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Day on the Hill 2008 & 2nd Annual NFOP PAC Legislative Reception

The **F.O.P. Day on The Hill 2008** will begin on Monday, 25 Feb 2008. The National Legislative Office and the National Legislative Committee will host a short briefing on our legislative agenda at the District of Columbia Lodge #1 at 711 4th Street, NW. The briefing will take place Monday afternoon at **4pm**, lasting 1 hour.

Tuesday & Wednesday, 26-27 Feb, will be devoted to meetings with Members from your home States and districts. **These appointments should be made in advance!!!** FOP participants should make every effort to have their Representative or Senator attend the meeting along with the appropriate staff person.

NFOP PAC Legislative Reception

The NFOP PAC cordially invites all FOP members to attend the Second Annual NFOP PAC Legislative Reception, which will be held following the FOP Legislative Briefing at D.C. Lodge #1. The suggested contribution for the event is \$30.

Twenty NC FOP members are expected to make the trip, staying at the Red Roof Inn on 'H' Street. President Penix & VP Mangum will be making specific assignments on 19 Feb. For additional info [click here](#) to email the State Lodge.

FOP Urges Congress to Reverse Ruling on Crack Dealers

CARY, N.C. - Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, called on Congress to act swiftly to block the decision of the U.S. Sentencing Commission to apply retroactively the new, lower sentencing guidelines for individuals convicted of crack cocaine offenses.

"At least 19,500 crack dealers will have their sentences reduced," Canterbury said. "And these are not 'low level dealers' or first time offenders -- 80% of them had previously been convicted of a crime, a majority of them have multiple prior convictions and 35% of them also possessed a firearm... [Read more..](#)

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RALEIGH, NC – "Wilderness of Mirrors" is the theme for the fifth annual **Raleigh Spy Conference**, an internationally acclaimed event that draws top experts in the field of intelligence each year. The 2008 conference will be held March 26-28 at the North Carolina Museum of History in downtown Raleigh.

[Read more..](#)

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

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UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF HR218

In an October issue of The Blue Note, I gave you information regarding the passage of House Bill 1231, which implements HR218, the "Law Enforcement Officers' Safety Act of 2004," into law in North Carolina. This Federal law authorizes State and local law enforcement officer to carry firearms nationwide so long as the law enforcement officers regularly qualified with the firearm and met certain conditions. Federal law also authorizes retired and active officers to carry concealed firearms nationwide so long as they met the firearms qualification standards for active law enforcement officers and complied with other criteria. HR218 was a major initiative in Congress for the Grand Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police, but upon its passage the states were slow to begin implementing this new law. President Don Penix made implementation of HR218 a top priority for this legislative session and I, along with our Legislative Agent, Jeff Gray, worked to obtain passage of House Bill 1231, "Certain Law Officers/Waive Handgun Permit."

The bill designated the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education & Training Standards Commission as the appropriate State agency in North Carolina to certify retired law enforcement officers to carry a concealed firearm as long as the retired officer met annual firearms re-qualification requirements. The bill became effective December 1, 2007. However, don't be rushing out to obtain your certification. The Criminal Justice Education & Training Standards Commission must first adopt administrative rules to implement House Bill 1231. It is in the process of doing so.

The draft of these administrative rules have been approved by a subcommittee of the Commission, which also included a Sheriff representative, and will be presented to the full Commission for approval at its February 2008, meeting. It must then hold a public hearing on these rules. Once the Commission adopts the proposed administrative rules, the rules must go before the Rules Review Commission for approval. These rules will likely not be heard by the Rules Review Commission until May, at the earliest. These administrative rules will likely have an effective date of August, 2008.

Although the law was effective December 1st, quite obviously, the law is not going to be implemented until the administrative rules are approved by the Commission. Once approved, the Commission will begin accepting applications for eligible, retired officers.

