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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



AMERICA IS COUNTING ON US TO KEEP HOLDING THE LINE



National President Patrick Yoes attended the **Virginia State Fraternal Order of Police's** meeting in Fredericksburg, VA.



Executive Director Jim Pasco spoke with **Jack A. Rauch**, *Special Assistant to the President*, regarding coordinating responses on current media stories.

Executive Director Jim Pasco spoke with **Rachel Bissex**, *Deputy Chief of Staff to the Attorney General*, regarding Federal use-of-force policies, as it relates to the **President's** Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities.



Executive Director Jim Pasco spoke with **Dean M. Kueter, Jr.**, *Executive Director of the Presidential Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice*, regarding the status of the **Presidential Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice**.



Executive Director Jim Pasco remained in constant contact with numerous officials from the **Donald J. Trump presidential campaign** throughout the week regarding coordinated assistance, media contacts and other items.

Executive Director Jim Pasco had a zoom meeting with **Holly Harris**, *President and Executive Director of the Justice Action Network*, a conservative prison and criminal justice reform group, regarding ways the **FOP** and the **Justice Action Network** could coordinate as necessary.



Senior Legislative Liaison Tim Richardson had a conference call with staff in the office of **Senator John Cornyn III (R-TX)** to discuss the violent targeting of State and local law enforcement officers and the Federal response.

Senior Legislative Liaison Tim Richardson had a phone call with stakeholder groups regarding anti-money laundering language in the **National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)**.





THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House was in recess this week.



THE UNITED STATES SENATE

The Senate was in recess this week.



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COVID-19 Information for Law Enforcement

Protecting Public Safety and Health

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The National Legislative Office provided FOP members with information, released by the **U.S. Department of Homeland Security**, regarding an update on DHS's response to COVID-19.

NOVEMBER 5:

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The National Legislative Office provided FOP members with information, released by the **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**, regarding a readout from the Trump Administration's 40th Governors briefing call on COVID-19.

NOVEMBER 3:

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The National Legislative Office provided FOP members with information, released by the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**, regarding updated information about how COVID-19 spreads.

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The National Legislative Office provided FOP members with information, released by the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**, regarding guidance on when to quarantine.



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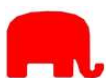
TOP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

H.R. 141/S. 521 the "Social Security Fairness Act"

This bill would repeal both the "**Windfall Elimination Provision**" and the "**Government Pension Offset**" in current Social Security law.

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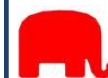
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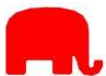
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H.R. 1195/S. 473 the "Law Enforcement Officers' Equity Act"

This bill would expand the definition of "law enforcement officer" for salary and retirement benefits to include all Federal law enforcement officers.

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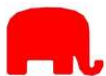
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H.R. 1154/S. 1394 the "Public Safety Employer- Employee Cooperation Act"

This bill would recognize the right of law enforcement and other public safety officers to bargain collectively with their employers.

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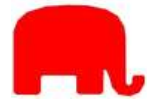


H.R. 1156, the "LEOSA Reform Act"

This bill would amend the **Law Enforcement Officers' Safety Act (LEOSA)**, which exempts qualified active and retired law enforcement officers from local and State prohibitions on the carriage of concealed firearms, to ensure that these officers are able to carry in the same venues as civilian concealed carry permit holders in areas like schools and national parks, as well as use public transportation and extends the exemption to magazine capacity and would allow active and retired law enforcement officers to access services at U.S. post offices, Social Security Administration offices or Veterans' Affairs facilities.

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H.R. 1325/S.4605, the "Protect and Serve Act"

This bill would make it a Federal crime to target a law enforcement officer with an assault that results in seriously bodily harm or death.

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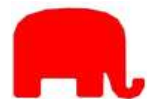
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For more information or to see the full list of legislation supported by the National FOP, please [**CLICK HERE**](#)



PRESS RELEASE

***National President Yoes released the following statement to our
Nation's Law Enforcement Officers***



PATRICK YOES
National President

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JIM PASCO
Executive Director

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
4 NOVEMBER 2020**

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT YOES' STATEMENT TO OUR NATION'S LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS: *Our Country Is Counting on Us to Keep Holding the Line*

Our nation's law enforcement officers have faced unprecedented challenges this year. We couldn't work from home during the spring lockdowns and we were on the streets—exposed to the dangerous coronavirus that killed 251 officers—protecting everyone sheltered in their homes. As our country emerged from the many stay-at-home orders, we watched a tragedy unfold in Minneapolis, which triggered weeks of riots and civil unrest. Thousands of officers were injured—many seriously—while they struggled to keep the peace. Officers found themselves being targeted for violence—more than 250 officers were shot in the line of duty this year, 40 of which were fatal attacks.

Throughout this extraordinary time, you have not just endured, you have succeeded in your public safety mission. We are proud of you, of your service and your sacrifice. But your watch has not ended and we must ask more of you.

As the Presidential election process resolves, it is possible that there may be areas which will experience another wave of civil unrest and violence against persons and property. All of us in law enforcement will be back on the line, protecting our fellow citizens and safeguarding our communities. This is our job and we have every confidence that all of you will do your duty.

As the Fraternal Order of Police, we gave endorsements and participated in the political process.

