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FOP: JUSTICE NEEDS TO INVESTIGATE DALLAS SHOOTINGS AS A HATE CRIME

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, called on the U.S. Justice Department to immediately investigate the mass murder of law enforcement officers in Dallas, Texas as a hate crime.

“The FOP has spent two years calling on this Congress and this Administration to expand Federal law to protect law enforcement officers,” Canterbury said. “How many more assassinations, how many more ambushes, how many more dead officers must we endure before action is taken?”

Five law enforcement officers were shot and killed by snipers during a march in Dallas to protest police in the United States. Many other officers and civilians were injured in the shootings.

“The U.S. Department of Justice is always quick to insert itself into local investigations, sometimes before the preliminary reports are even in,” Canterbury said. “Today we expect action just as swift—we want a Federal investigation into those who were motivated by their hatred of police to commit mass murder in Dallas last night.”

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the United States, with more than 330,000 members.