

# In Tough Times, We Only Get Stronger



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None of us could have possibly predicted the vile hatred and discontent being spewed recently toward our noble profession. A nine-minute incident in Minneapolis on May 25 has set our profession, our country, even our world atilt. Many law enforcement families across the nation have had tough conversations at the dinner table about themselves or their loved ones staying on in law enforcement. Yet we continue to answer the call in our communities when they need us, with honor, pride and professionalism.

Fueled by politicians and community leaders, the anti-police rhetoric and calls for defunding have led the headlines for several weeks. But slowly, our supporters, the silent majority, are refusing to remain silent any longer. Support has begun to pour into agencies all over the country, and "back the blue" rallies have turned out record numbers. While those who

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are trying to weaken us are at their worst, we have only grown stronger. Our membership has rocketed to over 355,000 members in the past few months. In tough times, we only get stronger, which is why I love our fine and mighty Order and always will!

Your FOP has led the discussion in the media and with anyone else who will stop yelling and protesting long enough to listen. Since May 25, the National FOP

has been mentioned in media sources through interviews, articles and other platforms more than 21,000 times! The second-most-mentioned police group is just over 3,000. Combined, the other nine major law enforcement groups collectively have only about 15,000 mentions. This is solid proof that your FOP continues to be out front on matters of importance and national issues impacting our membership.

During these polarizing and political times, it is important to remind ourselves how and why the FOP was formed by our founding fathers in Pittsburgh. The FOP is for **all** officers, whether they are black or white, male or female, Republican or Democrat, various sexual orientations or preferences, liberal or conservative. We proudly welcome and represent all those who answer the call to wear the badge and serve their community. Remember this when having these tough conversations and conducting the business of your lodge. Our experiences in life might lead us down different paths of political beliefs, religions or convictions. But we all must unify and stand tall together against those who seek to disparage us.

Brothers and sisters, your National Executive Board is proud to stand with you and for you during these turbulent times. As other major unions and organizations step to the rear and turn their backs on police officers, we will continue to fight for you and have positive dialogue about your incredible work and sacrifice with whomever will listen. If you or any officers you know have been abandoned by other unions or associations, please know you will always have a home here in the FOP! As in many times before and still to come, we will weather this storm and come out better for it, because we are **FOP strong! FOP**

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