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As you have noticed the BlueNote has missed publication for too many weeks over the recent holiday season. "Please accept our apology."

A series of unplanned events interrupted the publication. The worst - a hardware failure affected close to a half-million files and required a server replacement. The recovery was complicated by an ill-conceived Windows XP to Windows Vista conversion. We simply offer these comments as an explanation rather than an excuse.

We have disappointed our readers and disappointed ourselves by failing to properly manage the recovery. In the future we will be more vigilant, diligent and hope to re-earn your respect.

Tom Costello, E-mail: Editor@NCFOP.org

NCFOP.org website announces milestone

February 1st marked the the 1-year anniversary of the online "Interest" form available on the NC FOP State Lodge website.

The first 365 days saw 297 submissions.. well exceeding the first year expectations.

With additional emphasis this coming year we have set a new goal - 20% increase - to 366 submissions. [View form](#)

We encourage you, the readers and stakeholders of the BlueNote to submit audio files, video files, YouTube or Myspace links, photographs, articles, clippings, original works and story ideas.

This is the place to recognize your Lodge brothers and sisters. Call attention to their accomplishments and milestones. Let everyone across the state join in to salute them!

It is your input that makes this news magazine a proud publication.

Please send your submission, suggestion or question to: Editor@NCFOP.org.

National FOP Announces Launch of Nationwide Service that will Revolutionize the Recovery of missing children

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Fraternal Order of Police announced the launch of the National PhotoAlert™ network, the nation's first comprehensive data and photographic system designed to speed up the recovery of missing children.

The National PhotoAlert service arrives at a time when society's expectations are at their highest regarding instant access to data-rich information. By using proprietary GPS technology, National PhotoAlert meets that demand in missing children cases by issuing geographic-specific alerts to thousands of recipients each minute including law enforcement and government agencies. Recipients receive both a photograph and text information of a missing person.

"In a life-threatening child abduction, we know that the first three hours are critical to safely returning a child," said Chuck Canterbury, president of the National Fraternal Order of Police. "We believe National PhotoAlert is an important tool that will accelerate law enforcement's efforts to recover children."

[Click to read complete news release & see Canterbury video](#)

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Town of Duck names police chief

by [Outer Banks Sentinel](#)

The Town of Duck has named Lieutenant Phillip Ferguson as its new chief of police.

At a ceremony held on Friday, Dec. 21, Duck Town Manager Christopher J. Layton administered the oath of office to Ferguson. Sandy Ferguson, the chief's wife, pinned on his new badge while their daughter, Piper, and his mother, Anita Ferguson, looked on. Also in attendance were members of Duck's town council, staff members, and friends.

Ferguson has been with the Duck PD since its inception, being the first police officer hired by the town in April, 2003. He was promoted to the position of assistant chief of police at the rank of lieutenant in June 2005. Most recently, he has served the town as interim chief of police.

Ferguson holds a North Carolina Justice Academy Criminal Investigator's Certificate, a North Carolina Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate with over 2,400 hours of training, and is a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and the National Bloodhound Association.

He first became involved with tracking bloodhounds 23 years ago with The Kentucky Bloodhound Search and Rescue Association. Ferguson is currently training and working with his partner, Morse, who whelped Dec. 7, 2000 and is an AKC registered male bloodhound. The bloodhound tracks by an individual's scent to find lost persons and apprehend criminals.

Note: Ferguson is Lodge 89 State trustee and Chair of the Awards Committee.



Chief Ferguson and his wife Sandy moved to the Outer Banks in 1987 where their daughter Piper was born in 1988.

He studied police administration at Eastern Kentucky University and began his law enforcement career with the Kill Devil Hills Police Department, where he served from 1987 to 1989.

Ferguson has also served under Sheriff Bert Austin with the Dare County Sheriff's Office from 1989 through 2002 in patrol and as an investigator.

Contributing Editor's Column

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This column is 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.'

Readers interested in contributing articles should send a brief email with an indication of interest area to:

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Officers Go Above & Beyond to Make a Special Holiday Delivery

CONCORD – Two Concord Police officers, with the help of a high-flying friend, make a very special delivery to a fellow law enforcement officer's family hundreds of miles away. On Thursday morning, the officers delivered a beautiful homemade dollhouse and other gifts to Elizabeth City, North Carolina to try to brighten the holidays for a family that recently lost nearly everything in a house fire. The method of delivery was very Santa-like, short of falling down a chimney.

