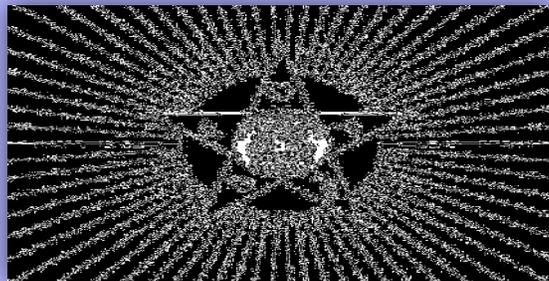


## April 2025



## Newsletter



### President's Message



Time is precious and should be cherished. Avoid wasting it on trivial matters. Focus on what truly matters in life. Time is irreplaceable, so consider how you will use it wisely.

*"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"**

If you have not renewed your 2025 membership dues, you can make payments via Cash App (\$FCLodge64), PayPal (Go to the Fulton County Lodge 64 website-under Pay My Dues), cash, money orders or check made payable to **Fulton County Lodge 64**. **Members who have not paid their dues will be removed from the membership roster on April 21, 2025. There is a \$5.00 late fee in additional to the dues payment to be reinstated.**

**Payments: Active — \$120.00**  
**Retired — \$60.00**



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

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

**Training starts at 5:00 PM before the meeting. Class topic - Officer involved Shooting**

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

*\*Light Refreshments will be served \**

### **Upcoming Training Topics**

- ♦ **April 26th - Use of Deadly Force De-escalation Options and Community Policing**
- ♦ **Firearms re-qualifications dates TBA**

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

# Fulton County Lodge 64 Training



Fulton County Lodge 64 Training Committee held several POST accredited training classes for its members at different separate locations during March and April. The training locations were at the College Park Public Safety Complex, College Park, GA., and The Gathering Place, Union City GA.

- On March 22nd Use of Deadly Force De-escalation Options was instructed by Sis. LaPrincess Jenkins Community Policing was instructed by Bro. Elbert Carter.
- On April 12th Mental Health was instructed by Sis. Gloria Hodgson, Gang Awareness was instructed by Bro. Roderick Pittman, and Human Trafficking was instructed by Bro Elbert Carter.

These classes are a part of the core training requirements that an officer has to have to maintain their POST requirements.



## President C. Heard Spotlight



On April 1, 2025, President Charlene Heard conducted a training session on mental resiliency, a crucial skill for law enforcement professionals for the Atlanta Police Department for the Atlanta Police Leadership Institute . This is a program designed to prepare APD officers for increased responsibility in law enforcement management.

President Charlene Heard, a retired Major with the Fulton County Sheriff's Office. With 30 years of experience in the force, Major Heard has dedicated her post-retirement career to teaching leadership development and crisis intervention.

APLI Director Dr. Stephanie Thomas personally recruited Major Heard for the session, recognizing her expertise in leadership training.

" I knew I wanted something different for my students, and Major Heard was the perfect fit to introduce the 'Mindset of a Leader,'" said Dr. Thomas.

Major Heard adopts a facilitation-based approach, encouraging interactive discussions and real-world problem-solving. In addition to crisis intervention training, she has led team-building exercises at her church, trained officers at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) and serves as a national trainer for the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP).

# FOP State Scholarships



**Announcement for the winners of the State Scholarships will be made on June 14, 2025 at the Georgia State FOP Meeting.**

Winners will be notified via email no later than June 30, 2025.

## Fulton County Lodge 64 Lodge Scholarships



On May 1, 2025, the Lodge John L. Haluka "Member" Scholarship and the Jimmy L. "Santa" Atkinson Spouse/Dependent Scholarship will be available. The period to apply will be from May 1-31, 2025. These are \$1000.00 scholarships each. Additional information will be sent on the CallingPost.



## 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 \*\*

"Remember to Invest in Yourself"

# "Are you ready to do more with Lodge 64?"



We are ready to hit the casino. Fulton County Lodge 64 is sponsoring a bus trip to Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino on Saturday, June 07, 2025. Seats are limited. Text 678.675.7736 include your first and last name to reserve your seat.

