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**Statement from North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police in reference to the murders of three law enforcement officers in a 12 hour period.**

In the past 24 hours we have learned of the deaths of three law enforcement officers at the hands of cold blooded murderers. Two of our brother officers were gunned down in what was no less than an assassination on the streets of New York City while they simply sat in their patrol car. The third officer was killed in Tarpon Springs, Florida by another cold blooded killer while the officer was answering a call for service. Ironically, that officer had previously served with the New York City Police Department prior to moving to Florida. Our hearts go out to the officers' families and the men and women with whom they served.

These senseless killings were chilling enough when first reported but as we learn more about both incidents the news does not get any better. All three officers were gunned down while at work just trying to make their communities safer for everyone.

Over the next several weeks I feel certain we will hear from many politicians about what a tragedy this was and how these men are our heroes for protecting our neighborhoods. However, these will be the same politicians who have succumbed to political pressure and are now demanding stricter laws to protect the community from our police officers with frivolous laws which are neither necessary nor needed. Who is protecting our law enforcement officers from the misguided citizens who have hate in their heart and are attacking our officers at an alarming rate?

During the year of 2014 there have been fifty-eight officers killed in violent felonious assaults; forty-six of those were with gunfire. Where are the protests and marches over the loss of these brave law-abiding officers? Another fifty-five officers have died by some other means including automobile and motorcycle wrecks, and heart attacks. All of these 113 deaths occurred while our brother and sister officers were on-duty performing their jobs and protecting their communities.

It's time for all Americans to stand with the law enforcement officers and proclaim that enough is enough.

The North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement organization in the State of North Carolina with more than 6,000 members. Nationally the Fraternal Order of Police has over 325,000 members who protect and serve in virtually every community across the United States of America.

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