

MICHAEL S. WEINMAN

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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS SPECIALIST

accomplished liaison for city and state initiatives with a track record advocating legislation, community action, and public policy in various areas of government and law enforcement. Relationship builder and communicator with strengths in conveying information and communicating with various groups impacted by legislation. Serve as 'goto' resource for local and national news networks with experience facilitating communications regarding highly publicized initiatives. Strong public relations and partnering skills with the ability to team with decision-makers at all levels to analyze

needs, push for appropriate solutions, direct negotiations, and forge key community partnerships and participation.

CORE STRENGTHS

- Needs Analysis of Public & Justice Issues
- Community & Group Organization
- Persuasive & Polished Speaker
- Government Legislation
- Political Strategies
- High-Impact Presentations & Negotiations
- Agency Contact & Spokesperson
- Community Relations
- Partnership Building
- Lobbying

EXPERIENCE & KEY CONTRIBUTIONS

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE – Columbus, OH 2011-present

Director of Government Affairs

Represent FOP and member interests before Congressional, House, and Senate members. Track legislation, attend voting

sessions, deliver testimony, and communicate with legislators to ensure FOP interests are heard and considered.

Identify

opportunities to achieve the mission and vision of the FOP by working in collaboration with legislators and law enforcement on bills the FOP should support, oppose, and request. Perform the due diligence and analysis critical to presenting convincing testimony and information to process stakeholders. Craft compelling and concise press releases.

SELECTED CONTRIBUTIONS:

§ **Served as Treasurer for We Are Ohio, a large bipartisan coalition** which played an instrumental role in defeating Senate Bill 5 Issue 2 which would have limited collective bargaining for public employees across Ohio.

§ **Offered strategic direction to drive support for Senate Bill 11**, providing disability benefits to disabled officers, and death benefits to survivors of volunteer, part-time, and reserve officers killed in the line of duty.

§ **Orchestrated multiple awareness-generating campaigns, grassroots initiatives, and fundraisers** to educate the

public and secure widespread support from community influencers, decision makers, and constituents.

§ **Liaised between members and legislative stakeholders**, serving as a sounding board for member complaints of laws and regulations, and steering members toward the appropriate local, state, or federal agency.

§ **Cultivated robust media relations and public affairs appointments**, representing FOP interests by participating in a host of interviews for television and radio, as well as presentations in the public arena.

§ **Coordinated day-to-day logistics of Days on the Hill and Lobby Days**, setting appointments, securing and delegating volunteers, attending meetings, and writing information sheets.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY – Columbus, OH 2010-2011

Legislative Liaison, Policy & Legislative Affairs

Assisted executives in handling legislative affairs while representing the agency in matters involving the Governor's Office, legislators, special interest groups, and other state agencies. Cultivated communications with Public Safety Division peers, legislators, lobbyists, news media, and the general public while driving forward agency priorities.

Conducted research into the proposed impact of legislative actions, drafted new legislation, and monitored its movement

through the legislative process. Provided strategic recommendations on program, policy, and legislation changes.

Served

in a public relations capacity including preparing reports, delivering testimony, and selecting legislative sponsors.

SELECTED CONTRIBUTIONS:

§ **Recognized for transitioning quickly from city to state government**, learning the mission and goals of the

ODPS, and understanding and recognizing potential issues and their impact on the Division's mission.

§ **Commended for being "particularly adept at tapping into network to seek input and resolve issues"** and calling current or developing legislative issues to the staff's attention.

§ **Amended a bill to better align with recent Federal Aviation Administration rules changes** impacting the number of passengers a Pilot-in-Command could carry on his/her aircraft.

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COLUMBUS DIVISION OF POLICE – Columbus, OH 1997-2010

Legislative Liaison (2003-2010); **Administrative Asst.** – Fraud & Forgery Unit (2001-2003); **Patrol Officer** (1997-2001)

Performed comprehensive review of recently introduced legislation and recommended specific lines of action to the Division's chain of command. Collaborated with chain of command to determine appropriate responses and acted accordingly on those agreed-upon responses. Deployed analytical and communication strengths while assessing legislative gaps, opportunities to better protect the Division, and identifying strategies to drive support and change.

SELECTED CONTRIBUTIONS:

§ **Provided articulate and cogent responses during testimonies and TV and radio interviews**, appearing on MSNBC, twice on the Fox Cable News Channel, and multiple times on local TV and radio stations.

§ **Collaborated with legislators and aides to gain support for legislative initiatives**, and on one occasion, worked

with a Senator to include Federal Law Enforcement Officers in the state's Officer Impersonation Law.

§ **Proposed legislation in the best interest of the Division**, identifying opportunities to improve constituent and law enforcement protection, and advising colleagues in the direction of their supportive testimony.

§ **Initiated an effort to secure legislative changes** surrounding the scrap metal ordinance—receiving extensive media coverage—to protect vehicle owners by mandating scrap metal dealers obtain operating licenses.

§ **Reached out to agencies, businesses, and community members** to build mutually beneficial relationships.

§ **Presented with the Medal of Valor and Blue Star** (Purple Heart for Columbus Police Department).

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE – Castle AFB, CA; Newark AFB, OH; Dover AFB, DE 1990-1997

Law Enforcement Specialist

Maintained safety and law and order by providing security for individuals and facilities during important events occurring on base and during mission-critical objectives. Initially served Installation Entry Controller, advanced to Military Police Officer, and next to Desk Sergeant; accountable for entire tactical command and control of on-duty law enforcement personnel base-wide.

SELECTED CONTRIBUTIONS:

§ **Recognized with "Pat on the Back" award** for streamlining law enforcement operations and for providing effective quality initiatives and increased efficiency in desk operations and administration.

§ **Instrumental in providing site security for "Proximity Peace Talks"** held at Wright Patterson AFB. (This historic meeting involved diplomats from Bosnia, Serbia, Croatia, and the United States). Collaborated with Secret Service, State Department officials, FBI, AFOSI, and Security Police to provide comprehensive security.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, Mount Pleasant, MI

M.S.A., concentration in Public Administration, A.B.T.

Completed course schedule with exception of capstone thesis.

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, Columbus, OH

B.A. in Political Science, minor in Criminology

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE AIR FORCE, Maxwell AFB, GA

A.A.S. in Administration of Justice

Grant Writing – Columbus State Community College

Ohio Peace Officer Basic Training & Columbus Police Academy – Columbus Police Department

Airman Leadership School – Castle AFB, CA

HONORS & AWARDS

Kuwait Liberation Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Southwest Asia Service Medals (2)

Air Force Achievement Medals (2); Air Force Longevity Service Award; Air Force Good Conduct Medals (2)

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards (3); Air Force Organizational Excellence Award; Airman of the Quarter – Newark AFB

Air Force Basic Military Training Honor Graduate Ribbon; Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Education Ribbon

Small Arms Marksmanship Ribbon & Air Force Training Ribbon