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### Legislative issues among topics discussed at recent NC FOP board meeting

BlueNote reporting by Ben Dungan

**Communication is the key to the success of any organization.** With an organization as large as the North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police, it's imperative that the State Lodge and the local lodges are on the same page.

That's why many of the NC FOP members gathered in Rocky Mount on Friday, September 29 for their semi-annual board meeting. Board members came from across the state to discuss some of the critical issues facing law enforcement officers today.

Jason Munday, serving as the State Trustee for the Lincoln-Lincoln County lodge #85, thought the meeting went very well.

Lt. Ron Wyatt, the NC FOP Foundation President was impressed with the tone of the meeting.

"The hospitality was as good as any state or national conference I've ever attended." said Wyatt.

"I was encouraged by the way the State Lodge was on the same page as the representatives from across the state" said Wyatt. "I didn't hear very much discord at all. This may be a result of the State Lodge doing a better job of communicating and informing the officers at the local level."

Also in attendance during the weekend long meeting were many elected officials. NC Attorney General Roy Cooper and Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue were among the notable politicians that came to voice in person their support of law enforcement officers.

Lt. Travis Robinson, State Trustee for Lower Cape Fear Lodge #58, was glad to see those politicians show up. It further confirmed the importance of building personal relationships with the legislators and policy makers throughout the state.

"These elected officials work for us. It's our job to share with them our issues and concerns," said Robinson. "The grassroots effort begins at the local level. It's important for all lodges to be more involved within the political landscape of their areas."

Everett Titus, Cherokee Lodge #65 State Trustee, was impressed with the information that Attorney Richard Hattendorf presented on the new retirement option offered to law enforcement officers that went into effect on September 1, 2007. (Senate Bill 580)

"Rich was very candid with his thoughts regarding this new retirement option. I think it's safe to say he didn't feel it was a very good option," said Titus. "Hattendorf felt it was important to protect the principal that an officer has accumulated over the years. All law enforcement officers should think long and hard before they sign away their entire lump sum to the state."

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### Florida politics leaves police fighting police

Collier County FL: Less than 48 hours after Sheriff Don Hunter announced he will not seek re-election; the pursuit of power in Collier County triggered an unlikely battle - police versus police.

A letter sent by Florida's State FOP endorsing Victor Ortino for Collier Sheriff is causing the controversy.

Chris Jordan, VP Collier County's FOP, never saw it coming. "I was shocked when I heard the news" Jordan says. He was because no one ever asked for his recommendation and no members of the Collier FOP took any kind of vote.

[Read the whole story](#)

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In addition to State Trustees from the local lodges, many committee chairs reported on their respective committees. Brian Freelan, Chairman of the Membership and Recruitment Committee discussed the importance of growing the membership at the local lodge.

“My committee has worked together to place a form on the State Lodge website for those officers interested in joining the FOP,” said Freelan. “We have had great success thus far. However, it is important that each local lodge follow-up with these interested parties for the process to come full circle.”

Lt. Wyatt also took the opportunity to speak on behalf of the NC FOP Foundation.

“The State Lodge has been very supportive of the NC FOP Foundation”, said Wyatt. “I’d like to see better involvement from the individual lodges so we can continue to see the Foundation grow.”

All in all, Wyatt was thoroughly impressed with the meeting.

“The members of Rocky Mount Lodge #46 raised the bar,” Wyatt added. “The hospitality was as good as any state or national conference I’ve ever attended.”

### Rocky Mount Lodge #46 Fall Board meeting follow-up

Garry Hodges (Sunset Studio’s, LLC) in Rocky Mount donated his time to capture as much of our Board Meeting as possible. We appreciate his continued dedication to the North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police.

Garry has posted many of the photos on his web site. Contact Garry directly if you are interested in any of the photos. Garry was in and out between a major wedding he was covering on Saturday so he was not able to capture everything, such as our Lt. Governor Beverly Perdue. Go to [www.sunset-studios.com/sbm](http://www.sunset-studios.com/sbm) and follow the instructions.

Thank you to all who participated and we hope everyone enjoyed their stay while visiting Rocky Mount. We would like to recognize some of our guests for those of you who could not make it. It truly demonstrates the support received by this community and beyond.

