



South Carolina Fraternal Order of Police  
 Tri-County Lodge # 3  
 "Serving the Lawmen of the Lowcountry"

# The Informer

## 2009 Tri-County FOP Law Enforcement Memorial Service

The 2009 Tri-County FOP Law Enforcement Memorial Service will be held at NOON on Tuesday May 12, 2009 at Park Circle in North Charleston. Please come join law enforcement officers from area departments as we pay tribute to those brave men and women in Lowcountry Law Enforcement that made the ultimate sacrifice and gave their lives in the line of duty.

The service will start promptly at NOON and should last approximately one hour or a little less. Surviving family members are asked to arrive by 11:30.

For more information contact the Lodge Chaplain Harold Phillips by email at: [hphillips@scfop3.org](mailto:hphillips@scfop3.org)



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### NEXT MEETING

Monday  
 May 11, 2009

### Upcoming Events

- > SC State FOP Meeting  
 May 2, 2009
- > May Meeting  
 May 11, 2009 7pm
- > Tri-County Memorial  
 May 12, 2009 Noon  
 at Park Circle in North Charleston
- > June Meeting  
 June 8, 2009 7pm
- > 2009 S.C.A.L.E.  
 June 22-28, 2009

## Charleston Metro Lodge # 5 Memorial Service

Charleston Metro Lodge # 5 is honored to host and cordially invites everyone to attend a Memorial Service and Roll Call of Fallen Officers on Friday May 8, 2009 at 11:30 am at the Charleston Police Officer Memorial in Brittlebank Park in Charleston.

For more information check their website at [www.scfop5.org](http://www.scfop5.org).



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## Law Enforcement Awards Night

Law Enforcement Personnel from across the Lowcountry and their families gathered at the Tri-County FOP Lodge in Hanahan on Monday April 13th to honor many area law enforcement professionals for their actions in 2008. Everyone in attendance enjoyed a FANTASTIC Italian Meal by Bill Lang, Vic Nico and the members of the food committee.

State FOP President Jerry Wright made a special presentation of a plaque to FOP3 President Dan Isgett for his hard work and service provided to the SC State FOP while serving on its Executive Board. President Wright then briefed the members and guest on issues facing the FOP at the State and the National Levels.

Harve Jacobs from Live 5 News served as Master of Ceremonies while President Isgett presented the following awards:

### **AWARD OF APPRECIATION:**

Sgt Harold Phillips of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

Bill Lang and Vic Nico were honored for their commitment to "Keeping the Lodge Fed."  
Tom Botchie was honored with the coveted FOP Lodge 3 "Old Fart Award"

### **AWARD OF MERIT:**

Charleston County SO: Det. Richard Campbell, Det. Jamal Foster, Det. Fletcher Ferguson  
Det. Brian Hodge, Det. Kristopher Johnson  
Dorchester County SO: Cpl Tommy Judy, Reserve Deputy Ken Caro  
North Charleston PD: Pfc Matt Woodall, Ptl Michael Kornahrens, Cpl Victor Buskirk  
Summerville PD: Pfc Shari Driggers, Detective Sgt Cassandra Williams

### **AWARD OF VALOR:**

Dorchester County Sheriff's Office: Sgt Shaun Gibbons  
Summerville PD: Sgt William "Pooh" Driggers

### **FOP AWARD OF LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT:**

Mrs. Martha Bateman, Victim Advocate Coordinator for Dorchester County Sheriff's Office  
Lt Ted Strickland, South Carolina Highway Patrol (Retired)

### **FOP LODGE 3 MEMBER OF THE YEAR:**

Lt James M Bateman of the Summerville Police Department

Congratulations to all of the award recipients and thank you to the Awards Committee for this great celebration and the food committee for the fantastic meal and last but not least to Harve Jacobs and Live 5 News for your support of Local Law Enforcement and Tri-County FOP Lodge #3

## Tri-County FOP 3 Auxiliary

The Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary was organized to unite families of members of the Fraternal Order of Police; to promote their welfare socially, morally and intellectually; and to encourage them in all things pertaining to their good.

In 1985, membership eligibility that originally allowed only females as members was extended to family members (18 years of age or older) of any member of the Fraternal Order of Police. In 1987, the name of the organization was changed, dropping the word "Ladies" to reflect the growth in membership of the organization.