**"Bring Your Family and Friends"**

## "Get Your \$\$ "Ready- We are headed to the Casino"



- (\$20 casino credit pp)
- Refreshments provided
- Other surprises on the bus



Harrah's Cherokee Valley River  
Murphy, NC Saturday,  
June 07, 2025 / Cost \$100.00 pp

**Text 678.675.7736 for additional  
information & reservation**

**"Limited Seating"**

# "Lodge 64 T-Shirts"

**The FOP T-shirts are here.  
Get them while they last**



The Fulton County Lodge 64 t-shirts are in! They are available for as long as supplies last- FOP, Fulton County Lodge 64 T-Shirts are \$20.00. Payments via cash app: \$fclodge64 and cash. Text Bro E. Jarvis at 404.808.3910. \*If paying Cash App leave your full name & contact # in the message section.\*

## "Limited Supply"

[Shirt color is navy blue]

T-SHIRT 3D SIZE CHART

US SIZE	LENGTH		BUST		SHOULDER	
	INCH	CM	INCH	CM	INCH	CM
S	28	71	36	92	16	40
M	29	74	40	102	17	43
L	30	76	44	112	18	46
XL	31	79	48	122	19	49
2XL	32	81	52	132	20	52
3XL	33	84	56	142	22	55
4XL	34	86	60	152	23	58
5XL	35	88	64	162	24	61

Collar	O-Neck
Material	POLYESTER,SPANDEX
Style	Casual
Sleeve Length(cm)	short (4-16inch)
Gender	MEN



Pre-order:\$20.00  
Text 404.808.3910

# “Union City Parks and Recreation Miracle League Opening Day”



On Saturday, April 5, 2025, members of Fulton County Lodge 64 participated with the Union City Parks and Recreation Miracle League Opening Day ceremony dedication of the Miracle League new baseball field in Union City, GA. This field was specifically designed to allow the kids that participate with the Miracle League baseball, to be able to get the experience of being out on an actual grass like/turf baseball field. Children involved in this program range from ages 3-19 with various physical and or mental disabilities. Volunteers assist the children that made up two teams with batting, fielding and running bases. A big shout out to the Fulton County Lodge 64 Motor Unit that led the parade procession over to the new field from Union City -City Hall.



## Lodge 64 Community Service



On April 11, 2025, members of Fulton County Lodge 64, provided a pizza luncheon for the kids and staff of Hopebridge Autism Center located at 3800 Camp Creek Pkwy Bldg 1400 in Atlanta, GA. The kids were also provided with gift bags in recognition of April being Autism Awareness month.



## Doing More With Lodge 64

# "Doing more with Lodge 64"

## WELCOME!

### Fulton County Sheriff's Office

- ◆ Karland Stokes - Retired

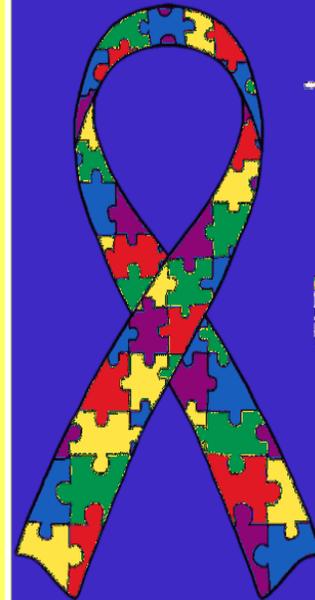
### Other Agencies

- ◆ Jennifer Bell - FC Marshal Dept
- ◆ Earl Britman - Retired APD
- ◆ Felicia Grant - South Fulton PD
- ◆ ShaQuitta Lyons - South Fulton PD
- ◆ Melvin Mitchell - Retired APD
- ◆ Altagracia Oliva - MARTA PD
- ◆ Clifford Payne - Retired APD
- ◆ Carlo Peek - Retired APD
- ◆ Johnathan Melendez Santiago - MARTA PD
- ◆ Dajuan Walker - APD

*Welcome*

### Reinstated

- ◆ Cornelius Lee - FCSO



Together we  
can make a  
better world  
for those  
with autism.

April is Autism Awareness Month.

adapted by Lisa Moseley

www.autismawareness.com

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# POWER of PRAYER



- ◆ Continued prayers to the Francois family on the recent passing of our Chaplain Alfred Francois

*"It is not the length of life, but the depth of life."*



# GET WELL



- ◆ Continue praying for a healthy and speedy recovery for Bro. Dexter Henry
- ◆ Continue praying for a healthy and speedy recovery for Bro. Charles Marbury



**\*\*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  
East Point, GA 30344**

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***"It does not matter how slowly you go so long as you do not stop"***  
*Confucius*

*Membership Applications QR Code*



***Fulton County Lodge 64***

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