- U.S. Congressman Bob Etheridge
- U.S. Congressman G. K. Butterfield (Represented)
- NC Lt. Governor Beverly Perdue
- NC Attorney General Roy Cooper

[Read the entire news article](#)

### Contributing Editor's Column

October 10, 2007

This column reserved for a weekly contributing editor to discuss items or issues of interest to the NC FOP statewide membership.

Topics include..

☞ 'Special interests such as Motorcycles stories, information, activities and events

☞ 'Unique Lodge and county events with an area interest.'

☞ 'NC FOP Committee activities'

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### Spotlight Lodge - Lodge #81

Macon-Jackson Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #81 was Chartered in 2002 with 29 members. Since inception, they have grown to 160 plus members.

Lodge #81 has become very involved in supporting both local Law Enforcement officers and the communities they serve. The Lodge budget depends primarily on paid membership dues from active or retired law enforcement officers. They also conduct fund-raisers to support community efforts.

The Lodge meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month

PRESIDENT - [Lee Whittaker](#)

VICE PRESIDENT - [James Lau](#)

2nd VICE PRESIDENT - [Larry Moses](#)

SECRETARY - [John O'Connor](#)

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STATE TRUSTEE - [Mike Langley, Sr.](#)

LODGE TRUSTEE - [Richard Hall](#)

LODGE TRUSTEE - [Tony Ashe](#)

LODGE TRUSTEE - [Gene Hultgreen](#)

PAST PRESIDENT - [Doug Farmer](#)

LODGE CHAPLAIN - [Reverend Lynn Dulakis](#)

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS - [Jim Dautel](#)

### The BlueNote is looking for local lodge news!

Simple, straightforward is sufficient. See a sample below from the LA State Lodge newsletter. The story was accompanied by two snapshots which were also published. Send your news story to [editor@ncfop.org](mailto:editor@ncfop.org).

"About 20 retirees showed up for the Annual Supper put on by Lodge 5 for their retirees. Jim Graft, Chief of the Lafayette Police Department and Brother FOP Charter Member of the Lodge was also on hand to thank the officers for their years of service and to also invite them to become more involved in the Police Department. Chief Craft stated that the years of experience is invaluable to the department and something they did not want to lose.

Food provided and served by Mark Cole of Don's Specialty Meats (2 locations Carencro and Scott) was in abundance and the retirees left for the night feeling both full and fully appreciated."

### The Cold Case Cowboys

Our cold case squad was formed in December of 2002. "Cold Case Cowboys" is not just a "catchy" name. We are Retired Police Officers who make up a Volunteer Cold Case Squad investigating old homicides.

Although we are volunteers, we are sworn officers who work Tuesdays and Wednesday of each week doing real police work. Visit the website

### North Carolina Department of State Treasurer

#### RETIREMENT SYSTEM PROCESSES RECORD NUMBERS

#### Innovations Allow Division to Process More Retirements in Less Time

RALEIGH – State Treasurer Richard Moore announced that the Retirement Systems Division (RSD) received a record number of requests for retirement in July and used improved processes and innovations to process them quickly and efficiently. In one month alone, the Division received 3,246 requests from teachers, police officers, firefighters and other public workers to retire. [Read more..](#)

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### N.H. doctors getting greater access to e-prescribing programs

By Norma Love, Associated Press Writer

CONCORD, N.H. - Gov. John Lynch set a goal a year ago for New Hampshire to become the first state where all of its health care providers are able to prescribe medication electronically.

[Read the whole story](#)

### MOREHEAD CITY —

Nearly 200 motorcycles, with riders from all over the state, filled the parking lot Saturday at Carteret Community College for the first **Officer Down Ride** and fund-raiser sponsored by the Carteret County **Chapter XVIII of the Blue Knights**, an international law enforcement motorcycle club.

Funds raised during the ride will go toward the purchase and placement of an Officer Down Memorial on the college campus near the Basis Law Enforcement Training (BLET) Center to honor officers killed in the line of duty.

“Our hope is that every new trainee will walk past this memorial and it will remind him or her to be careful and to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice,” said **Blue Knights Chapter President Lt. John Overby**. “The memorial will honor 13 officers who have died since 1946 who were trained or were responding to a call in Carteret County.”

[Read the whole story.](#)

### Ever Alert .. The 'Power of One'

Eduardo Arias hardly fits the profile of someone capable of humbling one of the world's most formidable economic powers.

