackson] and all the families of all the other victims. It's not just our loss. It's the community's loss."



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January 21, 2009

President Marcello Muzzatti  
DC State Lodge  
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Dear Brother Muzzatti,

In 2003 you honored me with an opportunity to serve on the National Executive Board. For the past six years I have been humbled by your continued support as we have collectively pushed the National FOP progressively forward.

I am writing today to once again ask your support in my re-election as your National Secretary. I have worked diligently to create a friendly and supportive atmosphere where member service comes first. I would be honored if you would afford me the privilege of continuing to serve our members with the same level of dedication and enthusiasm I have consistently demonstrated. I have included a brief resume of my qualifications for your review.

Our friendship and your trust and confidence in me over the past years are not things I take for granted. I thank you for your consideration and look forward to speaking with you in the coming months. If you would like to help in my campaign or if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate in calling me at 504-234-4300.

Fraternally,

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## Indiana State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police 1934

January 16, 2009

Marcello Muzzatti, President  
D.C. State Lodge  
4230 Brandywine St. N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20016

Dear Marcello,

I wish to announce to you that I am seeking re-election to the National Fraternal Order of Police office of Sergeant at Arms. I ask for your personal support and the support of all members from the State of District of Columbia. I have given this decision a great deal of thought and seek the office in an effort to serve our members and continue to move our National F.O.P. forward.

For the past two (2) years I have served as your elected National Sergeant at Arms, and as in all of my thirty (30) years as an F.O.P. member, I have worked diligently to improve and professionalize our organization. I have served as the Indiana State F.O.P. President for the past ten (10) years, I have served as Chairman of the National F.O.P. Conference Site Selection Committee and Eastern Regional Labor Coalition Chairman.

I have enclosed a brief summary of my qualifications for your consideration. I look forward to meeting with you personally to discuss my campaign, F.O.P. issues and other matters of importance.

Fraternally,

Tim Downs  
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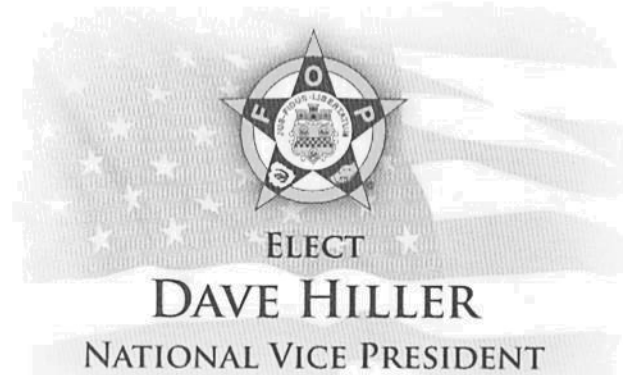
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February 24, 2009

President Marchello Muzzatti  
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Dear President Muzzatti,

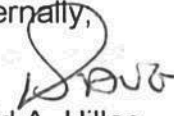
At the Grand Lodge Biennial Conference in New Orleans you honored me by electing me your National Vice President. The confidence and trust you placed in me was one of the proudest moments in my FOP career. Two years later I was re-elected again with your support and guidance. I come to you today to announce my candidacy for re-election to the position of National Vice President.

As a member of your Executive Board for the last four years I believe we have accomplished a great deal. This organization has continued to grow and I believe we as a Board have also addressed the issues needed to meet that growth.

At your direction we have increased Labor Services, increased membership in the Legal Defense Program, witnessed membership grow to over 325,000 and recently purchased a new office in DC. These and many others reflect the direction we feel this organization needs to go.

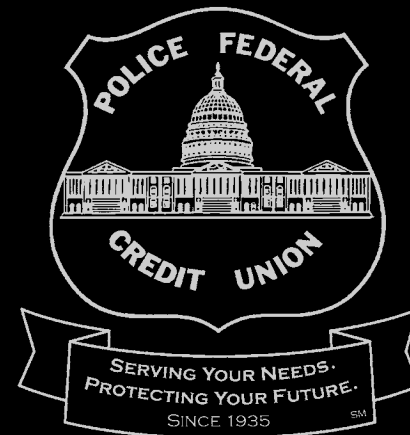
I want to continue to work for you on the Board. I believe there is more to do and I am committed to that goal. I need your help, support and most important your vote. I also ask for your continued guidance, without that we are not the most powerful organization we are. I look forward to seeing you in the future and as always please contact me if I can be of any assistance to you.

Fraternally,

  
David A. Hiller  
National Vice President

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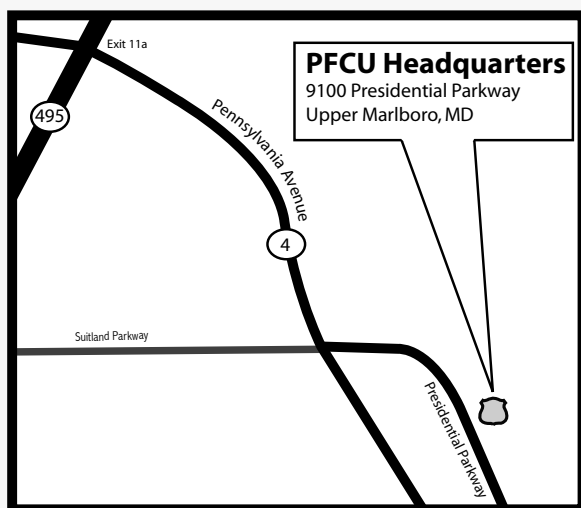
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