FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, FULTON COUNTY LODGE # 64

August 2025





Newsletter





President's Message

The Discipline of Patience

Patience and time are often considered significant influences. The relationship between the two raises the question: Can one exist without the other? Patience can be viewed as a form of strength, characterized not by inactivity, but by waiting for appropriate moments to act based on sound principles and methods.

"Patience is not the ability to wait, but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting." Joyce Myers

Have you experienced any changes because of practicing patience?

"Doing more with Lodge 64 "

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"

Is your lodge beneficiary information up to date? Is your mailing and email address correct on file for you. Have you moved and/or phone number changed? On the Lodge website under Membership Applications is a "Membership Update Card". It's a fillable PDF where any updated information can be made or send your information to Secretary A. Grooms at



2025 General Meeting & Training Location

General Meeting, Thursday August 28, 2025 @ 6PM

Training starts at 5:00 PM before the meeting. Class topic - Effective Communication

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

*Light Refreshments will be served *

Upcoming Training Topics

Firearms re-qualifications date is August 30, 2025.

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



"Community Service:

Back to School Bookbag Giveaway"

During the months of July and August, Fulton County Lodge 64 community service focused on Back to School Supplies. On July 24th members of the Lodge 64 Executive Board and Bro. Aubrey Roberts delivered bookbags filled with school supplies for scholars at the John Lewis Invictus Academy and APS Autism scholars. On July 26th Lodge 64 partnered with the Fulton County Marshal's Department with distributing bookbags and school supplies at their Back to School Event, Fulton County South Annex, College Park, GA. In August, Lodge 64 also provided bookbags to scholars at various churches: Unity Faith Baptist Church, College Park, Edgefield Baptist Church, Fayetteville, First Iconium Baptist Church, Atlanta, Woods Memorial Baptist Church, College Park and some members, At all events, the children and parents all left with smiles on their faces and the peace of mind that they will be able to start the school year off right.

















"Doing more with Lodge 64"

FOP National 67th Biennial Conference



On August 3 - 6, 2025, President Charlene Heard and 1st Vice President Howard Billingslea attended the 2025 FOP, National 67th Biennial Conference in Miami, Florida. At the conference, the National FOP Executive Board was elected and announced. Bro. Patrick Yoes, National President, Bro. Joe Gamaldi, National Vice President, Bro. John Hoyt, Second Vice President, Bro. Jimmy Holderfield, National Secretary, Bro. James Smallwood, National Treasurer and Bro. Steve James, National Sergeant-at-Arms. The Georgia delegation was well represented at the conference and participated with the activities of the conference: MLB— Miami Marlins vs. Houston Astros baseball game just to name a few. (Picture below: Georgia FOP Delegates)



"Fulton County Lodge 64 Motor Unit Ride 4 Kids Event"



On August 23, 2025, the Lodge 64 Motor Unit held a Ride 4 Kids Bike Ride to benefit the annual "Cops and Kids Christmas Event" that will be held in December. The ride started in the parking lot on Jonesboro Road in Lake City, Georgia and ended at the Wolf Creek Amphitheater in Atlanta, Georgia. The riders were escorted by members of the Fulton County Sheriff's Office Motor Unit. Of course after that long ride, it was time for members to fellowship with friends and participants. The awards presented were the:

Best Looking Bike that was awarded to Finnese, Kings of The South MC whose burnt orange Harley Davidson with its clean chrome was on fire. The award for Most Group Participants was awarded to Bro. Eddie "Porkchop" Robinson, Wolfpack MC and members. Finally, the Spirit of Connection award was presented to the Fulton County Lodge 64 Motor Unit, President Elbert Carter for his many inspirations and aspirations for the Motor Unit.





















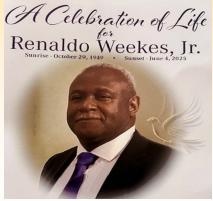




Lodge 64 Motor Unit Remembering Bro. Renaldo "Street" Weekes

On July 24, 2025, President of the Motor Unit Bro. Elbert "EL" Carter and members of Lodge 64 Motor Unit presented to the widow of its member Renaldo "Streets" Weekes with a shadow box that contained his vest colors, and the prayer of the Motor Unit. Also presented to Mrs. Weekes was a shirt that contained Bro. Weekes doing what he loved best, riding with the Motor Unit.









Our joys will be greater, our love will be deeper, our life will be fuller because we shared your moment





DO YOU WEAR SLIDES?

You can get a pair of slides-Fulton County Lodge 64 slides on a first come pre-order basis. The price is based on the quantity of slides we order. We must get a minimum of 20 pairs to submit an order. Samples of the slides will be available at our August General meeting on Thursday, August 28, 2025. The product & size information is below. The pre-order period is now until Tuesday, September 2, 2025. Contact Sis. Andrea Thomas, lodge64treasurer@gmail.com or call 706.536.9362 to place a pre-order.





