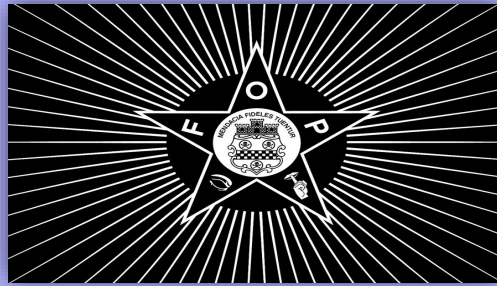


## July 2025

## Newsletter



National Minority  
Mental Health Awareness Month  
JULY

THOUGHT  
LEADER LIFE

### President's Message

#### **Purpose Requires Discipline**

Having purpose doesn't necessarily guarantee success. Discipline brings the return. Stop wasting time on things that are distraction because you may be wasting your purpose. Discipline is the stewardship of purpose. Discipline is not punishment, but it is about preparing you for something with purpose. You can achieve success in any situation you choose. Try turning your discipline into your purpose and watch what happens.

*"Doing more with Lodge 64 in 2025"*

### Secretary Corner

CallingPost is the platform that is used to send out information pertaining to meetings, training, events for the Lodge. It is sent to the email address and phone number that we have on file for you. **To receive the text message, it will come from "24251"** You must open the text and **type OK** in order for you to receive the text messages. **If you have unsubscribed in error to receive the emails from CallingPost, you will have to go to <https://apps.callingpost.com/email/subscribe> Once there, you will enter your email address and click on the "Yes subscribe to emails" button.**



**Fulton County Lodge 64  
website:  
"GAFOPLODGE64.com"**

Does the Lodge have your current address phone number and email address? Information is sent to members by the information that is on file for you. If you have moved, phone number change, etc., it is your responsibility to notify the Secretary of these changes. **On the Lodge website under Membership Applications is a "Membership Update Card". It's a fillable PDF where any updated information can be made.**

**Any updates can be sent to Secretary A. Grooms at [adriennegroomsfop@gmail.com](mailto:adriennegroomsfop@gmail.com)**



#### **\*\*2025 General Meeting & Training Location\*\***

**General Meeting, Thursday  
July 24, 2025 @ 6PM**

**Training starts at 5:00 PM before the meeting. Class topic - Ethics & Professionalism**

**Woodward Academy Cafeteria  
1662 Rugby Ave.  
College Park, GA 30337**

*\*Light Refreshments will be served \**

#### **Upcoming Training Topics**

- ♦ **Future training classes for the second half and firearms re-qualifications dates are TBA**

**\*\*Look for the CallingPost notification to sign up with Bro. E. Carter for the classes\*\***

# "Congratulations Lodge 64"



Success is delivered  
to the deserving.  
Congratulations!

On June 14, 2025 at the Georgia FOP Full Board Meeting, Fulton County Lodge #64 was awarded the Major, Lodge of the Year Award. President Charlene Heard, First Vice President Howard Billingslea and State Lodge Trustee Eardley Jarvis were present to receive the award. Great Job for all of the hard work that the Lodge has done.

**Lodge 64 has done it again!**





# "Back 2 School Bookbag Giveaway"

WE NEED  
YOU!

Fulton County Lodge 64 is partnering with the Fulton County Marshals Department for their annual Back 2 School Bookbag Giveaway. The event will be held on Saturday, July 26, 2025 from 10AM - 1PM at the Fulton County South Annex Building. Come out and help our young scholars get ready for school with the supplies that they need.



**ANNUAL BACK 2 SCHOOL**

**BACKPACK GIVEAWAY**

**PARTNERING WITH:**

- FOP: Fraternal Order of Police (#64)
- Cycle Kings - Motorcycle Club
- MACC - Metro Atlanta Cycling Club
- Rare Breed - Motorcycle Club
- Fulton Fresh Mobile Market
- Kwik Tech

**SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025**  
10AM-1PM  
**FULTON COUNTY SOUTH ANNEX BUILDING**  
5600 STONEWALL TELL RD  
ATLANTA, GA 30349  
**FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE**

## "Doing more with Lodge 64"



# FOP: Legal Defense Plan

## **Legal Defense Plan:**

The FOP Legal Defense Plan is sponsored by the National Fraternal Order of Police and operated by the FOP Legal Plan, Inc. Legal defense protection is a necessity for law enforcement professionals. As the frequency and cost of allegations rise, the FOP Legal Defense Plan offers lodges and lodge members a very affordable and comprehensive plan with several options. The FOP Legal Defense Plan contracts with Plan attorneys to represent eligible participants when confronted with covered claims. Participants in the Plan have the right to select an attorney of their own choice.

## **Full Coverage Options:**

Subject to terms, conditions, limitations and other exclusions, the FOP Legal Defense Plan is designed specifically to cover exposures that active law enforcement officers face every day. The FOP Legal Defense Plan will pay legal defense costs for covered duty-related administrative disciplinary actions, criminal, and civil (excess) lawsuits, including grand jury proceedings. The Legal Defense Plan coverage is a benefit of FOP membership. Available options and more details can be found at [foplegal.com](http://foplegal.com).

