



RCFOP Statement Regarding DOJ Report and Findings

The FOP believes that policing is one of the noblest professions to exist in our great country. The men and women of the LMPD are dedicated, caring professionals who strive every day to protect and serve this community with honor and integrity.

There are many factors and circumstances, existing over a long period of time, which culminated in the publication of this DOJ report. The most damning of these factors being the continued leadership failures by past Louisville Metro administrations. Over a generation of irresponsible political leadership and failed leadership within LMPD, appointed by these administrations, have tarnished the image of what should be one of the premier law enforcement agencies in this country. The FOP has bemoaned these leadership failures for years – to no avail. This is no surprise to those who have been paying attention to and witnessing what has transpired in our community. The members of the LMPD and the citizens they serve have suffered the consequences of these leadership failures, to include critical staffing shortages, sky rocketing levels of violent crime, inadequate facilities, and the need for more adequate training - just to mention a few.

Unfortunately, no law enforcement agency is without flaws. There have been instances where officers have acted in a manner that is not consistent with the values, ethics, and morals of good policing. Some of those instances have been referenced in the DOJ report. *However, there are protocols in place to address those transgressions and officers have been held accountable.* The FOP supports holding police officers accountable for their actions. Officers, like all citizens, also have a right to due process and the FOP is here to ensure that right is afforded to our members.

We feel very strongly that this report is an unfair assessment of the great work that is accomplished daily by the vast majority of LMPD officers. We also feel very strongly that this report should not go unchallenged and should be dissected for evidentiary value.

After having the opportunity to fully examine and digest the details of this report the FOP will be able to better address the specific findings.

RCFOP Lodge 614 looks forward to partnering with Mayor Greenberg's administration, current LMPD leadership and the Department of Justice to navigate this process as we move forward.