Terry Mangum,

Vice President, NC State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police

Contributing Editor's Column

February 15th, 2007

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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Three indicted for FOP camp break-in January 17th

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation arrested three suspects involved in last summer's Fraternal Order of Police Youth Camp break-in after a Wilson County Grand Jury returned a myriad of indictments against a former police officer and two co-defendants.

Calvin Hullet, 44, 11101 Jordan Road, Lascassas, is facing nine charges: aggravated burglary, vandalism over \$1,000, two counts of theft of services, criminal conspiracy, three counts of criminal responsibility for conduct of another, and resisting arrest.

The Grand Jury reinstated the aggravated burglary charge after a judge previously reduced the initial charge to criminal trespass in November. [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:

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This video deserves a more creative caption and summary.

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Broken Arrow cops lead, nation follows

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BROKEN ARROW - Law enforcers from Lafayette, Ind., visited Broken Arrow recently to learn about the innovative leadership concept that guides the local police department.

"We're both out-of-the-box thinkers," Lafayette Chief Don Roush said about himself and Capt. Bruce Biggs. "When we learned about Chief Wuestewald changing how leadership of his department works, we wanted to come see it in action."

He was referring to Wuestewald's shared leadership concept, which he implemented soon after becoming chief in 2002.

Wuestewald's approach includes taking most issues that arise to a 12-member team, giving various department members a voice in decision-making.

Maj. Mark Irwin and Fraternal Order of Police President Sgt. John Zoller co-chair the team. [Read more.](#)

Police union vote set

PALM BEACH – The town's police officers will go to the polls next month to decide whether to join a union and, if so, who should represent them.

The town's public employees' relation commission Friday approved separate elections March 10 and 11 for the approximately 50 rank-and-file officers and about 14 sergeants.

Officers will choose among the Palm Beach County Police Benevolent Association, the Florida State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police or no unionization. [Read more.](#)

The North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police Officer of the Year Award (Spring award)

The North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police Officer of the Year Award honors Fraternal Order of Police members who distinguish themselves by actions which represent the highest standards of the police profession.

Nominees should be those Officers who highlight that outstanding police work is varied and challenging, greatly affects people from all walks of life, improves community conditions, and improves the quality of life in the communities they serve while supporting and furthering the ideals and values of the Fraternal Order of Police.

[Read the entire award text.](#)

The Mark R. (Marshall) Tucker Memorial Award (Fall award)

The Mark R (Marshall) Tucker Award was established to honor Fraternal Order of Police members who display dedication and tenacity in the furtherance of the ideals and values of the Fraternal Order of Police.

Mark R Tucker was born in Salisbury, North Carolina, NC on 11/07/1954. Mark and his family lived in Kannapolis North Carolina till 1961 when they moved to Cary, Wake County North Carolina. There he graduated from Cary High School in 1973. After graduating high school Mark completed approximately 1,700 hours of training in all major areas of law enforcement, including BLET. [Read the entire award text.](#)

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The Thug

Think about the subculture of which you are a part.

Where and when did it ever get its start?

In our society, like a disease it has spread,
Leaving countless numbers of young people dead.

You use and sell drugs without any remorse.

Run with the thugs and that's just another dead end course.

You feel indestructible, the drugs help with that.

You would kill or injure another over an insignificant spat.

You claim that you fight for and demand respect,

But look at what you are - what can you expect?

Creating fear, chaos and living a "gansta" life,
Makes one think that in the drawer you're not the sharpest knife.

Now if your life is the mess that you allow it to be,

What kind of father could you expect your child to see?

Will he grow up thinking the way you live your life is right?

Will you even be around to know or fall prey to a gun's sight?

Where is your "gansta" life most likely to go?

From your life here on earth, what will there be to show?

You made the choice and there is no one else to blame,

What a wasted life - what an enormous shame!

So if you really want to be genuinely respected,

Distance yourself from the life you've selected.

Take responsibility for yourself and for your deeds.

Follow the path where GOD leads.

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