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President Canterbury Welcomes AG Sessions to FOP Conference *Attorney General Gives Keynote Address and Makes Major Policy Announcement*

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, applauded this morning's news that President Donald J. Trump issued an Executive Order reversing the restrictions on Federal programs that provide surplus equipment to State and local law enforcement agencies. He also welcomed U.S. Attorney General Jefferson B. Sessions III to the FOP's 63rd National Biennial Conference, who will deliver the keynote address at the Opening Ceremony and make the formal announcement.

"We are always pleased to be with Attorney General Sessions, but for him and this Administration to choose our Biennial Conference to announce this critical policy change--something that I personally spoke to the President about--demonstrates how much respect he and his Attorney General have for our members and all the men and women in law enforcement," Canterbury said.

The previous Administration issued Executive Order 13866, which imposed severe restrictions on Federally administered surplus equipment programs that many State and local law enforcement agencies used to obtain defensive and protective equipment. Attorney General Sessions announced to the FOP membership that President Trump will issue an Executive Order overturning these restrictions and restore the integrity of these programs.

"The previous Administration was more concerned about the image of law enforcement being too 'militarized' than they were about our safety," Canterbury explained. "In an effort to shut down a single program run by the Defense Department, known as the 1033 program, they restricted access to surplus equipment throughout the Federal government."

National President Canterbury explained that the FOP has been working to roll back these restrictions since the day they were announced. As a candidate for President, Mr. Trump pledged to rescind these restrictions and Attorney General Sessions delivered on that promise today.

"Jeff Sessions is a great friend of the FOP and to law enforcement, and we are pleased that he is with us today and is the bearer of such good news," Canterbury said.

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the United States with more than 330,000 members.

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