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## Violence Against Officers in 2025: 347 Officers Shot in the Line of Duty

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Patrick Yoes, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, released the following statement regarding the National FOP's year-end report on officers shot and killed in the line of duty:

“Almost daily in 2025, a police officer was shot in this country. This number has remained stubbornly high for five years now, which means since the start of 2021, over 2,000 police officers have been shot in the line of duty. This is a national disgrace and a stain on our society.

“Thankfully, because of dramatic improvements in medical trauma science and anti-ballistic technology, the lethality of these attacks has been reduced and only 45 of the officers shot in the line of duty were killed. There were 67 ambush-style attacks on law enforcement officers this year, which resulted in 90 officers shot, 22 of whom were killed.

“Many will often look at this data and just see numbers, but we MUST remember that they represent heroes—fathers, mothers, sons, and daughters. This scale of violence against our officers is horrifying and simply unsustainable. It is no wonder that our profession continues to face a recruitment and retention crisis. What father or mother would want their child to become an officer knowing the dangers they face every day?

“For years now, we have been asking Congress to pass the Protect and Serve Act, which would address the national problem of ambushes and unprovoked attacks on our nation's law enforcement officers. They have not done so. Today, given these numbers, what more would it take for lawmakers in Washington to see how necessary it is to pass this legislation?

“We now have years of hard data, and the truth is undeniable. There is an epidemic of violence against law enforcement officers. It is incumbent upon our elected officials and community leaders to speak out and support our heroes by acting against the violence that targets our law enforcement officers. The current status quo is simply unacceptable.”

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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 382,000 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.*