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## The BlueNote

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### Mexico trucks to roll on U.S. highways

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration can proceed with a plan to open the U.S. border to long haul Mexican trucks as early as next week after an appeals court rejected a bid by labor, consumer and environmental interests to block the initiative.

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco late on Friday denied an emergency petition sought by the Teamsters union, the Sierra Club and consumer group Public Citizen to halt the start of a one-year pilot program that was approved by Congress after years of legal and political wrangling.

Trucking regulators said the goal is to gradually accommodate 100 Mexican trucking companies by the end of the pilot program, or roughly 540 large trucks. [Read more](#)

### Mexican Competition Stirs Truckers' Ire

EDINBURG, Texas - At the Flying J truck stop, a group of long-haul drivers watched television and worried whether an impending trickle of Mexican trucks onto U.S. roads might soon wash away their livelihoods.

The drivers have carved out a niche transporting goods that their Mexican counterparts had previously not been allowed to haul more than a few miles past the border.

"That's my business," Gerald Fernow, a 36-year-old driver from Flatonia. "What am I supposed to do? I'm screwed." [Read more](#)

### Remarks by U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao

Fraternal Order of Police National Convention

Thank you, Chuck [Canterbury, FOP National President]. And thanks for speaking at the DOL staff training conference last Thursday.

It's a pleasure to be here in my home state of Kentucky, and to join the thousands of Fraternal Order of Police members for this conference.

This morning, I'd like to share some thoughts on what we are doing to show our appreciation for the tremendous job that you do as front line defenders of freedom.

In May of 2001, I was privileged to be the first Secretary of Labor to attend the National Peace Officers' Memorial. I have attended that very special ceremony every year since. My experience joining you over the years has helped me to appreciate the code of duty, honor and sacrifice that comprise the core values of our men and women in blue. These services are also an opportunity to meet with the families of the fallen, and to understand how we can help them as they honor their loved ones and move forward and heal their lives. Read Ms. Chao's complete remarks. [Click here](#)

Remington Arms  
Sweepstakes



Bonefish Grill Raleigh  
MENU



Basic Law Enforcement  
Training



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Story



### Our Collective Voice

*Continuing Nashville news*

☞ Nashville, TN -- The local Teamsters union has been making headlines.

WKRN - Channel 2 recently reported that Teamsters' secretary-treasurer Joe Bennett was convicted 20 years ago of hiring a hit man to carry out a murder. Read the commentary [here!](#)

### Upcoming events

☞ Add local lodge events to the State Lodge calendar. eMail details to the State Lodge Office at: [ncfop@aol.com](mailto:ncfop@aol.com).

☞ Click [here](#) to check out the current events.

☞ Turn to BlueNote Page 2 for details of upcoming events.

### NC FOP website news

☞ The new State Lodge website is available. Scroll down the homepage to see featured News Releases, News Articles and Photo Albums. [Click here to view the new website.](#)

☞ Comments to: [tom@alacartep.com](mailto:tom@alacartep.com)

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### CARTERET COUNTY, OFFICER DOWN RIDE

Saturday September 22nd  
Carteret Community College

Register at 10:00a

Ride at 11:00a

More Information see [flyer and form following](#)

or

Contact: Johnny Overby, BKNC18 President

eMail: [BKNC18@hotmail.com](mailto:BKNC18@hotmail.com)

### Welcome to the Weekly [BlueNote!](#)

**It's no secret** that communication is one of the keys to success in any organization. With the inception of the Police Officer Weekly BlueNote last month, the NC FOP is laying the foundation for improved communications within the State Lodge (membership), and to the communities in which we serve.

And while the BlueNote may have a different look & feel, it still has the same mission and vision as its predecessor. The one major difference is that the BlueNote will be distributed weekly. This dramatically increases the communication among NC FOP members. The content delivered in each BlueNote will be more current & fresher than before.

The BlueNote will work in concert with the newly-redesigned state lodge website ([www.ncfop.org](http://www.ncfop.org)). Information submitted for use in the BlueNote will also appear on the NC FOP website.

While some things change, other things still remain the same. No matter how the information is delivered, good quality content is still the driving force behind the BlueNote. [Your input will be needed as we publish on an ongoing basis.](#) After all, this BlueNote is yours.

Please send your story/column ideas, comments, successes and upcoming lodge activities to [tom@alacartep.com](mailto:tom@alacartep.com).

### **Criminal defense lawyer works to help officers roll**

Police get unlikely helper

Jimmy Binns wants to set the record straight: He makes his living as a big-time criminal defense lawyer - but he would take a bullet for a cop.

Now, the silver-haired lawyer is once again showing the stuff he's made of by helping to equip the Philadelphia Police Department with much-needed motorcycles, and helping to honor officers slain in the line of duty.

He plans to replace the department's entire stock of 62 motorcycles, some of which date to 1987, and see to it that the bikes will always be street-worthy. [Read more](#)

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Continuing news stories..

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Two Egyptian students at the University of South Florida were indicted Friday for carrying explosive materials across states lines and one of them was charged with teaching the other how to use them for violent reasons.

Ahmed Abdellatif Sherif Mohamed, 24, an engineering graduate student and teaching assistant at the Tampa-based university, faces terrorism charges for teaching and demonstrating how to use the explosives.

He and Youssef Samir Megahed, 21, an engineering student, were stopped for speeding August 4 in Goose Creek, South Carolina, where they have been held on state charges.

[Read more](#)

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# Carteret County Officer Down Memorial Ride

In the event of rain,  
your pre-registration fee will be considered a donation

Pre-registration donation of \$15.00 per rider

Day of the event donation of \$20.00 per rider

Throughout the years, there have been a number of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty right here in Carteret County. These men and women paid the ultimate sacrifice, fulfilling their oath to protect and serve.

The Morehead City Blue Knights have organized a ride in their memory. Proceeds from this event will be used to purchase an Officer Down Memorial at the Basic Law Enforcement Training center to honor our fallen officers.

The route will start and finish at Carteret Community College. We will head east on Hwy 70, cross the Atlantic Beach Hi-Rise, go down NC 58, back up Hwy 24 and 70.

Thank you for your support. We are looking forward to seeing you September 22, 2007.

**You are urged to pre-register by September 15th**

For more information call:

Johnny Overby

BKNCXVIII President

252-241-0946

[BKNC18@hotmail.com](mailto:BKNC18@hotmail.com)

# Registration Form

## **Carteret County Officer Down Memorial Ride**

*In the event of rain, your pre-registration fee will be considered a donation*

Sign-in and registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. at Carteret Community College. Even if you have pre-registered (pre-paid), please sign in with us so we will know of your presence and give you your meal ticket.

The ride will leave promptly at 11:00 a.m. and will conclude at CCC with a cookout.

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON MOTORCYCLE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send a minimum donation of \$15.00 per rider and this form to:

**BKNCXVIII**  
**PO Box 2141**  
**Morehead City, NC 28557**

Pre-registration due by September 15, 2007

**Make checks payable to: BKNCXVIII**

(please indicate Officer Down Memorial Ride in the memo section)

As a voluntary participant in this event, I agree that I will be responsible for my safety and those who ride on my motorcycle. I completely hold harmless the organizers of this event for any accidents or injuries during the duration of my participation on this

\_\_\_\_\_ (day) of \_\_\_\_\_ (month), 2007

Signed \_\_\_\_\_