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FOP Members Preparing for Day On The Hill 2021; Urging Congress to Support Our Law Enforcement

PATRICK YOES
National President

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JIM PASCO
Executive Director

LEGISLATIVE NEWS & ACTIVITY

National President Patrick Yoes and **Executive Director Jim Pasco** had a zoom call with **Kristen M. Clarke**, *who has been nominated to be the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division within the U.S. Department of Justice*, to discuss her vision for the **Division** and how she would operate the **Division**, if confirmed.

National President Patrick Yoes spoke with **Representative Garret N. Graves (R-LA)** regarding matters pertaining to law enforcement.

National President Patrick Yoes and **Senior Legislative Liaison Tim Richardson** had a call with staff in the offices of **Representatives Rodney L. Davis (R-IL)** and **Garret N. Graves (R-LA)** regarding a strategy to advance the Social Security Fairness Act and repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO). **Representatives Davis** and **Graves** spearheaded efforts in the previous Congress and formed the the **Public Safety Working Group on Social Security Fairness**, which the FOP is proud to be part of.

National President Patrick Yoes attended the **Florida State FOP Winter Board Meeting** in Orlando, FL.

Executive Director Jim Pasco spoke with **Alejandro N. Mayorkas**, *Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security,* regarding immigration issues as well as **Secretary Mayorkas'** vision for **DHS's** interaction with non-governmental entities, like the **FOP**.

Executive Director Jim Pasco spoke with **John Cohen**, *Assistant Secretary for Counterterrorism and Emerging Threats within DHS*, regarding priorities and opportunities to reach a broad range of FOP members.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS & ACTIVITY

Senior Legislative Liaison Tim Richardson spoke with staff in the office of **Representative Peter A. Stauber (R-MN)** regarding the *Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act* and other top priorities of the **FOP**.

Senior Legislative Liaison Tim Richardson and **Legislative Liaison Mark McDonald** spoke with staff in the office of **Representative Brian K. Fitzpatrick (R-PA)** regarding the *Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act*.

Senior Legislative Liaison Tim Richardson spoke with majority and minority staff with the **House Committee on the Judiciary** regarding policing reform plans for the week of 1 March.

Senior Legislative Liaison Tim Richardson spoke with staff in the office of **Senator John Cornyn III (R-TX)** regarding the *Back the Blue Act*.

Senior Legislative Liaison Tim Richardson spoke with staff in the office of **Senator Christopher A. Coons (D-DE)** regarding the *NICS Denial Notification Act*.

Senior Legislative Liaison Tim Richardson spoke with staff in the office of **Representative Abigail A. Spanberger (D-VA)** regarding **FOP** priorities and other legislation.

Senior Legislative Liaison Tim Richardson spoke with staff in the office of **House Majority Leader Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD)** regarding policing reform plans.

Senior Legislative Liaison Tim Richardson spoke with staff in the office of **Senator Timothy E. Scott (R-SC)** regarding policing reform plans.

Senior Legislative Liaison Tim Richardson spoke with staff in the office of **Senator Roy Dean Blunt (R-MO)** regarding **FOP** priorities.

Senior Legislative Liaison Tim Richardson and **Legislative Liaison Mark McDonald** spoke with staff in the office of **Senator William Morgan "Bill" Cassidy (R-LA)** regarding legislation that protects the personal data of law enforcement officers and others from being bought and sold by malicious actors.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Nominees that have been confirmed by the Senate

Secretary of State

Antony Blinken

Treasury Secretary

Janet Yellen

Defense Secretary

Lloyd Austin

Attorney General

Merrick Garland

Homeland Security Secretary

Alejandro Mayorkas

Interior Secretary

Deb Haaland

Agriculture Secretary

Tom Vilsack

Commerce Secretary

Gina Raimondo

Labor Secretary

Marty Walsh

Veterans Affairs Secretary

Denis McDonough

HHS Secretary

Xavier Becerra

HUD Secretary

Marcia Fudge

Transportation Secretary

Pete Buttigieg

Energy Secretary

Jennifer Granholm

Education Secretary

Miguel Cardona

THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The **House** was in a pro-forma session this week.

