



LICKING COUNTY FRATERNAL ORDER OF
POLICE LODGE #127, INC.

September 2006 Newsletter

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3rd Annual Battle of the Heroes Softball Tournament

The softball tournament was a success. Columbus PD won the overall title and Newton Township Volunteer Fire Department was runner-up. A total 8 teams participated. Licking County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #127 and the sponsors of the tournament were able to donate \$1256.34 to the Foundation for the Dupler Brothers Law Enforcement Scholarship Fund. A special thanks goes out to Kyle Gross (Newark PD) and his wife Lorrie for organizing and running the tournament. A thank you also goes out to Suzanne Gowans (FOPA) and Mary Wells (Retired FOP) for organizing and running the concession stand. Thanks to everyone else that helped out and to all the teams that played and the sponsors.

Raffle Tickets for a Commemorative Smith & Wesson Pistol

Raffle for a 30th Anniversary S&W 1911 Commemorative Pistol Honoring OPOTA

The pistol is a Smith & Wesson SW1911 Tactical Rail Series (#108303), .45 caliber, stainless steel, five inch barrel. Additional features include a picatinny accessory rail, rubber stocks, ambidextrous safety, and Novak Lo Mount carry sights with OPOTA 30th Anniversary logo laser engraved on the slide and a hardwood presentation box.

See an FOP #127 Executive Board Member for tickets or purchase them at the Beasley Lounge during business hours. **We are requesting a donation of \$10.00 for each ticket.**

Retirement of Newark Division of Police K-9

Draven, a Dutch malinois, recently retired from active service with the Newark Division of Police. Draven's handler and owner is Sergeant Erik McKee. During Draven's career with the Newark Division of Police he searched for drugs, tracked and apprehended suspects, performed building searches, helped recover evidence, and trained on a weekly basis to keep those skills finely tuned. A week before Draven retired he assisted in the recovery of \$40,000 in a drug bust.

Sergeant McKee was first interested in canine work when he was in the Air Force, stationed in Iraq during Desert Storm. He was in charge of a K-9 unit and a member of the military police. After leaving the service he was hired at the Newark Division of Police and he volunteered his time as a "bite dummy" for the K-9 training. When the opportunity came for another canine position, McKee was picked for the slot and Draven was purchased and assigned to him. The rest is history.....

Back to The 60's Annual Fundraiser Show

Featuring - **Sonny Geraci** ("Precious and Few" , "Time Won't Let Me")

Friday, October 20th at the Newark High School Auditorium.

Opening the show for Mr. Geraci is **Johnny Tillotson** ("Poetry in Motion" , "Heartaches by the Number", "Earth Angel")

Doors open at 6PM, the show begins at 7PM. This is an annual fundraiser for our Lodge.

We are currently looking for a Treasurer on the FOP Executive Board. Lyn Riley has submitted her resignation due to personal reasons. She has agreed to stay on until we can fill her position. Anyone interested please contact Lyn. Thanks.

"New" FOP Lodge

A groundbreaking ceremony was held at 255 S. 6th Street on Friday September 1st at 0800 hours to commemorate the start of our "NEW" FOP Lodge. Ground is moving and preparations are being made start construction of our building. There will be work that we will need to do to help offset some of the costs of this construction. **Mark Emde (Heath PD) is in charge of organizing and maintaining a list of volunteers that are available to help.** FOP and FOPA are able to volunteer for this project. **Contact Mark at 740-403-0259 to let him know you want to help and when you will be available.** If you haven't been involved yet with this project it is not too late, it is your lodge... let's all put a hand in and help out.

Health Savings Accounts and

On September 5th, the Executive Board of the FOP met with Tanya Rocchio of the ICMA-RC. She presented two plans from ICMA-RC. Vantagecare Retirement Health Savings Plan; This is a savings account, that you can invest your money like a deferred comp plan, for medical expenses that you are able to start using once you reach 45 years of age. Second is Blue Line 457 Plan, which is a Deferred Compensation plan. ICMA and these plans are endorsed by the Grand Lodge of the FOP. If you have any questions please contact Tanya Rocchio.

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Pre-Paid Legal Services

A representative from Pre-Paid Legal Services will be at next months meeting. If you have any questions about this service be prepared to ask questions of the representative.

Ohio State Games at the FOP and the Halloween Party

Don't miss the opportunity to hang out with your friends and watch the Buckeyes on their way to another national championship!! The Beasley Lounge is open for all OSU games, 30 minutes before kickoff. Next game is at home against Cincinnati. Kickoff is at noon.

FOPA Lodge #10 will be organizing the annual Halloween Party this year. They will have door prizes and a DJ performing throughout the night. Get your costumes ready now, don't wait till the last minute. It is our biggest party of the year.

Sick or Distressed

Kevin Wells NPD - his father passed away

Darrell McKittrick Retired NPD - his mother passed away

Cy Sillin Retired NPD - he is in a nursing home, not doing well

Tom Wilson Retired Chief of Pataskala - passed away

New FOPA Members

Mike and Mindi Emde

Flag Football Practice

Flag football practice is under way again. **Practices are Sunday mornings starting at 0900 hours at the Evans Athletic Complex on Sharon Valley Road in Newark.** Marc Brill is running the practices. We are tentatively trying to schedule a game with the firefighters or the business community on Sunday November 5th. We need participation to make this a successful event. FOPA members are also encouraged to participate.

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8 AM until 4 PM

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Upcoming Events

September 23 - OHIO STATE vs. Penn State @ 3:30 PM

September 30 - OHIO STATE at Iowa @ 8:00 PM

September 30 - Poker Walk @ Put-In-Bay for Special Olympics

September 30 - Get Behind the Badge Reverse Raffle

September 30 - 4th Annual Steve Young Memorial Poker Run

October 3 - FOP #127 Executive Board Meeting @ 6PM

October 3 - FOPA #10 monthly meeting @ 6:30PM

October 3 - FOP #127 monthly meeting @ 7:30PM

October 7 - OHIO STATE vs. Bowling Green @ TBA

October 13-14 - State FOP Fall Board Meeting

October 20 - Back to the 60's Show - Fundraiser

October 28 - FOP #127 Halloween Party

November 7 - FOP #127 Executive Board Meeting @ 6 PM

November 7 - FOPA #10 monthly meeting @ 6:30 PM

November 7 - FOP #127 monthly meeting @ 7:30 PM