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FLEOA URGES LAW ENFORCEMENT DIRECTORS NOT TO REMAIN SILENT DURING FED HIRING FREEZE

(Washington, DC) - In response to President Trump's Executive Order freezing general federal government hiring but authorizing law enforcement heads discretionary hiring for public safety and national security purposes, the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA) National President Nathan Catura issued the following statement:

“Under the previous administration, law enforcement was reduced by 10% while fatal police ambushes, mass killings, drug-related deaths and crime rates in major cities nation-wide skyrocketed. Additionally, concurrent with the reduction of federal law enforcement assets, our country continues to be confronted by an unprecedented volume of cyber-attacks.

“FLEOA commends President Trump for granting law enforcement agency heads the authority to hire additional assets to ensure sustained protections for our citizenry, our Homeland and its institutions. This executive action allows agency and department leadership to fill the vast number of vacant law enforcement and homeland security positions that are critical to the safety of our country, and we urge incoming leaders to examine current deficits and restore federal law enforcement forces to meet the crucial needs of our officers and the nation they protect.

"I respectfully ask each law enforcement director to exercise the authority granted where needed, and not assume the "We can get by with less" timid position. Failing to sustain proper law enforcement staffing levels only serves to jeopardize the safety our citizenry.

“It is clear from this Executive Order that President Trump recognizes that public safety and national security needs are paramount. Agency leadership must utilize this exemption to restore staffing levels so the men and women of the federal law enforcement community can best carry out their mission to serve and protect the American people.”

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