WHITE/NAVY COLOR













We have a few more Tshirts: Large & X-Large



See Bro. Eardley Jarvis or Sis. Andrea Thomas
Call 404.767.0501

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NEW PRICING EFFECTIVE IN 2026

IMPORTANT NEWS

Plan Price Adjustment

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): \$396Civil/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.

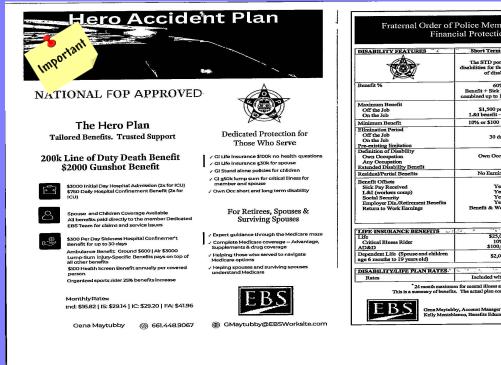
Peace of Mind and Financial Security – Minimize personal financial risk from expensive legal fees so officers can confidently perform their duties without worry.

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 for assistance.

Do You Need Insurance? FOP: Additional Life Insurance



DISABILITY FEATURES	Short Term Disability	Long Term Disability
	The STD portion covers disabilities for the first 6 months of disability	The LTD portion covers disabilities after 6 months of disability (no break in coverage)
Benefit %	60% Benefit + Sick Leave can be combined up to 100% of Salary	66 2/3%
Maximum Benefit Off the Job On the Job	\$1,500 per week L&I benefit – see offsets	\$7,500° \$7,500°
Minimum Benefit	10% or \$100 (\$25/week)	10% or \$100
Elimination Period Off the Job On the Job Pre-existing limitation	30 days	Dovetails with STD 6 months 6 months 6/12
Definition of Disability Own Occupation Any Occupation Extended Disability Benefit	Own Occupation	60 months Age 65, SSNRA Additional 60 months @85%
Residual/Partial Benefits	No Earnings Test	No Earnings Test
Benefit Offsets Sick Pay Received L&I (workers comp) Social Security Employer Dis.Retirement Benefits Return to Work Earnings	Yes Yes Yes Yes Benefit & Work = 100%	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Only if elected or they do not reduce normal retirement benefits
LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS	9	21. NSD-30. 1 70.
Life Critical Illness Rider AD&D	\$25,000 10% \$100,000	\$25,000 10% \$100,000
Dependent Life (Spouse and children age 6 months to 19 years old)	\$2,000	\$2,000
DISABILITY/LIFE PLAN RATES	IN THE RESERVE TO THE PARTY OF	
Rates	Included with Package	Based on group size and location

"Update Your Lodge 64 Beneficiary information"

What is a life insurance beneficiary?

A life insurance beneficiary is the person or entity you name to receive the death benefit from the policy. Beneficiaries could be one or more persons. Lodge 64 offers a death benefit and the GA FOP Lodge offers a death benefit for each member.



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Fulton County Sheriff's Office

Scott Reese - Retired

Other Agencies

- Michael Shealey Cockran South Fulton PD
- Myesha Cooper South Fulton PD
- Roger Frazier South Fulton PD
- Dell Greene II South Fulton PD
- Randy Harris South Fulton PD
- Christopher Meraz South Fulton PD
- Carl Pierre South Fulton PD
- Willis Reed South Fulton PD
- Alvin Slocum II Dunwoody PD
- Corey Swain Dekalb Police Retired
- Kelvin Thomas Jr. South Fulton PD
- Davonte Webster South Fulton PD



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

"Bro. Gerald Johnson"

On August 6, 2025, the Atlanta Metropol, Inc honored Bro. Deputy Lieutenant Gerald Johnson for his courage and heroic actions on January 6, 2025.

Lt. Johnson confronted and stopped an armed gunman who had just robbed two businesses and shot two employees during the second robbery.

During the encounter, Lt. Johnson sustained a gunshot wound to his hand, yet continued to act decisively to protect the community.



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2025 Cops & Kids Christmas Community Service Project

Fraternal Order of Police Fulton County Lodge #64 East Point, GA

Donation Link













Sympathy

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

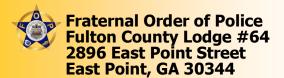


- Continue to pray for a healthy and speedy recovery for Sis. Gloria Hodgson
- Continue to pray for a healthy and speedy recovery for Bro. Sam Dilworth



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

Call 404.767.0501 and leave a message.*



STAMP



"It always seems impossible until it's done"
Nelson Mandela

Membership Applications QR Code







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