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Don't Hit Us

This has been my message since becoming aware of the now infamous incident that occurred in Washington DC. A member of Congress, while entering a congressional office building, walked around a metal detector and when challenged by a member of the Capitol Police, she struck the officer in the chest.

Why wasn't she arrested? Well the officer was a professional and he knew that there were other methods for enforcing the law and he chose to allow the department to initiate the investigation and therefore provided his agency the ability to protect him and the department from the verbal abuse of this member.

Cynthia McKinney has developed a reputation for dropping the race card on every incident and the officers in that department know about this reputation and they avoid confrontation for obvious reasons. The most important thing to remember is that they do their jobs and do them well and the fact that this officer has remained professional, remained on the job, and has not run to the media is a testament to the fact that at least there was one professional involved in this incident.

On April 11-13, 2006 I traveled to Washington DC and walked the halls of the office buildings, met roll calls, and walked the Capitol grounds talking to the officers advising them of the vote of the Board of Directors to support them in this issue and to support the officer.

The Capitol Police Department is a very professional agency and the officers I talked to were appreciative of our support and encouraged me to use this to send the message to the entire country that **IT IS NOT OK TO HIT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS!!**

The Labor Committee Chairman Andy Maybo, DC Lodge President Lou Cannon and I have all done many media interviews and the message has been very consistent. We have demonstrated our support for the officer involved and we have urged that the United States Attorney move to charge Ms. McKinney.

We have also been consistent with the message that it is never allowable to strike a law enforcement officer.

I want to thank Andy Maybo for all of his professionalism in dealing with the media, his concern for his members and more especially his passion for defending his fellow officer.

As always, Lou Cannon and DC Lodge have been very supportive of the total effort to send the message that no one deserves special treatment when they strike an officer.

As I write this report, we are awaiting a Grand Jury investigation and it is my hope that an indictment will be forthcoming.

The Georgia State Lodge has done an outstanding job dealing with the local media and they have demonstrated their support for their fellow FOP Brother.

I also want to send a special thank you to the officer for his very professional handling of this incident.

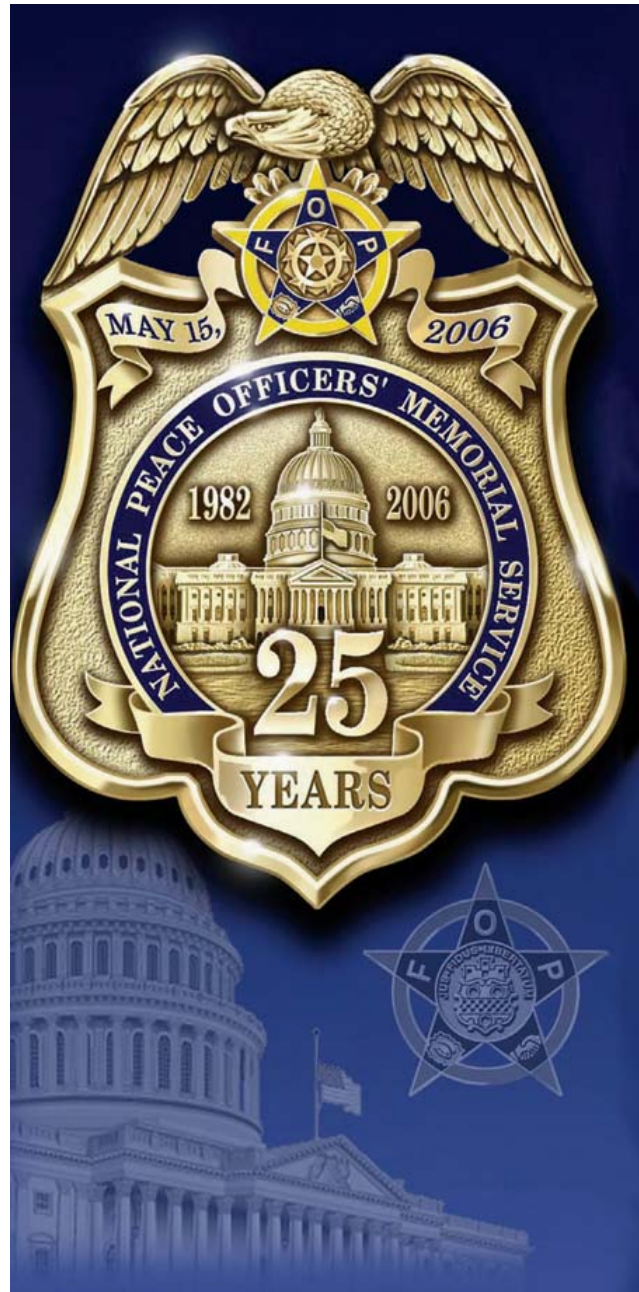
Chicago FOP successful in stopping honor for Black Panther

As many of you know, the National was supporting an effort by Chicago Lodge 7 to stop the naming of streets after Fred Hampton, Jr. a convicted fire bomber.

Alderman Madeline Haithcock put forward the proposal at the request of Hampton's son, Fred Hampton, Jr., who was sentenced to eighteen years in jail in 1993 after being convicted of a racially-motivated crime—the firebombing of two Korean-owned stores in Englewood.

President Mark Donahue has advised that Alderman Haithcock has withdrawn the request after sever pressure.

Lodge 7 is to be congratulated on the ever vigilant monitoring of City Council and their efforts to educate the Council on this issue. Lodge 7 was heard and I commend them for their efforts.



The National Memorial Committee has commissioned the above pictured badge to honor the 25th Anniversary of the FOP's National Peace Officer Memorial Service. The badge may be ordered on line by accessing the National Web Site. Proceeds will go to the National FOP Foundation Memorial Fund.

