



What Is the Fraternal Order of Police Associates (FOPA)?

The FOPA is a civilian affiliate of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). Our members are friends and families of law enforcement Officers, responsible and respected business persons, professional men and women, and citizens from all walks of life—people willing to devote a portion of their time and efforts toward assisting the various law enforcement agencies of our communities, states and nation. The FOPA is part of a national organization known as the Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police Associates with local Lodges throughout the nation. The GLFOPA is a non-stock charitable corporation as defined by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Lodges that are members of the GLFOPA are entitled to share the tax exempt status. Any contributions made to those Lodges are tax exempt. The corporation is a non-partisan organization without regard to race, creed, color or religious belief. The FOPA's interests revolve around law enforcement and the men and women that have dedicated their lives to the protection of ours. The FOPA actively supports legislation, charitable causes, and all law enforcement efforts on a local, state and national level.

Goals of the FOPA

The FOPA is an organization formed for the purpose of increasing our understanding of the rights, duties and problems of law enforcement officers; of fostering respect for them; and of bettering conditions under which they serve society. We accomplish this through public relations, as well as legislative and educational efforts. It is our aim and objective to support law enforcement throughout our country in every way possible. We believe that Law is the safeguard to freedom, and it is our duty to defend it.

Functions and Activities of the Associate Lodges of the FOPA

Associate Lodges work to assist their parent Lodge. They provide law enforcement agencies with dedicated public support. Many Associate Lodges present scholarships to dependents of law enforcement officers and Associate members. Associate Lodges donate funds to officers in need or distress, provide funds for various law enforcement needs and youth programs, and present awards to recognize outstanding and dedicated law enforcement officers and Associate members. Associate Lodges hold joint social functions enjoyed by members, family, and friends.

If you would like to participate in the Okeechobee Fraternal Order of Police, please complete the Petition for membership and list three personal references:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Contact number</u>
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3) _____



**FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE
ASSOCIATES
OKEECHOBEE, LODGE #69**

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP

DATE: _____

NAME: _____
INDIVIDUAL OR BUSINESS NAME***

DOB: _____ / _____ / _____ U.S. CITIZEN: _____
INDIVIDUAL ONLY YES OR NO

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE #: _____ MOBILE #: _____

E-MAIL: _____ @ _____

- I support law enforcement and wish to support the law enforcement officers of the Okeechobee Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 69 in their various activities within the Okeechobee County community.
- I agree to abide by all the laws, rules, regulations and edicts expected of me as a United States Citizen and as a member of the Okeechobee Fraternal Order of Police Associates Lodge.
- I do not participate in criminal activities and I am not a convicted felon whose voting rights have not been restored or arrested for any act of violence against a Law Enforcement Officer.
- By signing this application, I state that all these things are true and understand any false information or transgression of the same are grounds for dismissal from the Okeechobee Fraternal Order of Police Associates.

Applicant signature

Date

Member: (must be a member of the Okeechobee FOP or FOPA in good standing)

By signing this application you are sponsoring this above named applicant and are stating that you know the applicant to be of good moral character, a law abiding citizen and dedicated to the betterment of our community through the works of the Okeechobee Fraternal Order of Police

Signature: _____