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## **FOP EXTENDS INVITATION TO NFL TO INSPIRE PRODUCTIVE COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS**

Patrick Yoes, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, said efforts like those of the NFL's Inspire Change advertisement and the Player's Coalition have the enormous potential to bring communities together by rebuilding trust and creating better understanding but more work needs to be done. "The ad shows the real horror of the tragedy that took the life of Corey Jones," Yoes said. "However, just as the action of a single player does not reflect the entirety of the NFL, this tragic incident does not define every law enforcement professional nor should it reflect on the honorable reputation of the men and women who put their lives on the line each and every day in this country."

The ad, which ran during the NFL's conference championships, is expected to be aired again during the Super Bowl.

"Anquan Boldin's work to develop strong police-community relationships is commendable and parallel to the decades of efforts the Fraternal Order of Police has taken to build bridges between police officers and the communities they serve," Yoes said. "In order to achieve total success in this venture, all parties must be willing to open a dialogue and work together to avoid unintentional consequences caused by messaging that defames the nobility of the many brave men and women of law enforcement."

"The Fraternal Order of Police has proactively reached out to the NFL to open this important dialogue. We have agreed to work together to discuss the many issues affecting our communities and to show that the profession of law enforcement is not defined by a single tragic event, but by the selfless sacrifice of the service of all those who have sworn an oath to promote safer and stronger communities."

"Like millions of Americans, I look forward to watching the Super Bowl, and its commercials, with my friends and family," Yoes said. "But my thoughts will also be with the tens of thousands of law enforcement officers who will not be home to watch the big game because they are working to protect the fans in Miami and all across the nation. I hope others will spare a thought for these brave men and women, too."

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the United States, with more than 350,000 members.

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