

F.O.P. Legal Plan News

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Enrollment Summary

We are proud to announce that as of 7/1/2008 the FOP Legal Defense Plan has an active enrollment of 26,249. The Plan is aggressively growing and with the choice of your own attorney, plan financial security, and the voice of the FOP, the Legal Defense Plan continues to be the number one choice for FOP members.

Claims Corner

During its 14 years of providing legal defense services the FOP Legal Plan has handled over 8,500 cases on behalf of participating FOP members. During that time, the Plan has incurred in excess of \$18 Million in legal defense benefits.

The FOP Legal Defense Plan Welcomes New Lodges in 2008

AR FOP Wildlife Officers Lodge #41
AR FOP Wildlife Officers Lodge #41-B
CA Long Beach POA #1-A
CA Long Beach POA #1-B
CA John Perry Bargaining Unit #12-B
ID Caldwell Police Dept. Lodge #31-A
ID Caldwell Police Dept. Lodge #31-B
IL Lynn Keyes Memorial Lodge #128
IL East Moline Lodge #96
IN Ben K. Perry Lodge #61
IN Mishawaka FOP Lodge #91
MA Webster FOP Lodge #03
MA Tri-Town Lodge #30
MO Ozark Regional POA Lodge #30
NJ Cape May Cty FOP Lodge #7
NJ East Orange Police Lodge #111
NJ Westampton Twp FOP Lodge #147
NJ Superior Officers FOP Lodge #164
NJ Clinton Township Police POP #182
NJ Gloucester Cty Corrections Sgts Assoc #199
OK Henryetta FOP Lodge #115
OK LeFlore Cty FOP #202-B
OK Collinsville FOP Lodge #212
UT Valley FOP Lodge #23
WA Lower Columbia Lodge #12

Important Reminders

Administrative Off-Duty Coverage

The FOP Legal Defense Plan announced a new member benefit in 2007. Groups and Individual Participants may elect a supplementary benefit under Coverage A for off-duty incidents not within the scope of employment, which result in administrative discipline or sanction.

The annual cost is \$30 with a benefit limit of \$2,500 per occurrence.

Participants must purchase at least Administrative + One additional coverage to qualify for this coverage.

HR-218 Coverage

(Federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004)

The FOP Legal Defense Plan is offering HR-218 coverage for FOP retired and active law enforcement officers. Legal defense coverage is provided for civil or criminal claims associated with HR-218. The annual maximum coverage limit is \$15,000 at a cost of \$50.00 per participant.

Note: Active law enforcement officers who are participants in the FOP Legal Defense Plan are already covered for HR-218 claims. No need to complete a new application!

FOP Legal Defense Plan - Client Internet Portal

We encourage all lodges to sign up and benefit from the FOP Legal Defense Plan Client Portal. We currently have 82 lodges utilizing the system to add and cancel members, edit lodge information, and manage their payments.

Please note, member reinstatements cannot be made via the client web portal. They must be submitted in writing to Maureen Jagos (maureen.jagos@hylant.com) at the Hylant Group.

New Video (DVD)

The Legal Plan recently completed a new marketing video for recruitment. If you would like a copy to use in your recruiting efforts of new members or existing members please contact the Hylant Group at: (800)-341-6038.



Marketing and Enrollment Information

Please remember to contact the Hylant Group for any marketing support you may need for your state. Let us help you increase your membership by offering one of the best benefits available for FOP members. We can assist with direct marketing in your state, presentations, etc. Let us hear from you today!

Also, if you need Plan information or wish to enroll, please contact Maureen Jagos at the Hylant Group (800)-341-6038. You may also visit our website at www.fophylant.com.



A Successful Defense

Recently the Legal Plan was successful in defending a member on the following claim.

Incident – Department alleged improper supervision and stealing based on a bogus complaint by a disgruntled co-worker. After a three month witch hunt the department issued a letter of reprimand and disciplinary transfer.

Result – A 5-day arbitration resulting in complete vindication for the officer. The judge indicated concerns about the department's violation of the employment contract provisions and investigative techniques.



Member Quote – “Thanks to the FOP Legal Plan I was afforded my day in court, which I would not have had without it.”

Testimonials—We Need Your Help!

Do you have a successful story on how the Legal Plan helped you or one of your FOP brothers/sisters? Please help us tell your story to current and prospective members. The Legal Defense Plan needs testimonials to publish in upcoming newsletters, journals, and the website. Please visit our website at www.fophylant.com or contact a Legal Defense Plan representative to complete the testimonial survey form. Thank you.

Need attorney information or have coverage questions?

Please don't hesitate to contact Cara Webb at Keenan and Associates – 11501 Montgomery Blvd. NE Albuquerque, NM. 87191. You may also give her a call at: (866) 920-6600.

She will be happy to assist you.



Notable Quote

“I believe the Plan is well maintained and important for officers to have access to qualified attorneys, otherwise they could not afford to defend themselves against unwarranted and false accusations.”

- William Folden, Frederick County, MD Lodge #102

Officer Folden was accused of having a controversial phone conversation with a department dispatcher and allegedly refused to perform his duties.