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Six Officers Shot in the Last Five Days ***FOP President Calls on Congress to Pass the “Protect and Serve Act”***

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Patrick Yoes, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, was outraged at reports of six officers being shot in the past five days. He called on Congress to take further action to prevent violence targeting law enforcement officers by passing the “Protect and Serve Act.”

“So far this year, there have been 161 officers shot in the line of duty, and 20 killed. There have been 33 ambush style attacks on law enforcement officers resulting in 42 officers shot, and 6 killed,” Yoes said. “This includes six officers shot in the last five days in California, Florida, Texas, and Wisconsin. We cannot let this continue and Congress needs to act now!”

The passage of the “Protect and Serve Act” is a top legislative priority of the FOP. The House overwhelmingly passed this legislation in 2018. The bill creates a new Federal offense for anyone who “willingly” attacks a law enforcement officer. In 2024, 342 officers were shot in the line of duty, 50 of whom were killed. There were 61 ambush-style attacks on law enforcement in which 79 officers were shot, and 18 of whom were killed.

“The FOP has been documenting the increased number of attacks against law enforcement since 2015,” Yoes said. “We have repeatedly called on Congress to pass the ‘Protect and Serve Act’ and we reiterate that call today with even greater urgency. Our men and women in law enforcement deserve better.”

The bill has been re-introduced as S. 167 in the Senate and currently has 18 cosponsors. The House companion bill is H.R. 1551 and has 81 cosponsors.

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Founded in 1915, the Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the United States, with more than 377,000 members. With national offices in Nashville, Tennessee, and Washington, D.C., the FOP is committed to improving the working conditions of law enforcement officers and the safety of those served through education, legislation, information, community involvement, and employee representation. Please visit <https://www.fop.net> for more information.