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## FLEOA URGES FBI TO UPGRADE RADIOS FOR POLITICAL CONVENTIONS

(Washington, D.C.) – Today, the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA) urged FBI Director James Comey to make every effort to ensure field agents are equipped with upgraded handheld radios for the upcoming Democratic and Republican National Conventions and beyond. FLEOA has previously written to Director Comey, highlighting the communication and safety concerns of providing field agents with outdated land mobile radios (LMR's).

"In light of the heightened risks associated with the upcoming conventions, it is imperative that all FBI law enforcement assets be equipped with interoperable upgraded handheld radios," said Nathan Catura, FLEOA National President.

Catura continued, stating, "No agent should be carrying an unreliable outdated radio with inferior encryption, lack of multiband capability and poor sound quality. We hope Director Comey will employ every effort to ensure expedited steps are taken to arm all agents with upgraded radios. This impacts effective interoperable communication with other law enforcement assets, and could jeopardize both agent and public safety during emergency situations."

FLEOA has been in contact with the congressional offices that will be impacted by the upcoming conventions, and praised the support of Representatives Robert Brady (D-PA) and David Joyce (R-OH).

"I applaud Representative Brady and Representative Joyce for their proactive support in reinforcing FLEOA's message to Director Comey. Their leadership and engagement on this critical safety issue will help ensure all law enforcement personnel are properly equipped and can carry out their mission safely and effectively," concluded Catura.

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