As law enforcement officers, we leave our personal politics at the stationhouse door. We protect and serve the community, we follow the lawful orders of our superior officers and we conduct ourselves as professional law enforcement officers.

Thank you again for your steadfast service and may God protect you and our nation in these tempestuous times.

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the United States, with more than 355,000 members.

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These **#Antifa** terrorists certainly are peaceful...

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COVID-19 LINE-OF-DUTY DEATHS

AS OF 6 NOVEMBER 2020

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The **FOP's** goal is to maintain an accurate list of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty due to COVID-19.

To ensure that every officer is accounted for, if you are aware of an officer that has recently died in the line of duty due to COVID-19, please email:

Mark McDonald

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Please include the officer's information and a link to either a media report or an obituary.

Alabama	4	Nebraska	0
Alaska	0	Nevada	1
Arizona	10	New Hampshire	0
Arkansas	0	New Jersey	14
California	16	New Mexico	0
Colorado	1	New York	35
Connecticut	1	North Carolina	5
Delaware	0	North Dakota	0
Florida	18	Ohio	4
Georgia	8	Oklahoma	2
Guam	1	Oregon	0
Hawaii	0	Pennsylvania	5
Idaho	0	Puerto Rico	3
Illinois	10	Rhode Island	0
Indiana	2	South Carolina	5
Iowa	0	South Dakota	0
Kansas	2	Tennessee	2
Kentucky	0	Texas	55
Louisiana	21	Utah	0
Maine	0	Vermont	0
Maryland	1	Virginia	3
Massachusetts	2	Washington	3
Michigan	7	Washington, DC	4
Minnesota	0	West Virginia	0
Mississippi	2	Wisconsin	1
Missouri	2	Wyoming	0
Montana	1		



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The following was released by the U.S. Department of Justice

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2020

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ANNOUNCES THE USE OF BODY-WORN CAMERAS ON FEDERAL TASK FORCES

Today, the Justice Department announced that it will permit state, local, territorial, and tribal task force officers to use body-worn cameras on federal task forces around the nation. The Department's policy will permit federally deputized officers to activate a body-worn camera while serving arrest warrants, or during other planned arrest operations, and during the execution of search warrants. The policy is the result of a pilot program launched by the department last October.

"After spending a substantial amount of time examining this issue, assessing the results of the pilot program, and taking into account the interests and priorities of all the law enforcement agencies involved, I am pleased to announce that the department will permit the use of body-worn cameras on our federal task forces in specific circumstances," said Attorney General William P. Barr. "The Department of Justice has no higher priority than ensuring the safety and security of the American people and this policy will continue to help us fulfill that mission."

The Department of Justice, through the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF); the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); the FBI; and the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS), partners with state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement on hundreds of federal task forces throughout the nation. Together, these task forces work to combat violent crime, stem the flow of illegal narcotics, and arrest dangerous fugitives.

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THE PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE ORDER ON SAFE POLICING FOR SAFE COMMUNITIES



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On June 16, 2020, President Donald J. Trump signed the “Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities.” A collection of resources for law enforcement agencies and officers can be found in the links below to assist with implementing Executive Order No. 13929. This page will be regularly updated with more resources as they become available.

IMPLEMENTATION FACT SHEET

LIST OF CREDENTIALLING BODIES

PRINCIPLES ON SAFE POLICING AND USE OF FORCE



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The following was released by the FBI



U.S. law enforcement agencies will soon reach the FBI's deadline to switch their crime statistics reporting system from the Summary Reporting System (SRS) to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

On January 1, 2021, the FBI will retire SRS as part of a major initiative to upgrade and update the nation's crime statistics.

To see answers to questions you may have about why the FBI is retiring SRS, how it will affect crime statistics, and the role of law enforcement agencies, please [**CLICK HERE**](#)





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Urge Congress to Pass H.R. 141/S. 521, the "Social Security Fairness Act"

H.R. 141/S. 521, the "Social Security Fairness Act," would fully repeal both the "Windfall Elimination Provision" (WEP) and the "Government Pension Offset" (GPO) in current Social Security law.

**HELP US REPEAL THE WINDFALL ELIMINATION (WEP)
AND THE GOVERNMENT PENSION OFFSET (GPO).**

The WEP reduces the Social Security benefit of retired public employees who receive a government pension from employment not covered by Social Security, but who earned the benefit from covered employment. A law enforcement officer who retired after twenty years or more on the job, who then begins a second career in the private sector, could lose up to sixty percent (60%) of his Social Security benefit because of the WEP. Similarly, the GPO affects the survivor's benefit by reducing it by two-thirds of the amount of the government pension the survivor is entitled to receive. In most cases, this completely eliminates the benefit for the surviving spouse.

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U.S. Department of Justice

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Office of Justice Programs

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) provides innovative leadership to federal, state, local, and tribal justice systems, by disseminating state-of-the-art knowledge and practices across America, and providing grants for the implementation of these crime fighting strategies.

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The **NFOP PAC** is the power behind our organization's punch on Capitol Hill, representing its members in the most effective way possible.



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Our challenge to you is to have each and every **FOP member** in your department, lodge, and State commit **\$5.00 a month** to the **NFOP PAC**. Please **contact the Legislative Office** to learn about the various ways you can contribute to the NFOP PAC.

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