The **Committee on the Judiciary's *Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties*** held a virtual hearing entitled: **H.R. 40: Exploring the Path to Reparative Justice in America.**

The **Committee on Ways and Means' *Subcommittee on Oversight*** held a hearing entitled: **Hearing on Free Tax Preparation Services During the Pandemic.**

THE UNITED STATES SENATE

The **Senate** was in a pro-forma session this week.

TOP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The "Social Security Fairness Act"

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

H.R. 82	COSPONSORS *+7 NEW* 65	22	43

NOT YET INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE

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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.

H.R. 962	COSPONSORS *Newly Introduced* 3	2	1

NOT YET INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE

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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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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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.

NOT YET INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE OR SENATE

The "Protect and Serve Act"

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

NOT YET INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE OR SENATE

CLICK TO SEE MORE RESOURCES ON OUR LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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RECENT COVID-19 ACTIVITY

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COVID-19 Information for Law Enforcement

Protecting Public Safety and Health

WWW.FOPCOVID19.ORG Been Exposed? Are You Sick?

FEBRUARY 19: READ MORE

The National Legislative Office provided FOP members with information, released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, regarding updated COVID-19 FAQs for correctional and detention centers.

FEBRUARY 18: READ MORE

The National Legislative Office provided FOP members with information, released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, regarding COVID-19 resources for those working with persons who use drugs or have substance use disorders.

FEBRUARY 16: READ MORE

The National Legislative Office provided FOP members with information, released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, regarding what to expect at your COVID-19 vaccine appointment.

FEBRUARY 15: READ MORE

The National Legislative Office provided FOP members with information, released by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, regarding the Biden Administration purchasing 200 million additional vaccine doses.

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TWEET OF THE WEEK

National Fraternal Order of Police (FOP)
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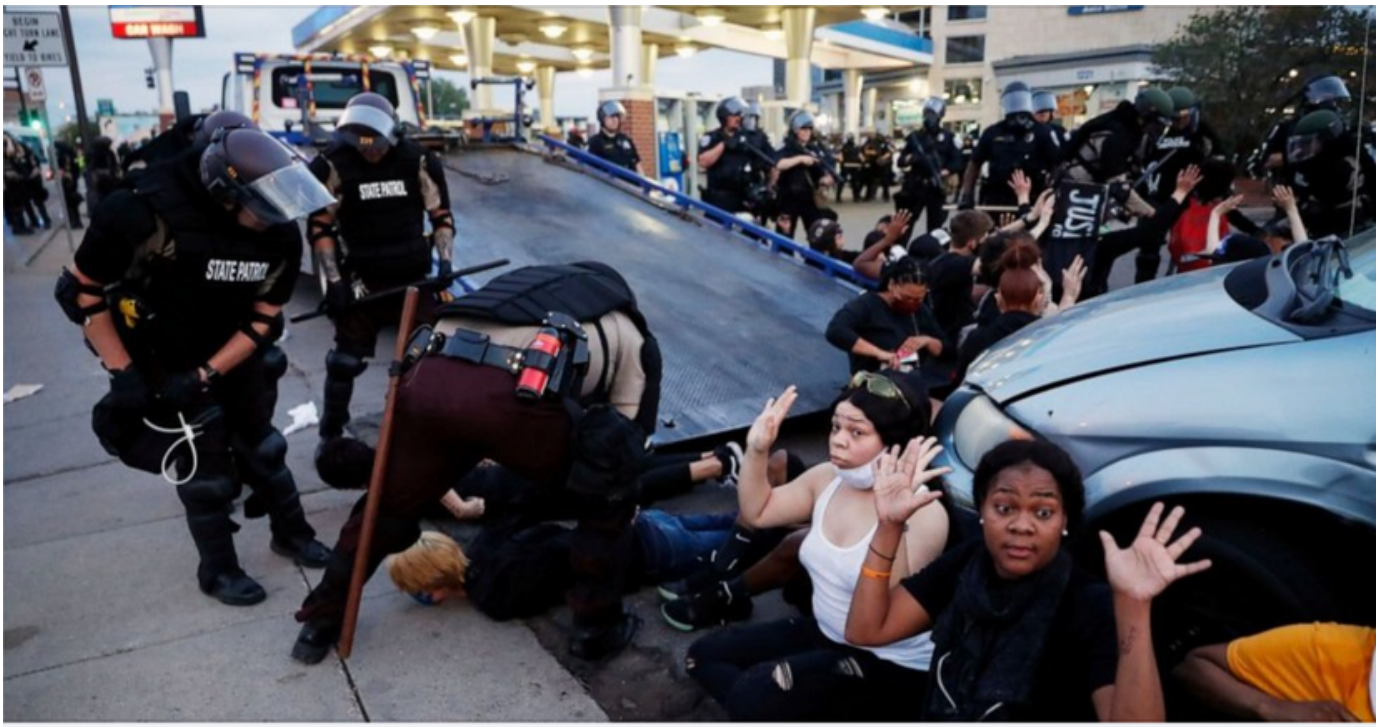
Stop us if we are making too much sense here. But a thought...maybe if you didn't denigrate and disparage and threaten your good officers at every opportunity you wouldn't have to spend millions to recruit more officers into the department.



