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FOP and IACP: Don't Shutdown the Government

Nation's most prominent law enforcement organizations say public safety is the priority

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), and Chief Paul M. Cell, President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the leaders of the nation's most prominent law enforcement organizations, say that continued funding of the Federal government is of utmost importance and urge all to avoid shutdown.

"Protecting the public is the most fundamental responsibility of our government and its elected officials," Canterbury said. "We need our streets, schools and borders to be safe and secure. The men and women in Federal law enforcement will be at their posts tomorrow and they will not receive their pay unless an agreement is in place to keep the government open."

"The U.S. Departments of Justice and Homeland Security house some of our largest Federal law enforcement agencies," Cell said. "Supporting their mission to protect the nation and its citizens should be the U.S. government's top priority."

Despite the threat of a shutdown, the Presidents of the FOP and IACP agree – that our agencies and officers will continue their unceasing efforts to safeguard citizens.

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The **Fraternal Order of Police** is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the United States with more than 345,000 members.

The **International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)** is the world's largest and most influential professional association for police leaders. With more than 31,000 members in 150 countries, the IACP is a recognized leader in global policing. Since 1893, the association has been speaking out on behalf of law enforcement and advancing leadership and professionalism in policing worldwide.