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PRESIDENT TRUMP SIGNS EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE *Fulfills Long Time Goal of FOP*

Patrick Yoes, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, joined President Donald J. Trump and U.S. Attorney General William P. Barr in Chicago at the conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) when he signed an Executive Order establishing a national Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice. In his address to the conference, President Trump personally thanked National President Yoes and Executive Director Jim Pasco for the FOP's work to develop and pass the First Step Act, a historic criminal justice reform measure signed into law last December.

"The establishment of a commission like this has been a long-time goal of the FOP and the IACP," Yoes said. "Both of our organizations worked in full collaboration with President Trump and his Administration on this issue and the Executive Order he signed today is yet another demonstration of this President's continued commitment to law enforcement and public safety."

The commission established by the President's Executive Order is similar to President Lyndon B. Johnson's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration and Justice in 1965, which undertook a comprehensive review of our nation's criminal justice systems and made recommendations to Congress which modernized the criminal justice system in the United States. For law enforcement, the implementation of many of the Commission's recommendations began the transformation that truly professionalized law enforcement and policing in our nation.

"Now, more than fifty years later, the FOP believes that a similar commission is needed to undertake a comprehensive analysis of the administration of justice in our nation today. Law enforcement has changed a great deal in the last few decades and we are being asked to deal with issues outside of our traditional mission like homelessness, mental illness and substance abuse," Yoes explained. "We believe that the President's Executive Order will not only help law enforcement officers, but also improve public safety nationwide."

The FOP is expected to have a leadership role on the commission, once it is formed.

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the United States, with more than 349,000 members.