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Attorney General Sessions Announces Launch of New Collaborative Reform Initiative Technical Assistance Center

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, applauded the announcement by U.S. Attorney General Jefferson B. Sessions III regarding the launch of the Collaborative Reform Initiative Technical Assistance Center (CRI-TAC) today.

The CRI-TAC brings together a coalition of our nation's top public safety organizations under the leadership of the FOP and International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) to provide tailored technical assistance to policing agencies through a grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).

"We're proud to be part of the leadership team in this important effort to help and direct resources to the law enforcement agencies that need it," Canterbury said. "Our approach is very simple – 'by the field, for the field.'"

Using this approach, the CRI-TAC supports State, local, tribal, and campus agencies through a host of methods, including training, peer-to-peer consultation, and strategic planning. These resources are designed to support agencies on a range of public safety, crime reduction, and community policing topics.

For the first time ever, the following law enforcement stakeholder organizations--and their over 420,000 members—are working together to create a center of resources and subject matter expertise explicitly focusing on the needs of policing agencies:

- Fraternal Order of Police (FOP)
- International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Associates (FBINAA)
- International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA)
- International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST)
- Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA)
- National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives (NAWLEE)
- National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)
- National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA)

“The FOP is excited to work alongside the IACP and our other organization partners to help our agencies in the field design customized approaches to the public safety challenges in their jurisdiction,” Canterbury said.

Law enforcement agencies interested in submitting a voluntary request to participate in the CRI-TAC should visit www.collaborativerereform.org.

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the United States with more than 335,000 members.