The Lodge 3 Auxiliary is currently recruiting new members and is asking for your help. Please encourage your mother, father, brother, sister, in-laws, and other adult family members to join today. For more information contact Carolyn Botchie at: (843) 991-7751 or [cbotchie@carolynbotchie.com](mailto:cbotchie@carolynbotchie.com)



## **Exploratory Committee for Possible Dorchester County Lodge**

An "exploratory committee" has been established to determine if the need exists to form an FOP Lodge in Dorchester County to serve those officers living or working in Summerville or Dorchester County and possibly those in Colleton County as well. Anyone with thoughts or ideas on the topic or anyone who is interested in participating in discussions concerning the proposition should contact Jimmy Bateman either by email [jbateman@summervillesc.gov](mailto:jbateman@summervillesc.gov) or cell phone at (843) 296-1920.

A meeting of those interested in discussing the topic will be scheduled in the near future. If you would like to be notified of the time and date please let Jimmy Bateman know and he will add you to the list.

## **FOP Legal Defense Coverage**

**Did you know that as an Active Member of the FOP the SC State Lodge will pay a portion of your legal defense dues as an added benefit of membership. We ask that if you join the Legal Defense Program you do so through your local or state lodge so that the state lodge can make its contribution and so your local representatives can help you in case you find yourself in need of Legal Defense Services.**

**If you have FOP Legal Defense Coverage and find you need an attorney you can get help one of several ways. The quickest is to just call the Attorney of your choice directly. You can also call Hylant directly at the toll free number on your Legal Defense Card, or you can call a member of the Legal Defense Committee listed below.**

**If you don't have Legal Defense Coverage, you should seriously consider signing up. You never know when something could happen to put you, your family or your property at risk.**

*For the law enforcement professional, duty related legal defense protection is a necessity as the frequency and cost of allegations against peace officers continue to rise. The F.O.P. Legal Plan offers you a very affordable and comprehensive coverage plan. For less than \$11 per month or about 35 cents a day you can have a greater peace of mind for you and your family. Contact a member of the Legal Defense Committee (Johnny Wilson-Charleston County, Jimmy Bateman-Summerville, Mike Fowler-Hanahan or Poncho Villa-Dorchester County).*

## Marks of the Fraternal Order of Police

If you read the most recent issue of the Grand Lodge Newsletter, you should have noticed the article by National Secretary Patrick Yoes concerning FOP Trademarks to include the FOP Star, FOP Scroll and the phrases: Fraternal Order of Police, FOP and "The Voice of Our Nation's Law Enforcement Officers".

Due to the current or possible future "Terms of Service" for membership on Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; the FOP Trademarks may not be displayed on these Social Networking Websites.

The Fraternal Order of Police takes copyright issues surrounding their trademarks VERY seriously. The use of these logos and trademarks causes great concerns to the Grand Lodge regarding the protection of these federally registered trademarks.

If you have these logos on your page, please delete it or replace it with a publicly available police logo.



### **BLUE STAR MOTHERS**

They're there when military men and women head overseas. They're there to shower them with love when they come home again. Their thoughts are with them every day, no matter where they are. They are the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., whose members hang blue stars in their windows whenever their children join the armed forces. Army Capt. George H. Maines conceived the idea for the Blue Star Mothers in 1942. He ran a newspaper article in Flint, Mich., on Jan 22, 1942, requesting information about children serving in the armed forces. More than 1,000 mothers responded. "By March 8, 1942, more than 600 mothers organized the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.," There were about 30,000 members during WW II and several thousand during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Membership now is at an all time low. With about 1,200 members nationwide,"



***The Local Chapter of Blue Star Mothers will be packaging Girl Scout Cookies to send to the soldiers currently deployed on Friday April 24th. If you would like to help or if you know soldiers who would like to receive cookies call Alice Lang at (843) 572-9477.***

## **Summerville Police to Host 30th Anniversary S.C.A.L.E**

*The week of June 22-28, 2009; the Summerville Police Department will host the 2009 South Carolina Association of Law Enforcement Explorers Competition (SCALE). SCALE was founded in 1979 with the intent of developing programs to enhance the training of Law Enforcement Explorers. An annual competition is held during the summer months and young men and women from SC, GA, FL, TN and VA gather to compete in law enforcement events such as: Unknown and High Risk Traffic Stops, Courtroom Testimony, Legals Knowledge Test, Drug Search Warrant, Arrest Warrant, TR-310 completion, Physical Agility, Crisis Intervention, Active Shooter, Building Entry and more.*

*This year marks the 30th Anniversary. The competition runs from Monday-Saturday with an awards brunch on Sunday. This year a special event will be held on Saturday afternoon-evening for ANYONE who has participated in SCALE in the past. If you are interested in attending Saturday or helping as an actor or judge for the competition contact Lt Bateman at (843) 296-1920 or jbateman@summervillesc.gov .*

*Many of the law enforcement officers in the lowcountry including several FOP members began their career as a Law Enforcement Explorer of Police Cadet.*

*More information is available at [www.scexplorer.org](http://www.scexplorer.org).*