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## **FOP SAYS CHICAGO MAYOR SHOULD APOLOGIZE FOR “CLOWN” REMARK**

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, called on Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot to apologize to the members of Chicago Lodge #7 and to the lodge’s Vice President Patrick Murray for referring to him as an “FOP clown” during a city council meeting.

“Mayor Lightfoot went out of her way to say that she regretted calling Vice President Murray a ‘clown’ ‘out loud,’ suggesting that she holds this 30-year veteran law enforcement officer—and the members he represents in contempt,” Canterbury said. “How does she expect to work with the police department if she regularly disparages their leadership and refuses to communicate honestly with them? We respectfully suggest she conduct herself with more dignity and less immaturity.”

The Mayor’s remark was caught on a live microphone as Vice President Murray was preparing to speak during the public comment period in support of officers recently fired by the Chicago Police Board.

“Mayor Lightfoot needs to apologize and she needs to build a better relationship with the officers of the Chicago Police Department,” Canterbury said. “Elected officials hampering and curtailing the efforts of police officers, her city is among the most dangerous and violent in the nation and these men and women of the CPD are putting themselves in harm’s way to keep their fellow citizens safe. These officers and their elected leadership should be treated with respect.”

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the United States, with more than 348,000 members.