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**Former Lodge 5 President Elected State FOP President**

***Nashville Selected for 2012 Conference Site***

**Nashville, TN—** The State Fraternal Order of Police meeting at their 28<sup>th</sup> Biannual Conference in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee Saturday elected current Lodge 5 State Trustee and former President Johnny Crumby to the office of State FOP President.

“We are excited for the State Lodge and the future leadership President Crumby represents,” said Sgt. Robert O Weaver, President of Lodge 5 of the FOP.

President Crumby was elected over Chattanooga Sgt. C.W. Joel. Duane Phillips, Nashville’s Emergency Communications Director and also former Lodge 5 President, was reelected National Trustee over Past State President Brian Moran of Knoxville. President Crumby currently serves as the State Trustee for Lodge 5, a position he will relinquish to serve the State. He is also the State FOP Lobbyist to the State Legislature, which he will retain. National Trustee Phillips represents the State FOP at the National Trustees level which assists the National FOP in setting priorities of the organization and oversight thereof.

“The election of these two leaders is indicative of both the caliber of leaders trained within the MNPd and Lodge 5,” Weaver said. “Together they have over 70 years of police and police representation experience.”

The State also selected Nashville as the site of the 29<sup>th</sup> Biannual Convention in 2012.

“The Delegates were excited that Nashville is open and they look forward to a city recovered in 2012,” Weaver said.

Scottie Delashmit of Tipton Lodge 74 in was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President in a race against Stan McKroskey of Lodge 2 Knoxville. Reelected in uncontested races were Vice President Dan Raper, Knoxville State Troopers Lodge 36, Secretary Mike Embrey, Memphis Lodge 35, Treasurer Larry McCoy, Riply Lodge 27, and Sergeant at Arms David Cowan of Chattanooga Lodge 22.

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