In December, Concord Police Officer Kevin Williams, who is in charge of the annual 'Shop with a Cop' event, received a unique donation from a Concord couple. The couple, who wish to remain anonymous, donated a beautiful homemade dollhouse that they labored over for weeks in their basement. The couple had been solicited to give money for the 'Shop with a Cop' program and decided to help by donating their labor of love to the Fraternal Order of Police. The couple's only request was that the dollhouse either be auctioned off to assist the 'Shop with a Cop' program or given away to a needy child.

[Read the whole story here!](#)



NEW YORK TIMES REPORTS STRENGTH OF N.C. PENSION FUND

New Report Shows North Carolina is One of the Few States Prepared for Retirees

RALEIGH – A new report, covered in yesterday's New York Times, demonstrates the continued strength of North Carolina's pension fund managed by State Treasurer Richard Moore, praising the state for diligently pre-paying its retiree benefits. The report, prepared by the Pew Center on the States, shows that North Carolina is one of only five states with a fully-funded pension plan, meaning that the resources are there to meet the needs of current and future retirees.

"Today's report is further evidence that our state's pension fund is among the strongest in the nation, and that our state is a leader in providing secure retirement benefits" Moore said. "We have taken the steps to ensure that our teachers, state employees and retirees can count on the state retirement system to live up to its promises."

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[Morehead City BKNCXVIII](#)



Police Begin Fingerprinting on Traffic Stops

GREEN BAY - If ticketed by Green Bay police, you'll get more than a fine. You'll get fingerprinted, too. It's a new way police are cracking down on crime.

If you're caught speeding or playing your music too loud, or other crimes for which you might receive a citation, Green Bay officers will ask for your drivers license and your finger. You'll be fingerprinted on the spot. The fingerprint appears right next to the amount of the fine.

Police say it's meant to protect you -- in case the person they're citing isn't who they claim to be. But not everyone is sold on that explanation.

[Read more](#)

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@nc.rr.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.

[Click here!](#)

Scroll down the homepage to see featured Articles, News Releases and Events.

☞ Please send any website, comments, suggestions and criticisms to:

Editor@NCFOP.org

State Trooper Saves Woman's Life

By Richard Saunders, The Raleigh Chronicle

CLAYTON - According to the NC Highway Patrol, a state trooper saved the life of a woman in an accident by giving her CPR.

The Highway Patrol office says that last Wednesday, January 23rd, NC Trooper J. L. Thorpe saw a single vehicle crash on US Highway 70 in Clayton, which is east of Raleigh.

The vehicle left the roadway, hit a utility pole and then crashed into several parked vehicles.

The Highway Patrol says that Trooper Thorpe then ran to the crashed vehicle to check on the driver and found her unresponsive and not breathing.

Along with an unknown Good Samaritan, Trooper Thorpe removed... [Read more](#)

New Orleans Expo:
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Brian Freelan, NC FOP Membership and Recruitment Chair, at Rudy's meeting with FOP members..

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Officers Ricky Parks and Johnny Overby ramp up recruiting effort at DARE Conference

Report filed by Ricky Parks, E-mail: Ricky.Parks@rockymountnc.gov

The DARE Conference was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Atlantic Beach this past week. We were able to attend Wednesday and Thursday (January 9th and 10th).

It was truly a worthwhile experience that gave enormous press for our organization. Estimated 65 to 70% of the attendees are currently FOP members. If nothing else the trip served as a retention tool to maintain our current members. Our members were extremely impressed with the professional image demonstrated by our new recruitment board. Many appeared eager to tell others they were members when they were around the display and would actually ask others if they were members.

Many questions and details were handled while I was at the conference, and several issues need to be followed up on by either our committee or individual lodges. Actionable items have been forwarded to the appropriate lodges

In addition, a Beaufort County Sheriff Sgt. wishes to Charter a new lodge in Beaufort County. Johnny Overby and I are following up.

The Day and a half I was able to aggressively recruit was truly worth the effort. Special thanks to Johnny Overby for his assistance and hospitality!

Subpoenas target sheriff's office

Seek details of work by inmates, others

By Shannan Bowen, Staff Writer, shannan.bowen@starnewsonline.com

Federal subpoenas served Thursday to several individuals connected to the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office ask for documents relating to work performed by jail inmates outside the confines of the Brunswick County jail and work performed by a list of former and present sheriff's office employees on properties owned by Sheriff Ronald Hewett.

The subpoenas, which list 26 "relevant parties," also ask for documents relating to disciplinary reprimands, demotions and promotions and reassignment of duties since June, according to a copy of one individual's subpoena.

The relevant parties listed on the subpoena include former and current law enforcement personnel, Hewett's wife, son, daughter and the sheriff himself.

Brunswick County Attorney Huey Marshall said Friday morning he was told that the FBI served subpoenas Thursday to at least seven individuals at the sheriff's office.

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