

Fraternal Order of Police Backs National White Collar Crime Center

RICHMOND, VA - October 16, 2001 - The Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), the world's largest organization of sworn law enforcement officers, recently signed a resolution of support for the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C), the non-profit organization that provides a national support network for enforcement agencies involved in the prevention, investigation, and prosecution of economic and high-tech crime.

"Like us, the NW3C provides strong support to law enforcement," said Steve Young, National FOP President. "We encourage Congress and the Attorney General of the United States to ensure adequate funding of the NW3C so that it may continue its work of providing support services to law enforcement."

With nearly 300,000 members, the FOP is the voice of those who dedicate their lives to protecting and serving communities. The FOP is committed to improving the working conditions and safety of law enforcement through education, legislation, information, community involvement, and employee representation. The FOP recognizes the increasing impact of economic and high-tech crime on U.S. citizens and acknowledges the challenges and issues presented to law enforcement professionals in dealing with it. By supporting the NW3C, the FOP is confident these challenges to its members will be met.

"What the NW3C does is strictly for the good of law enforcement and the public. Being a non-profit organization, they are not looking for anything in return, except a decrease in white collar crime," Young said. "That is the kind of organization we want to see grow and succeed."

Glen B. Gainer III, West Virginia State Auditor and NW3C Chairman, said he is proud to have the FOP's backing. "The FOP has a proven track record of looking out for the best interests of law enforcement," Gainer said. "That is a group we want on our side. It is becoming increasingly apparent that fighting high-tech and economic crime must be a collaborative effort, and I commend the FOP for recognizing that."

Other organizations that signed resolutions of support for the NW3C are the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). These organizations applaud the efforts and successes of the NW3C and strongly encourage the adequate expansion of NW3C-sponsored programs so that the organization can continue its critical work in providing financial and computer crime training and support services to state and local police investigating economic and high-tech crimes.

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