But one Saturday morning in May, Eduardo Arias did something that would reverberate across six continents. [He read the label on a 59-cent tube of toothpaste.](#) On it were two words that had been overlooked by government inspectors and health authorities in dozens of countries: diethylene glycol, the same sweet-tasting, poisonous ingredient in antifreeze that had been mixed into cold syrup here, killing or disabling at least 138 Panamanians last year.

Mr. Arias reported his discovery, setting off a worldwide hunt for tainted toothpaste that turned out to be manufactured in China. Health alerts have now been issued in 34 countries, from Vietnam to Kenya, from Tonga in the Pacific to Turks and Caicos in the Caribbean. [Officials in the United States unwittingly gave the toothpaste to prisoners, the mentally disabled and troubled youths. Hospitals gave it to the sick, while high-end hotels gave it to the wealthy.](#)

“It was inconceivable to me that a known toxic substance that killed all these people could be openly on sale and that people would go on about their business calmly, selling and buying this stuff,” said Mr. Arias, who has a midlevel government job reviewing environmental reports.

[Read the whole story.](#)

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Police and fire radio  
streams for several  
countries, states and  
cities available.

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### Stolen Vehicle Slowdown service

“We look forward to having technologies like Stolen Vehicle Slowdown available to aid our officers in apprehending suspected car thieves and keeping our officers, highways and citizens safe,” said **David Hiller, national vice president, Fraternal Order of Police**. “Since 1996, OnStar has assisted the law enforcement community by helping to locate stolen vehicles.”

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## Coming Events

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**Purpleheart  
for 'Jersey'  
Poker run -  
10/27/07**

Stallings Police  
Sergeant Mike

Kane "Jersey" was injured  
while on duty July 22, 2007.

[Read more](#)

McDowell County Lodge 84 will be holding a  
**Haunted House - the 'Slaughter Market'.**

The schedule is Oct. 19, 20, 25-27 & 29-31.

Open: 6:00p - until no one is in line.

Admission is \$5.00. Location is the  
Old Winn-Dixie store, No. Main St. in Marion.

Contact is **Josh Dowdle** 828-442-6754

### Upcoming events

☞ Add your local lodge  
events to the State  
Lodge calendar.

Simply eMail details of  
your upcoming event to  
the State Lodge office at:  
[ncfop@aol.com](mailto:ncfop@aol.com).

☞ Click [here](#) to visit the  
calendar and check out  
the current posted  
events.

☞ Each weekly  
BlueNote will include  
information regarding  
close-in events.

☞ The new State Lodge  
website is available.

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The mission of the [Wake & District Public Safety  
Pipe Band](#) is to provide a distinguishing tribute to our  
fallen comrades and to be in service to the family,  
friends and co-workers of public safety employees of  
North Carolina.



They desire to strengthen  
relations between the  
protective services and the  
public while preserving  
cultural heritage and  
enriching our community by  
providing traditional  
Bagpipe and Drum music.

The band is managed by  
Lodge 88 State Trustee,

Joe Brady and Lodge 88 President Jason Hutchins  
plays the bass drum.

On **Friday, November 16, 2007** from **7p-11p** the  
Band will be hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Tartan Ball and  
fund-raiser. This year will also feature a Kirkin'o' the  
Tartan by band Chaplain Paul Ormond, a retired  
United States Army chaplain. Tickets are only \$10.00  
and a special \$79.00 Sheraton hotel rate has been  
established. [Click here for more info!](#)

*Kilts are encouraged, business casual is requested.*

Questions? E-mail [Brady@fop.net](mailto:Brady@fop.net)

### Winston-Salem Forsyth County

#### **FOP Lodge #8 Fund Raising Raffle**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: 100 No Carolina  
Education Lottery Scratch  
off Tickets

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: 50 No Carolina  
Education Lottery Scratch  
off Tickets

3<sup>rd</sup> prize: 25 No Carolina  
Education Lottery Scratch  
off Tickets

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Drawing to be held  
**November 10, 2007**

Tickets Price: \$1.00 each  
or 6 for \$5.00

Anyone wishing to buy  
tickets please contact

**Buddy Russ** at

[buddyruss101@yahoo.com](mailto:buddyruss101@yahoo.com)

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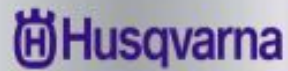
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The logo for Husqvarna, featuring a crown icon to the left of the word "Husqvarna" in a bold, sans-serif font.

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