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**FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, ILLINOIS STATE LODGE HIRES  
DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND LEGAL COUNSEL**

**Daniel T. Nelson, Esq. will handle State Lodge's Legislative Affairs**

Springfield, IL, Sept. 18, 2009— The Fraternal Order of Police, Illinois State Lodge is proud to welcome Daniel T. Nelson as our new Director of Governmental Affairs and Legal Counsel. After four years of service in the Navy and Marine Corps, Dan returned to the Midwest and earned his Bachelors of Science in Management from SIU-Carbondale in 1990 and a Masters in Public Health Administration from Benedictine University in Lisle, IL. in 1996. Mr. Nelson earned his Juris Doctorate from Northern Illinois University in 2002.

Dan began his practice in Cook County where he specialized in medical malpractice and insurance defense. He was published in Healthcare Law 2002, contributing two chapters on Anti-Kickback Law for Illinois and Indiana. Upon moving to Springfield, he began private practice and served as General Counsel to the Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. Dan advised the Training Board, their Mobile Training Unit network, and Executive Institute on matters of statutory interpretation and compliance, working closely with Attorney General and the CMS legal division. Also, he represented the Board on matters including: criminal and civil litigation, labor union negotiations and grievances, and legislative advocacy.

Mr. Nelson served as the agency's Ethics Officer and liaison to the Executive Inspector General and Ethics Commission. Dan was a speaker at last year's State Ethics Officers Conference presenting: *Tricky Situations – Your Rights and Privileges During an Inspector General Investigation*. In the course of drafting Bills, Resolutions and Regulations for Illinois Law Enforcement, Dan has fostered relationships with legislators, Chiefs, Sheriffs, Coroners, as well as Campus, Airport, Railroad and Park District Police.

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**FOP Director of Governmental Affairs Fact Sheet**

- Daniel T. Nelson, Esq. will handle the FOP Illinois State Lodge's Legislative Affairs as the Director of Governmental Affairs and Legal Counsel
- Dan's education includes: Bachelors of Science in Management from SIU-Carbondale in 1990 and a Masters in Public Health Administration from Benedictine University in Lisle, IL. in 1996 and Juris Doctorate from Northern Illinois University in 2002.
- Mr. Nelson most recently served as General Counsel to the Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board.
- He is also a published author and has spoken on legal issues at the State Ethics Officers Conference.

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