**Eligibility:** You must be an FOP member in good standing, employed by a federal, state or local government law enforcement agency, or employed by a law enforcement entity operated by a private college/university, private railroad or Native American tribal government (with some restrictions).

## **Retired Law Enforcement Concealed Carry Legal Defense Coverage (CCC):**

The FOP Legal Defense Plan also offers separate unlimited legal defense coverage for civil and criminal claims associated with the legal carrying and/or use of a weapon for qualifying retired FOP members. Legal defense costs are covered in full when using a Plan attorney. Coverage is provided to not only those retirees who qualify under LEOSA, but also those retirees who qualify under their own state laws to carry a concealed weapon.

**Eligibility:** You must be an FOP member in good standing and certify that you are legally carrying a firearm within your state under that state's qualifications or meet all of the requirements set forth in LEOSA. In order to qualify, you must be a retired law enforcement officer from a public agency who, among other things, had powers of arrest while employed, retired in good standing after a minimum of 10 years of service (or have a duty disability), and must be legally carrying a concealed firearm or carrying such firearm in one's own home or vehicle at the time of the incident giving rise to a claim. More details can be found at [foplegal.com](http://foplegal.com).

**\*\*Contact Secretary A. Grooms for additional information:  
[adriennegroomsfop@gmail.com](mailto:adriennegroomsfop@gmail.com) or 470.215.1429 \*\***







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LEGAL  
DEFENSE  
PLAN

## IMPORTANT NEWS

# Plan Price Adjustment

NEW

PRICING

EFFECTIVE

IN

2026

The FOP Legal Plan Board of Directors reviews coverage pricing with our accounting and actuarial firm partners every other year. This review ensures that the FOP Legal Defense Plan is properly funded and sustainable for our members. Based on our findings this year, a price adjustment effective January 1, 2026, is necessary.

### New Pricing Effective January 1, 2026

The new annual cost for the FOP Legal Defense Plan, shown below, will be reflected in your 2026 renewal date. For example, the new pricing will take effect if your plan renews on August 1, 2026.

- **Full Coverage (ABC):** \$396
- **Civil/Criminal Coverage (BC):** \$84

We understand this change could create uncertainties. As the group administrator, you play a key role in ensuring Lodge Participants understand the value of the FOP Legal Defense Plan and are properly enrolled. Here are a few of the advantages of the FOP Legal Defense Plan.

**Comprehensive Legal Coverage** - Access to attorneys 24/7 for both on- and off-duty incidents, ensuring your members always have immediate, reliable support.

**Peace of Mind and Financial Security** – Minimize personal financial risk from expensive legal fees so officers can confidently perform their duties without worry.

**Defense Tailored for Law Enforcement** – Specialized legal representation specifically trained to handle cases involving officer-involved shootings, critical incidents, disciplinary matters, and more.

**Trusted Advocacy and Support** – Backed by the FOP's longstanding reputation for protecting officers' rights, your members know they have strong advocacy whenever and wherever it's needed. And you, as the administrator, have direct access to our enrollment administration and claims partners for support as you need it.

If you have questions about the plan or the price change, please call 800-341-6038 or email [info@foplegal.com](mailto:info@foplegal.com) for assistance.

# "Doing More With Lodge 64"

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## WELCOME!

### Fulton County Sheriff's Office

- ♦ Marion Griffin - Reinstate

### Other Agencies

- ♦ Dondre Alexander - South Fulton PD
- ♦ Ira K. Blander - Atty Council of GA
- ♦ Thomas Corely - Morris Brown PD
- ♦ Laura Harper - MARTA PD
- ♦ Khylia Peaslee - South Fulton PD
- ♦ Andre Williams - APD
- ♦ Daton Williams - East Point PD
- ♦ Ratesha Wilson - South Fulton PD

*Welcome*

**Communities thrive  
when they know  
their officers are not  
just enforcers of the  
law, but advocates  
for their well-being.**



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# POWER of PRAYER



WITH DEEPEST  
*Sympathy*

 Continued prayers to Bro. John Starks on the recent passing of his mother Mrs. Leola Johnson

 Continued prayers to the Callaway family on the recent passing of Sis. Charlotte Callaway

*"Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted"*  
Matthew 5:4



# GET WELL



- Continue to pray for a healthy and speedy recovery for Sis. Gloria Hodgson
- Continue to pray for a healthy and speedy recovery for Bro. Hal Hardy Sr.
- Continue to pray for a healthy and speedy recovery for Bro. Evans Lafond



**\*Do you know of any member that maybe sick and/or in distress.**

**Call 404.767.0501 and leave a message.\***



**Fraternal Order of Police  
Fulton County Lodge #64  
2896 East Point Street  
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***"The most courageous act is still to think for yourself. Aloud."***  
*Coco Chanel*

*Membership Applications QR Code*



**You don't just wear a badge — you carry a promise. A promise to serve, protect, and stand strong, no matter the cost. We see your sacrifice. We honor your service.**



***Fulton County Lodge 64***

***"Doing More With Lodge 64!"***