

The Informer

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Special Points

- **NEXT MEETING**
MONDAY Sept. 9th
7:00 p.m.
- **Dan Moon - guest speaker**
- Law enforcement day at Northwoods mall.
- Yard sale to raise money
- FOP License plates for S.C.
- 9-11 Tribute event
- Tribute to Heros a success
- Pool party on the 13th
- Angela Rainey to speak on crisis management

Television / News media at next meeting

We will have as a first to our lodge, several members of the local news media. Radio host Dan Moon will be there as well as TV Channel 5 and a reporter from *The Post and Courier*. They have expressed interest in speaking to us, especially concerning the after effects of September 11th, near the anniversary of that date.

We encourage your attendance as well as whatever you may offer the news people. *Bear in mind your department policies if you are in uniform. Remember to speak as an individual policeman and not on behalf of your department.

Radio Host Dan Moon to speak at lodge



news-talk 1250am
WTMA

The local legendary radio talk show host Dan Moon will be a guest speaker at our next meeting. We would encourage you to attend and meet this fine icon of the lowcountry.

Dan has been a staple of the low-

Country talk radio circuit for the past thirteen years. He has been in the broadcast business the better part of his life totaling forty-eight years. He spent the earlier part of his career as a "disc jockey" spinning great country music hits as well as the earlier *rock-n-roll*. Dan had the experience of playing the record of "some kid from Mississippi named Elvis" long before the title of "King" was coined.

Dan is well known for his early morning radio show and is credited for being fair in his reporting of local events. He can be reached on the air at 556-1250 or via e-mail at moonman@wtma.com He also has his own website www.danmoon.net Where he has a "jukebox" of streaming audio of various "oldies but goldies" that you can listen to online. Check it out....

We are pleased to have Mr. Moon as a guest speaker and would like to see as many members as possible attend. This is an excellent opportunity to meet him in person and likewise for him to meet the officers of the lowcountry. We would hope this to be an opening venue for communication between ourselves and this powerful voice of the lowcountry.

Giant yard sale to benefit paralyzed deputy

On Saturday, September 14th, 2002 The Charleston County Sheriff's Office will be having a huge yard sale at the Ladson Fair Grounds from 6 am till noon to benefit Medically retired Deputy Steve Hurn. Steve suffered an extreme stroke that left him paralyzed from the neck down and he is unable to communicate.

If you would like to donate any item for the yard sale, you can bring it to the September 9th meeting and we will see that it gets there. Also, Please get the word out to anyone that might want to go and buy some of these items. If you can go by the yard sale on Saturday that would be helpful. If you would like to volunteer to assist with the yard sale let us know. We will have a table with Eddie Bush CDs for sale to go toward benefiting Steve. If you can volunteer and have an FOP shirt, please wear it at the yard sale. Please attend if you can.

Heros Tribute Night at Bourbon St. Café a success

Thanks to the hard work of WEZL and The Charleston Express Band, the Heros tribute night was a great success. The lodge received proceeds from the door and from a silent auction to raise money for our Officer's Distress Fund. Items Autographed by famous Country music artists were auctioned off for our event. The CD of "Behind the Shining Badge" should be available by October. WEZL will announce that they have it and that they are selling it to support our Distressed Officer's fund. Our Lodge uses the fund to send money to the family of any Law Enforcement Officer killed or critically injured in the State of SC. T.J. Phillips was presented with a plaque from the Lodge at our August meeting. T.J. Phillips wrote this song after the death of North Charleston Police Officer Tony Way in 1985.

Pool Party - "Friday the 13th"

Our lodge will have a family pool party on Friday, Sept. 13th at the Tall Pines Pool. The lodge will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and soft drinks. It will begin at 7 pm. Members, their children and guests invited. The event is free. Directions: From 1-26 take College Park road towards Goose Creek. Take the next left onto the Frontage Rd. parallel to the Interstate. Turn right onto Tall Pines Rd. the Pool and club house will be on the right.

9-11 Tribute event in N. Chas.

On September 11th, there will be a "Tribute to Emergency Workers" held at the North Charleston Performing Arts center. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be attended by many local government official and veterans. One of the few original duplicates of the *Declaration of Independence* currently on a display tour across America, will make an appearance for all to see. We are in need of volunteers to help distribute flags.

Eddie Bush will be on hand to perform his hit single "Spirit of America." He will also be selling his CD of that song with the proceeds to benefit our "distressed officer" fund.

*Please come out to show your support for our fallen brothers!

Honorary lodge member

Eddie Bush of the band **The Eddie Bush Group**, has agreed to donate all the profits from the CD single "Spirit of America" to the Officer's Distress Fund. He performed at our last meeting and stayed to sign autographs. He is scheduled to perform the song at the State Conference in Myrtle Beach and is willing to assist in other promotions.

F.O.P. Vehicle license plates - finally a reality

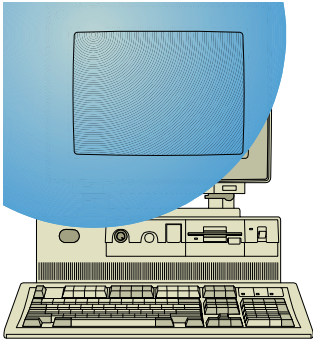
FOP License Plates a reality! The plates should be ready for distribution by the end of October. To be eligible for the license plate, you must be an ACTIVE member, Sworn or Retired Law Enforcement Officer or Detention Officer. Contact your Department Liaison for the form. License Plates are \$30 extra.

Fill out the DMV form and give the form along with a \$30 check made out to Greenville County FOP to your Department Liaison. The Greenville County Lodge posted \$4000 to get the plates made and the first set of plates must go through them.

