



F.O.P. Legal Plan News

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Enrollment Update

The FOP Legal Defense Plan began its 11th year of operation on May 1, 2005. Member participation continues to grow with active enrollment over 18,000 members.

The FOP continues to meet its goal of providing affordable and comprehensive legal defense for Administration, Civil and Criminal exposures of its law enforcement professionals. The broadest coverage available in today's marketplace is less than 60 cents a day.

Claims Corner

As of May 31, 2005 the FOP Legal Defense Plan has handled over 5,000 cases and currently has more than 800 open case files. In addition, the Plan has paid out over \$13,000,000 in attorney fees to defend its membership.

New Benefit

Salary Reimbursement Option

Under the Administrative coverage, there is a Salary Reimbursement Option (SRO), which can be taken once a suspension has been imposed and allows for a member to choose up to 3 days actual loss of pay (based on regular hourly rate) or \$500 whichever is less. No further claims can be made after taking the SRO for that specific incident or similar incident resulting in suspension. Claims for the SRO cannot be taken more than 30 days after the suspension. This option is in lieu of legal costs for the suspension.

Enrollment & Marketing Administration

If you need Plan information or wish to enroll, please contact **Maureen Jagos at the Hylant Group (800)-341-6038**. Or visit our website at www.fophylant.com.

Another Satisfied Member

Officer John Lamb was responding to a call from another officer needing assistance. A civilian driver pulled out in front of Officer Lamb and a collision occurred. Unfortunately, the driver was killed and he was brought up on criminal charges of manslaughter. In addition, he faced an administrative action brought by the department. The FOP Legal Plan successfully defended Officer Lamb and the criminal charges were reduced to reckless driving and speeding. The Plan paid over \$13,000 on Officer Lamb's defense.

"My wife and I were more than pleased with our representation. There are not enough words to express how great Mary was to us. She clearly went above and beyond for us, her work was excellent. We could not have asked for a better attorney. During this entire process, we didn't have just an attorney; we also gained a good friend, who we hope to keep!" - Quote from Officer John Lamb

National Conference - New Orleans

Please join us in New Orleans at the FOP Biennial Conference. We are holding an FOP Legal Plan workshop during the educational sessions. We will be discussing some of the following points:

- Legal Plan Coverage's and enhancements
- Comparisons of other plans
- Enrollment Information
- Claims Handling
- Testimonials
- Questions and Answers

And most of all do not forget to stop by the exhibitor's hall to say hello, ask questions, and collect any information that you may need. We are located at Booth #305.



OTHER DEFENDED CASES

- KS Officer Officer was terminated for being intoxicated while operating dept. vehicle.
Spent: \$29,287 – Officer reinstated
- OK Officer Officer was disciplined for submitting false reports.
Spent: \$19,075 - Settlement agreement made.
- OK Officer Officer involved in a shooting incident.
Spent: \$21,230 - Exonerated
- KY Officer Officer was charged with theft, tampering with evidence and official misconduct.
Spent: \$10,012
- OK Officer Use of force allegations.
Spent: \$24,827
- MS Officer Making false arrests
Spent: \$3,113 – Charges dismissed
- KS Officer Improper conduct towards a subordinate
Spent: \$11,222
- ID Officer Department failed to pay officer's overtime for duty related enforcement
Spent: \$23,382 – Officer received back pay in full.
- NE Officer Fatality pursuit
Spent - \$3,550– Officer cleared
- KS Officer Theft – proposed termination.
Spent - \$11,002 - Reinstated
- KY Officer Theft from evidence room
Spent - \$6,263
- KY Officer Excessive force – 4th degree assault and official misconduct.
Spent - \$8,513 - Officer was exonerated.
- CA Officer Conduct and misappropriated department funds
Spent - \$6,514

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