IUPA's Leadership - Irrelevant, Uninformed, Pathological, & Astray

The latest in the bizarre string of actions taken by IUPA leadership is an unfounded attack on the Fraternal Order of Police and its leadership. IUPA's leadership is increasingly Irrelevant, Uninformed, Pathological, & Astray.

Irrelevant

Since IUPA moved its Washington D.C. office to Florida, their actions have become more and more erratic. Having a policy office in Florida is like sail fishing in Utah. Many believe that this move will have long lasting detrimental effects on IUPA members.

As a result of the abandonment of their responsibilities in Washington, IUPA's leadership increasingly relies on the FOP to represent the needs of all law enforcement officers, including their own membership, on the Federal and State levels. This makes the latest IUPA gaff all the more shocking. Having freed themselves from their duties in the nation's capital, they are occupying themselves with unfounded charges against a fellow police organization.

Here are a few IUPA lobbying disclosure filings: [http://sopr.senate.gov/cgi-win/m_opr_viewer.exe?DoFn=3&iREG=INTL%20UNION%20OF%20POLICE%20ASSNS&iREGQUAL==] They illustrate how irrelevant IUPA has become in policy making decisions. Note the astounding lack of activity during crucial periods when decisions were being made that profoundly effected law enforcement officers. As long ago as 2003 ([click here](#)), the FOP has brought attention to IUPA's brand of "absentee lobbying"... don't show up at all... if it passes, take credit... if it fails, blame the FOP.

Uninformed

IUPA's leadership's latest charges have no basis in fact or reality. They demonstrate their shocking lack of understanding of labor law and policy making, causing many to question their competency to represent the IUPA membership.

IUPA's latest attempt to smear the FOP by distorting their position on the video game "25 to Life" is, again, another example of their poor judgment. The FOP has taken a strong position in opposition to ALL violent anti-police video games, including Grand Theft Auto, 25 to Life, and others yet unreleased. IUPA's unsophisticated, naive approach to combating these games, through a "boycott," has in fact had the opposite affect—sales have INCREASED as a result of IUPA's lack of political savvy.

Resolution Number 6, enacted at the 2005 FOP Biennial Conference, calls for vigorous action in opposition to such games. The National FOP is currently in negotiations with the Entertainment Software Association (ESA), the trade organization representing video game manufacturers, with the goal of cleaning up the market. The Executive Director of the ESA has agreed to appear at the National Spring Board Meeting of the FOP to hear of our concerns from the entire Board.

On labor issues, IUPA's understanding does not appear to be much better. It is clear from IUPA's attack on the FOP that they do not grasp even the simplest issues of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). While the FOP fought for the ability for rank-and-file law enforcement officers to receive overtime pay, IUPA was on the wrong side of the issue. Consider IUPA's ridiculous charge that the FOP's work on the FLSA was directly responsible for a recent Labor Department opinion that certain Lieutenants in a specific department were not eligible for overtime. How were these Lieutenants "removed" from FLSA when they were never covered? Under the old rules—rules IUPA fought to preserve—no lieutenants in any department anywhere were eligible for overtime. Under the new regulations, some lieutenants may now qualify for overtime.

Pathological

IUPA's leadership, having fought against the new labor rules that guarantee and even expand overtime for law enforcement officers and other first responders who perform 'public safety work,' are desperately trying to distract their membership from another glaring problem that they have created. The fact is that they are currently supporting legislation that would overturn the new regulations and strip overtime protections from rank-and-file law enforcement officers who were made eligible for overtime after the new rules went into effect.

IUPA claims that Executive Director Pasco "lobbied for corporate employers who stood to benefit from the change in Department of Labor rules regarding over time (sic)." In fact, ALL of the clients that IUPA alleges would benefit (Miller Brewing, Philip Morris, Sony) are UNIONIZED—by AFL-CIO affiliates! Therefore, the changes to overtime rules had absolutely no affect on them or on any of their employees.

IUPA alleges that FOP Executive Director Pasco has not moved strongly against these games because he works for "Sony Entertainment," a corporation which does not exist—and IUPA knows it. Pasco is a part-time consultant for Sony-BMG Music Entertainment, which is in the music business. A totally separate firm, Sony Electronics Corporation, manufactures the Playstation. Pasco has absolutely no connection with Sony Electronics Corporation.

IUPA should have a care about throwing stones given that they have retained [Jolly/Rissler](#), a firm representing a host of clients, and lobbyist [John Winburn](#), who also represents the Miller Brewing Company and Philip Morris. It's a case of rank hypocrisy for IUPA to insinuate that Executive Director Pasco's consultation with these two companies interferes with his advocacy for the F.O.P. Executive Director Pasco knows law enforcement labor issues from experience—maybe that's why IUPA had to go outside their organization for a hired hand.

IUPA's campaign of disinformation and distraction is not only disgraceful, but it has become an embarrassment to the IUPA membership, who are becoming increasingly impatient with their leadership's antics.

Astray

IUPA is quickly becoming known as the union that attacks other law enforcement. Having no voice in Federal policy or legislation, they have chosen an errant path of sniping those with an effective voice. It may be only natural for an AFL-CIO union to attempt to stir up infighting and division within the ranks of law enforcement.

The FOP is committed to furthering the interests of its members and the interests of all law enforcement officers. The FOP will not be distracted by turmoil that IUPA attempts to create in an effort to cover its lack of effectiveness.

This is being reprinted so that our members can now the truth about the IUPA messages. This release was done March 15th in response to materials posted on IUPA's web site. As of today's date no response. The truth is hard to dispute!

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