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FOP Welcomes Passage of Council Resolution of the Police Officer's Bill of Rights

Nashville, TN— The Fraternal Order of Police welcomes the signing last Friday by Mayor Karl Dean of a Metro Council resolution adopting the Police Officer's Bill of Rights.

"This is a great day for the Officer's of Metro Nashville," said Sergeant Robert O Weaver, President of FOP Lodge 5 in Nashville.

Metro Council members last Tuesday adopted in 32-0 vote resolution **RS2010-1316** sponsored by members Eric Crafton, Jamie Hollin, Michael Craddock, Robert Duvall, Bruce Stanley, Charlie Tygard, Darren Jernigan, Duane Dominy, Karen Bennett, Vivian Wilhoite, and Sam Coleman. The legislation had been a priority for Lodge 5 after an internal survey released in April indicated frustration over the current investigative complaint process within the MNP. Mayor Dean signed the resolution Friday, July 23, 2010.

"The Council and Mayor Dean clearly agree that officers should have basic rights and reasonable time lines in investigations," Weaver said. "This Bill of Rights is huge step in addressing issues the FOP members have brought to the attention of our representatives," Weaver said. "We are thankful for this action and the support of the sponsors in particular and the entire Metro Council as well as Mayor Dean," Weaver said.

"We look forward to working with Chief Anderson in implementing portions of these rights not already in place under departmental policies," Weaver said. "Chief Anderson has already implemented more frequent reviews of open cases to ensure timeliness for all involved. These are all positive steps that ensure accountability of our entire professional police force," Weaver said.

The resolution can be found at:

http://www.nashville.gov/mc/resolutions/term_2007_2011/rs2010_1316.htm

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