

# Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association Condemns Politicization of Federal Law Enforcement from Elected Officials

WASHINGTON, DC, UNITED STATES, June 16, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA) National President Mathew Silverman condemned the response to recent public remarks by elected officials that have endangered the safety and integrity of federal law enforcement personnel.



Silverman expressed serious concern over statements made by House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, who criticized Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents for wearing protective masks during enforcement operations. In his remarks, Leader Jeffries stated, "Every single one of them, no matter what it takes, no matter how long it takes, will, of course, be identified."

According to Silverman, these comments are irresponsible and dangerous, particularly as federal agents are already facing unprecedented levels of harassment and threats. ICE agents have adopted face coverings in the field as a safety precaution in response to a dramatic increase in doxxing and violence. The Department of Homeland Security reports that assaults against federal officers have surged by more than 400%.

"Masking identities is not a tactic of concealment. It is a measure of protection for the agents and their families," said Silverman. "For an elected official to call for the exposure of their identities, despite the known risks, reflects a serious lapse in judgment and leadership."

The comments by Jeffries and others also highlight a concerning double standard, as many of the same politicians criticizing law enforcement continue to benefit from taxpayer-funded security provided by federal agencies. This hypocrisy undermines both morale within the ranks and public trust in government institutions.

Federal officers are charged with enforcing the law, not creating it, and are executing directives legally issued by the executive branch. Demonizing them for fulfilling their duties is both unjust and politically reckless.

Silverman also pointed to recent national crime statistics as evidence of the positive impact of renewed support for law enforcement. Since the beginning of the Trump administration in January, violent crime has dropped significantly.

FBI data shows that murders declined by 21.6% in the first quarter of 2025 compared to the same period in 2024. The national murder rate has decreased from 6.83 per 100,000 in 2020 to 4.97 in 2024.

Major urban centers, including New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Baltimore, and New Orleans, have reported double-digit reductions in homicide rates. In New York City alone, murders dropped by over 34% year-over-year.

These improvements are attributed to strengthened law enforcement efforts, enhanced accountability for violent criminals, and increased community-based prevention initiatives. Despite varying political opinions, FLEOA maintains unwavering support for the thousands of men and women who serve in federal law enforcement roles nationwide.

"These officers carry out their mission with honor and commitment," said Silverman. "They deserve respect, protection, and responsible rhetoric from public officials, not words that put their lives at greater risk. Words matter. And the consequences of those words must be taken seriously."

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FLEOA serves more than 33,000 registered members in the federal law enforcement community, who serve across more than 60 agencies. The organization does not endorse political parties or candidates but serves as a voice of advocacy for federal law enforcement through the legislative process.

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