

LEGAL GUIDELINES

The executive board of the Lodge retains the final authority on the legal representation of all Lodge members. The following guidelines are issued at the boards' direction to provide the membership with a sound legal plan consistent with the principles of the Fraternal Order of Police.

- The Lodge will provide legal assistance to members on all administrative matters including any administrative actions taken against the member.
- The Lodge will provide legal assistance at all police related shootings, including Grand Jury inquires resulting from the same.
- The Lodge will provide legal assistance in criminal charges brought against a member only when such criminal charges are directly related to a police function of the member. The act or actions for which the police officer is charged must be from the furtherance of a proper police function.
- The Lodge will provide legal assistance for all disciplinary IAD, or departmental investigations against the member regardless of whether they are "duty related/police function," or not.
- The Lodge will provide legal assistance to any member in the filing of an appeal of disciplinary action to either the Civil Service or Arbitration pursuant to all state law and Civil Service rules and regulations.
- The Lodge will provide legal assistance to any member in the filing grievances.
- Members have unlimited access for legal advice whether duty or non-duty related.
- In the event that dispute arises as to legal coverage, any member shall have the right to seek a ruling from the executive board. Their decision shall be final.
- Legal assistance is only provided by the boards designated attorneys. Any member hiring non designated attorneys shall relieve the lodge of any responsibility for legal assistance.
- The executive board retains the right to modify or amend these guidelines.