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Mr. Andrew Morse  
Senior Vice President  
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10 Columbus Circle  
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Dear Mr. Morse,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to seek an apology from Fredricka Whitfield, one of your on-air personalities who mistakenly described the actions of a would-be cop-killer as “courageous and brave.”

Ms. Whitfield stated that she misspoke, which we certainly accept, but she did not apologize. Law enforcement officers are targets especially in the current social climate. They are in a heightened state of risk of deliberate attacks not just while on patrol, but even in station houses. Her comments contributed to this risk because many, many more individuals have seen this well-known anchor liken a potential killer to a hero before clarifying her remarks the next day.

Misstatements happen and mistakes are made every day. We acknowledge them, apologize for them and move on. We cannot move on until we receive that apology. I hope to see it on the air very soon.

Sincerely,



Chuck Canterbury  
National President