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## FOP Joins AG Sessions for Asset Forfeiture Announcement

Restoration of this important tool is good news for law enforcement

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, welcomed news that U.S. Attorney General Jefferson B. Sessions III was restoring and expanding the Federal asset forfeiture program.

"This is a vital tool for law enforcement, especially for those State and local agencies who use the equitable sharing program to allow them to reinvest resources to fight crime in their communities," Canterbury said.

Rick Fulginiti, Chairman of the National Legislative Committee of the FOP, joined the Attorney General at the U.S. Department of Justice for the announcement. The new directive will standardize the process for Federal adoption of cases and include greater transparency.

"This Attorney General and this Administration have prioritized Federal efforts to combat transnational criminal organizations—cartels, gangs and traffickers," Canterbury said. "By restoring the asset forfeiture program and streamlining the ability of State and local agencies to participate in the equitable sharing program, we can make a great deal of progress against these illegal operations, take away the profits of their unlawful activity and put it back into our neighborhoods and communities."

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the United States with more than 330,000 members.