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May 11, 2020

Dear Presidents and Secretaries:

As you are aware, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has created challenges for all of us associated with the Fraternal Order of Police.

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, Ohio Department of Health Director, Dr. Amy Acton, and National Lodge President Pat Yoes have all communicated the need to practice social distancing precautions when working with large groups. Although plans are in place to loosen precautions, there is no certainty that limits on large gatherings will soon be relaxed.

On Saturday, May 9, 2020, the Board of Trustees of the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio voted unanimously on an emergency resolution "to take all precautionary measures to protect the health, safety, and well-being of its members" by cancelling the Conference scheduled for July 20th and 21st, 2020.

The Ohio State Lodge looks forward to seeing everyone for the 2021 Conference being held at the Kalahari Resort and Conference Center in Sandusky, Ohio.

Please find the included emergency resolution for additional details.

Respectfully,

Eric Lehnhart
State Secretary

**EMERGENCY RESOLUTION OF THE
FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OF OHIO, INC.**

The Board of Trustees of the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio, Inc. (hereinafter "FOP") hereby issues the following Emergency Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the FOP states that the annual conference of the Ohio State Lodge shall be held during the months of June or July, and

WHEREAS, the annual Conference is scheduled for July 20th and 21st, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Ohio has declared an emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Ohio Department of Health issued a stay at home order effective March 23, 2020 which was extended to May 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, it is unknown whether the Ohio Department of Health Director's current Stay Safe Ohio Order that extends the stay at home protocol until May 29th will be extended through the time of the July 2020 annual conference;

WHEREAS, gatherings of more than 10 people are currently prohibited, and social distancing as defined in the Order is to be maintained at all times;

WHEREAS, the FOP State Conference has an attendance of over 500 delegates/alternates, FOPA, Auxiliary, guests and staff making social distancing requirements impractical to be safely maintained;

WHEREAS, President Wolske has proposed that due to the emergency he believes it is in the best interests of the FOP to cancel the 2020 Conference due to the pandemic;

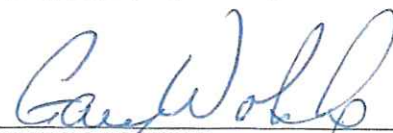
NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees has decided to take all precautionary measures to protect the health, safety and well-being of its members and hereby issues the following emergency resolution:

1. Cancel the Conference scheduled for July 20th and 21st, 2020, including the order of business on the agenda for that meeting.
2. The status quo be maintained for the Board of Trustees until the 2022 annual conference pursuant to Article IV Section 1b of the Constitution & Bylaws.

Passed by a vote of the FOP Board of Trustees this 9th day of May 2020.



ERIC LEINHART
State Secretary



GARY WOLSKE
President