ABCNEWS.GO.COM
Minneapolis to spend $6.4M to recruit more police officers

LIKE RETWEET SHARE

COVID-19 LINE-OF-DUTY DEATHS

AS OF FEBRUARY 19, 2021

429 OFFICERS HAVE DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY DUE TO COVID-19

State					
Alabama	6	Kentucky	4	Ohio	13
Alaska	0	Louisiana	24	Oklahoma	3
American Samoa	0	Maine	0	Oregon	0
Arizona	11	Maryland	5	Pennsylvania	13
Arkansas	3	Massachusetts	4	Puerto Rico	7
California	42	Michigan	9	Rhode Island	1
Colorado	1	Minnesota	1	South Carolina	8
Connecticut	1	Mississippi	4	South Dakota	0
Delaware	0	Missouri	4	Tennessee	8
Florida	26	Montana	1	Texas	101
Georgia	19	Nebraska	1	Utah	0
Guam	2	Nevada	1	Vermont	0
Hawaii	0	New Hampshire	0	Virginia	4
Idaho	0	New Jersey	17	Washington	5
Illinois	12	New Mexico	0	Washington DC	4
Indiana	3	New York	40	West Virginia	2
Iowa	2	North Carolina	11	Wisconsin	1
Kansas	5	North Dakota	0	Wyoming	0

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 Legislative Liaison Mark McDonald at mmcdonald@Fop.net with a link to either a media report or an obituary indicating COVID-19 as the cause of death.

2021 DAY ON THE HILL

THE FOP'S VIRTUAL DAY ON THE HILL 2021

TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 23
2:00PM EST

The *Virtual Day on the Hill* will begin at **2pm EST** on **Tuesday, 23 February 2021.** The **National Legislative Office** and the **National Legislative Committee** will host a short virtual briefing using the **FOP Zoom Channel**.

On **Monday, 22 February,** all attendees who **RSVP by 8pm EST on Sunday, 21 February** will receive an email from the **National Legislative Office** that includes a link to join the Zoom meeting. If you have not already RSVP'd for the **FOP's** *Virtual Day on the Hill* 2021, please click the sign-up button below.

The weeks of 22 February and 1 March are Congressional Work Periods and both chambers are scheduled to be in session. The **National Legislative Committee**, led by **Chairman Bob Cherry**, will work with the State Legislative contacts in each of our **State Lodges** to help arrange virtual meetings or conference calls with their Members of Congress over the course of these two weeks.

REMEMBER: The **FOP's** *Day on the Hill* event is a key component of our legislative advocacy strategy and our **Grassroots Action Network**. Connecting with your elected representatives, even in a virtual setting, has a real and lasting impact on the **FOP's** ability to move its agenda through Congress. We face a challenging political climate on Capitol Hill and we need your help!

SIGN UP FOR THE FOP'S 2021 DAY ON THE HILL

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- "Keeping Resilience Front & Center"
- Community and Media Relations Tool Kit
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- FOP Nationwide Healthcare
- Collective Bargaining & Arbitration
- Civilian Oversight
- Qualified Immunity

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THE NATIONAL FOP POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The Fraternal Order of Police is committed to improving the working conditions of law enforcement officers and the safety of those we serve through education, legislation, information, community involvement, and employee representation.

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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CAN YOU CHIP IN $5?

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 National Legislative Office to learn about the various ways you can contribute to the NFOP PAC.

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