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KAUTZMAN, BLACKWELL,  
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F.O.P. attorneys  
since 1966

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June .....	\$75.02
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## Procedure

If you receive written notification of charges, are given the date of a disciplinary hearing, or confirm you are under investigation, immediately take the following action:

### Step 1

*Contact a Legal Defense Fund attorney.*

### Step 2

*Provide the attorney with your Legal Defense Fund membership identification number.*

### Step 3

*Upon verification, the Legal Defense Fund attorney will advise you what to do.*

### Step 4

*The Legal Defense Fund attorney will take appropriate action for your protection.*

## Accessing a Legal Defense Fund Attorney

The attorneys of Ruckelshaus, Kautzman, Blackwell, Bemis & Hasbrook have been providing quality legal assistance to the F.O.P. since 1966. For legal questions, you may contact one of the Legal Defense Fund attorneys during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, at their office in Indianapolis at (317) 634-4356 or via fax at (317) 634-8635.

In addition, as an IDF Member, you will be provided with emergency contact information so that you may reach a Legal Defense Fund attorney at any time in the event of an emergency.



**Legal Defense Fund**  
1427 E. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46201  
(800) 793-6746 (Member Information)

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**Police Officers  
Correction Officers  
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# Legal Defense Fund

*Legal Counsel For When It's Needed Most.*



**Indiana State Lodge  
Fraternal Order of Police**

The Indiana State Lodge of the F.O.P. administers the Legal Defense Fund. The Fund has provided Indiana's law enforcement with legal counsel and protection since 1966.

## Benefits

- ★ Quick, direct access to a Legal Defense Fund (LDF) attorney without having to secure prior approval from your local Lodge.
- ★ Twenty-four hour access to LDF attorneys for covered events.
- ★ Legal counsel/advice if you are under investigation by your department.
- ★ Legal counsel prior to and during a disciplinary hearing resulting from on duty conduct before any disciplinary board established under Indiana statute, local ordinance, administrative rule or contract.
- ★ Legal counsel to appeal the decision, when permissible by law, of any disciplinary board established under statute, local ordinance, administrative rule or contract to the circuit or superior court in the county where the disciplinary decision was rendered. However, the LDF attorney shall have sole authority to determine whether the appeal has merit. If the LDF attorney determines that the appeal does not have merit, the participating or enrolled member may seek another attorney at his/her own expense to appeal the matter.
- ★ Legal counsel to appeal the decision of the county circuit or superior court to the Indiana Court of Appeals and/or Indiana Supreme Court. However, the LDF attorney shall have sole authority to determine whether the appeal has merit. If the LDF attorney determines that the appeal does not have merit, the participating or enrolled member may seek another attorney at his/her own expense to appeal the matter.
- ★ Legal counsel commencing at the third stage or equivalent of the grievance procedure for a university police officer.

## Eligibility & Enrollment

- ★ The LDF is available to any member of the law enforcement community, including police officers, correction officers, reserve police officers and support personnel, directly involved with the law enforcement community. In order to be a member of the LDF, a person must be a member in good standing of an Indiana F.O.P. Lodge through active or associate membership.
- ★ Enrollment in the LDF Program is easy. Simply mail the completed enrollment card and payment to: Legal Defense Fund, 1427 E. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46201.

- ★ Legal counsel/advice regarding your rights if you are under investigation by local, state or federal authorities from an incident or activity which occurred while you were on duty and acting in the scope of your authority.
- ★ Legal counsel if you are charged with a criminal offense in a state or federal court resulting from an incident or activity which occurred while you were on duty and acting in the scope of your authority.
- ★ Legal counsel if you are sued in state or federal court for a duty-related act. An LDF attorney will protect your interest in civil litigation and cooperate with your governmental agency attorney up to, but not including, a trial or appeal.
- ★ Members dissatisfied with a coverage decision of the LDF attorney may seek review of that decision by filing a written request with the LDF Board of Directors, whose decision shall be final.
- ★ Salary Reimbursement Option (SRO): Regarding suspensions where an appeal to a disciplinary board is permitted and still available, and where the plan attorney advises that an appeal has no merit, a member may choose to receive the equivalent of up to three (3) days actual loss of pay or Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) from the Fund, whichever is less. Call the plan attorney immediately upon suspension for details. Limit one (1) SRO benefit per member per enrollment year.
- ★ Call out procedures for critical incidents including police action shootings, in custody deaths, and serious accidents where a fatality has occurred or may occur. A member may call or page a plan attorney who will travel to the scene of the critical incident, if needed, as well as provide telephone consultation.

- ★ While new members are accepted throughout the year, membership fees are based on a yearly schedule from March to February. If you enroll as an LDF member for the first time, and it is a month other than March, your fee will be prorated based on the month in which you enroll.
- ★ Upon acceptance as an LDF member, you will receive a membership card with your name and LDF membership identification number. Your membership is valid as long as your membership dues are paid annually, until you choose to surrender it, or until revoked.

# LEGAL DEFENSE FUND ENROLLMENT FORM

Mail your completed enrollment form and payment (check, money order or charge) for the appropriate amount to:  
**Legal Defense Fund, 1427 E. Washington Street, Indianapolis, N 46201**

Name (Last, First, M.I.) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Work Number \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Department \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_

MasterCard  Visa Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: Conduct occurring prior to LDF Membership shall not be covered.

I hereby apply for enrollment in the F.O.P. Legal Defense Plan:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_