



NATIONAL FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE®

328 MASSACHUSETTS AVE., N.E.
WASHINGTON, DC 20002
PHONE 202-547-8189 • FAX 615-202-547-8190

CHUCK CANTERBURY
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

JAMES O. PASCO, JR.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
10 OCTOBER 2018**

**CONTACT: JIM PASCO
202-547-8189**

DOJ TO OPPOSE CHICAGO CONSENT DECREE *FOP APPLAUDS DECISION*

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, welcomed news that the U.S. Department of Justice will oppose the consent decree being imposed on the city of Chicago and its police department by the State Attorney General in collusion with the Mayor. The FOP filed a Federal lawsuit to intervene on its imposition earlier this year and has been fighting against it since day one.

“President Trump and Attorney General Sessions understand law enforcement,” said Canterbury. “The President has been publicly calling for action to reduce violent crime in Chicago since he was on the campaign trail—but the Mayor has not risen to the challenge. Instead in Chicago, we got a 225-page document that will take more officers off the streets to do paperwork and which does nothing to address violent crime.”

Canterbury referred to a 2015 agreement with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), which led to a 57% increase in homicides in 2016—750 people were murdered, the most since 1997. The consent decree is the subject of a Federal hearing next month.

Canterbury noted that, in his first few weeks as President, President Trump made time to meet with the leadership of the National Fraternal Order of Police and the President of the Chicago FOP to discuss violent crime in the city. U.S. Attorney General Sessions joined that meeting as well.

“I think that’s when we knew—really knew—that the FOP was right to endorse President Trump and to endorse his nomination of Jeff Sessions,” Canterbury said. “The President said on the campaign trail he would support law enforcement and protect the public from crimes of violence and within weeks we were in the Oval Office searching for a path forward in Chicago. We’re proud to be a partner with this Administration.”

“We agree with Attorney General Sessions – it is critical that Chicago gets this right,” Canterbury said. “The FOP is proud to work with this President, this Administration and this Attorney General to finally do something meaningful to make Chicago a safer city for its citizens. Working with President Trump and his Administration, we will take this fight for public safety to every city and town in this country.”

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