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FOP NATIONAL PRESIDENT SAYS INCIDENT IN MINNESOTA DEMONSTRATES THE NEED FOR THE WORK OF THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

Patrick Yoes, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, said today that he believes the work of the Presidential Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice will be vital to restoring the community's faith and trust in local law enforcement agencies after the tragic death of George Floyd and will help improve the profession as a whole.

"President Trump is a strong supporter of law enforcement, but he knows we can do better and that we can improve our profession, which is why he established this Presidential Commission," Yoes said. "The FOP was very proud to be such an important component in the development of this Commission and we're deeply invested in its work."

The Presidential Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice was established by the President last October and implemented by U.S. Attorney General William P. Barr in January of this year. After numerous hearings in February, the work of the Commission has become virtual, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We know what happens in communities when police officers lose the respect and trust of the public they protect," Yoes said. "Especially after a tragedy like we saw in Minneapolis, we need to do two things—take a hard look at our own actions and conduct, correct them where necessary, and to regain that trust by continuing to hold ourselves to the highest possible standard in a transparent way. President Trump's Commission is doing this work and examining how we recruit and train officers, how to earn and maintain the trust and respect of the communities we protect. We expect the Commission's work will impact how we police in the many years to come and improve our criminal justice system."

The Commission's report is expected to be delivered to the President sometime in October.

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the United States, with more than 351,000 members.