Please do not go to your DMV directly. The law was just changed to allow these plates and the local DMV will probably not know what you are talking about.



Final version - S.C. License Plate for F.O.P. members. The end result of the diligent efforts from our brothers in the Greenville Lodge. www.gcfop.org



Web - based resources

The internet offers law enforcement officers a variety of resources. Some are rather difficult to acquire and use, while others are public in nature and require no special training or certifications.

The following are easy to use websites that can provide information that any officer may find of use in the performance of his/her duties:

www.searchsystems.net (public records database)

www.fonefinder.net (identifies cell phone providers)

<http://psix.uscg.mil> (boat search by name)

www.better-whois.com (identifies web page operators)

www.ama-assn.org/aps/amahg.htm (identifies doctors)

www.knowx.com (fee based public record service)

F.O.P. Grand Lodge Website and forum

The website of our Grand lodge is certainly worth visiting. It can be accessed from our website under "other links" or you can go directly there with this address:

www.grandlodgefop.org

The site is updated frequently and contains much of interest to law enforcement officers everywhere.

There is a "members only" section that can only be accessed by using your membership number from your card. There you can speak with officers nationwide, outside public view.

Charleston County has recently implemented a free-use public service database where court records, deeds, tax records and the like can be accessed. The web site address is:

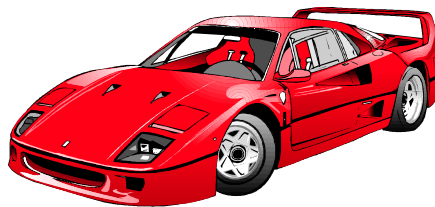
www.charlestoncounty.org

It can be a wealth of information and will help you learn to move around other websites.

Top 25 list of stolen automobiles in South Carolina - 2001

The following is a list of the top 25 stolen cars stolen in South Carolina for the year 2001. They are listed by highest first and descend respectively.

1. 1991 Honda Accord Ex
2. 1990 Cadillac Deville
3. 1994 Ford Explorer 4x2
4. 1994 Ford F150 4x2
5. 1998 Ford Contour
6. 2000 Chevrolet S10 4x2
7. 1989 Honda Accord LX
8. 1990 Lexus LS 400
9. 1990 Pontiac Grand Prix LE
10. 1993 Ford Escort
11. 1993 Ford Explorer 4x4
12. 1994 Chevrolet Camaro
13. 1994 Chevrolet Corsica
14. 1994 Chevrolet K1500 4x4
15. 1994 Ford Ranger 4x2
16. 1994 Ford Taurus GL
17. 1994 Honda Accord LX



18. 1995 Ford Contour GL
19. 1997 Ford F150 4x2
20. 1997 Plymouth Breeze
21. 1998 Chevrolet Malibu
22. 1985 Lincoln Towncar
23. 1987 Mazda B2000 4x2
24. 1988 Oldsmobile 98 Regency
25. 1989 Cadillac Brougham

Source: CCC Information Services
www.ccis.com/news/moststolen



It is interesting how it breaks down for other states such as in the southwest, where trucks top the list. On the national average for 2001, the top five most stolen are:

1. 1991 Toyota Camry
2. 1989 Toyota Camry
3. 1990 Toyota Camry
4. 2000 Honda Civic SI
5. 1994 Chevrolet C1500 4x2

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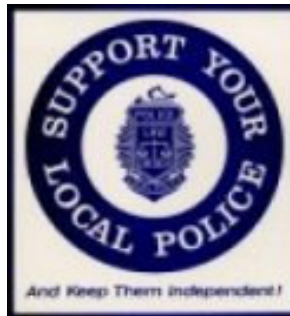
Tri - County Lodge # 3

"Serving the Lawmen of the Lowcountry"

We are on the web!
www.scfop3.org

The Tri-County Lodge (founded in 1976) is chartered to serve those law enforcement officers working in Charleston, Dorchester and Colleton Counties. Currently we have 220 active members and we are steadily growing. Our mission both local as well as national, is to better our profession through fraternalism and legally by way of legislation. We work from the bottom to the top and value the ideas and opinions of all our members.

The "Informer" is a new lodge endeavor and we welcome any comments, criticisms, contributions or ideas for its improvement. ****Disclaimer**** This publication does not necessarily represent the views of any or all of our members or affiliated lodges. Editorial comment solely that of the editor.



Note The number shown as total active members shows a decline from the previous month. This is due to a purge of delinquent members pursuant to our by-laws. This is done once annually and we expect our current growth to exceed this loss shortly. - Ed

Law Enforcement Day at Northwoods Mall Sept. 7th



This coming September, the Northwoods Mall will as it has in the past, host "Law Enforcement" day. It will be held on Saturday the 7th.

This event at the mall draws representatives from all sorts of agencies throughout the lowcountry. If you have never been, you should make it a point to go, and especially take your kids. Most agency displays have goodies for the kids and some even allow them to sit in the cars, try on the gear and etc.. It is a memorable event for the kids.

If you are retired and have been "out of the game" for a while, this is a good opportunity to check out the latest that the business has to offer. Most agencies generally put out their latest and greatest "stuff" spitshined for the public to see.

This will be the second year that we, as a lodge, will also participate with our own display. We will give out balloons and the like for the kids and have on hand information packets and applications for prospective members. We will need several volunteers for this event as it spans the entire business day at the mall. Please make it known if you may be able to help with this event. We will also be signing up the public through the Bi-Lo Booster program to further assist our "Distressed Officer" fund. Last year went well and we expect that this year will be even better. Come join the fun if you are able - mark your calendar now.

***Note* this is the second run of this article, we need booth volunteers for 10a.m-1:00p.m., 1:00-5:00 and 5:00-9:00**
Please contact us ASAP if you can assist.