



e-News Update

from the National Fraternal Order of Police

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FOP Disaster Relief Fund Collecting Funds for Haiti Earthquake Victims



The National FOP Disaster Relief Fund announced on January 14 that the committee would be collecting funds to aid in the relief efforts after the devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake which recently hit the island of Haiti.

Committee chairman James Preston said that "The National Fraternal Order of Police Disaster Relief Fund is involved in gathering donations to support the people of Haiti and our law enforcement brothers and sisters in their time of need."

"States involved in fund raising may make donations to the National FOP Foundation earmarked for the Haiti Earthquake Relief. Individuals may visit the Grand Lodge web site at www.fop.net to make donations online.," Preston added.

National FOP President Chuck Canterbury also issued a statement regarding the disaster and how the FOP can help:

"The Fraternal Order of Police is always at its best when we decide to assist our fellow citizens and our communities. Our past is full of examples of the FOP stepping up to the plate in time of need.

It may be when we lose one of our own, when someone in our city or town has been displaced due to flood or fire, or when we assist the victims of natural disasters.

That is why on behalf of the National Fraternal Order of Police Disaster Relief Committee I am asking for all members of this organization to assist us in providing necessary aid to the people of Haiti.

The Disaster Relief committee would like to challenge each State Lodge to donate \$200.00, each Local Lodge to donate \$50.00 and for individual members to donate \$5.00 towards the relief effort.

As in past disasters the National FOP Foundation will act as a conduit for donations and we will provide assistance to the American Red Cross and to the Salvation Army. As any of you know, when there is a disaster the first hot meal you get is usually from the Salvation Army and the first blanket is from the Red Cross.

The Florida State Lodge has started the pledges of support with a generous Donation of \$500.00.

Please send your donations to 701 Marriott Drive, Nashville TN 37214. Please indicate on your check that these funds are for the FOP Haiti Relief Effort."

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Memorial Painting To Benefit FOP

Ray Simon Inc. is offering this print at www.eowpainting.com, with a part of the proceeds going directly to the F.O.P. Many customizable painting options and choices are available, including: the placement of a photo of the fallen officer, government or police official within the painting, or an image of the department's badge within the art.

UPDATE Concerning FOP Day on the Hill 2010

The FOP Day on The Hill 2010 will begin on Monday, 8 February 2010. The National Legislative Office and the National Legislative Committee will host a short briefing on our legislative agenda at the District of Columbia Lodge #1 at 711 4th Street, NW. The briefing will take place on Monday afternoon and last approximately one hour. Additional details will be forthcoming.

Tuesday and Wednesday, 9-10 February, will be devoted to your meetings with Members from your home States and districts. These appointments should be made in advance!!! Event participants should make every effort to have their Representative or Senator attend the meeting along with the appropriate staff person.

Accommodations for Day on the Hill Participants

The Grand Lodge has arranged for accommodations at The Fairfax at Embassy Row at the rate of \$159 per night plus tax.

The Fairfax at Embassy Row is located at 2100 Massachusetts Avenue NW in Washington, DC and is within walking distance of the Metro's Red Line.

Make your reservations now by calling 202-293-2100 and tell them you are with the Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police's "Day on the Hill" event to get this special rate.

This special rate is available only until 1 February--so make your reservations NOW!!!



Leadership Matters Seminar Registration Deadline Extended

If you haven't already registered for the Leadership Matters seminar in Nashville February 4-6, the deadline for both registration and hotel reservations has been extended to January 20! In addition to two days of quality workshops covering a wide range of leadership issues in local and state lodges, you'll get

- An optional workshop for Creating a Lodge Newsletter on Thursday
- Expanded training in membership procedures for lodge secretaries, with hands-on applications
- Open house and tours of the National FOP Headquarters, located just one block from the Marriott
- Every seminar attendee will receive a quality portfolio with the FOP logo embossed on it, as well as a copy of the *Robert's Rules of Order Handbook!*
- Free shuttle service to downtown Nashville on Friday evening will be available!

Hotel Information:

Nashville Airport Marriott

Room rate: \$118 Reservations: 615.889.9300

You must tell the hotel you are attending the FOP seminar to receive the group rate. Deadline for rooms at the group rate is **January 20, 2010**.

Registration fee is \$305. Deadline for registration is January 20, 2010 to avoid a late fee of \$50.

Go to www.fop.net and go to "Programs" then Educations Services to find a link to the registration form, or call Joyce at 1-800-451-2711.

"My First Ride" CD Now Available

BLEVE Records announces the release of "My First Ride," a compilation CD to benefit the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and the International Association of Firefighters' (IAFF) Disaster Relief Funds.

The CD includes the previously released single and title track "My First Ride" by Ronnie Milsap, featuring Trace Adkins. Other artists include George Strait, Vince Gill, John Michael Montgomery, James Otto, The Bacon Brothers, and Mike Reid as well as several new artists recently signed by the independent label.

Proceeds from the sale of the CD will go to the emergency relief funds for the FOP and the IAFF. These funds aid firefighters, police officers, and their families who are experiencing financial hardship as a result of natural or manmade disaster, or in times of need due to illness, injury, or death in the line of duty.

Special Offer for FOP Lodges

Bleve Records is making a special offer to FOP lodges to help them raise money for their lodges. Lodges can order CDs directly from Bleve Records for \$11 each. The retail price of the CD is \$13. Lodges can sell the CDs directly and keep the \$2 profit from each sale to put in their own fund. Email Mickey Milam at mickeymilam@blevemusic.com for more information about ordering the CDs.

