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The Voice of Law Enforcement Professionals: The Fraternal Order of Police is the world's largest organization of sworn law enforcement officers, with more than 2,100 local lodges and over 356,000 members. We are the voice of those who dedicate their lives to protecting and serving our communities. We are committed to improving the working conditions of law enforcement officers and the safety of those we serve through education, legislation, information, community involvement, and employee representation. No one knows the dangers and the difficulties faced by today's police officers better than another officer, and no one knows police officers better than the FOP. Founded in 1915, we are still "Building on a Proud Tradition."

The Georgia Fraternal Order of Police is made up of local Lodges and members spread out around the State of Georgia.

Each election cycle, The Georgia FOP seeks to endorse candidates whose priorities align with ours. The first step in this process is a questionnaire that is presented to the candidates who are seeking office in statewide races. The returned questionnaires will be posted for the FOP membership's review and consideration. Ballots will then be mailed to the membership. Once the ballots are returned and tallied, the Candidate receiving the majority of the votes will receive the endorsement of the FOP.



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I have attached the questionnaire for your consideration. The questionnaire, once completed, and be returned via email to captcall@fop.net. I ask the questionnaire to be returned no later than July 28, 2022.

Sincerely,

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To earn the endorsement of our members, we expect candidates to share our values and articulate how they would use their position to enact laws that protect and stop laws that erode the rights and quality of life of Law Enforcement Officers. Your responses to the following questions will help us determine where our priorities align.

1. In your view, what is the biggest Public Safety challenge facing our State.

- **I started my career in public safety while I attended Georgia State, and when I graduated, I was proud to join the Atlanta Police Department. Over the next 3+ decades, I grew in my career from a patrolman all the way up to Chief of Police. As I look around today, I see the significant increase in violent crime and gang violence as the biggest threat to our State and Nation. Sadly, there is no community currently immune from this. Too many members of gangs feel the solution to any issue is pulling out a gun and opening fire. These gang members have no respect for the laws, or lives of our citizens. To make things even worse, too many of our elected officials are not backing our men in blue in this dangerous time, forcing many officers to leave this noble profession.**

2. What is your vision for the Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Safety Commissioner's interaction with Law Enforcement?

- **Since taking office, I have focused on growing and professionalizing our Criminal Investigations Division, which investigates insurance fraud perpetrated by companies, agents, or individuals. We have made it a priority to move these agents directly into the communities they serve, so they can better assist local law enforcement and work directly with County District Attorneys on prosecutions.**
- **We are also responsible for assisting local law enforcement and fire officials with arson investigations. In my three years in office, we have more than tripled our arson K-9 units from two to seven. These K-9s are trained to identify accelerants, which allows them to determine the cause of a fire much quicker than a human investigator. They are available upon request to assist with any local arson investigation and can now be anywhere in the state within 90 minutes, a significant improvement from the up to 4+ hours response time when I first took office.**

3. What qualifies you as the best candidate for the Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner?

Throughout my entire career in law enforcement and military service, I have served as a cleanup agent and a problem solver. Following decades of mismanagement in this department, Governor Kemp appointed me with a clear mission to clean it up and return it to a consumer-focused, problem

solving service to Georgia citizens. I understand the assignment. Serving as Deputy Commander for the Army National Guard in Afghanistan, I worked as a change agent with the Afghan Minister to build a national police department in the midst of a corrupt and problem-ridden environment to help restore order and rebuild trust in communities. Growing up in Mexico, and understanding not only the language but the local culture helped me serve as a problem solver at the US-Mexico border - building connections with Mexican officials and contractors for the border wall expansion in a time where the national spotlight was seeking to undermine efforts to secure our southern border. As a former member of the Red Dog Squad in Atlanta, my mission was clear - crack severe problems, solve drug takeovers on the street and remain focused on protecting citizens. These are the principles that have guided my cleanup of the Insurance Commission over the last three years, and my qualifications are aligned with this mission.

4. Why should the Members of the Georgia Fraternal Order of Police support your candidacy?

The same reason Gov Kemp selected me for the position is the same reason FOP should support me in this role. I have the leadership, experience, integrity and humility to do this job with a focus on serving the community. Like you, I gained these credentials through my service in law enforcement. Working as a field agent in downtown Atlanta to serving as Chief of Police in Doraville, I understand the priorities and challenges of Georgia's police force from funding to training to rebuilding community relationships. As Insurance Commissioner it is critical that we maintain a close relationship with all first responders, sharing our focus on safety and service. Thanks to my work in the police force and service in the Army National Guard, I have the courage to carry out this strategy and I would be grateful to earn your trust, partnership and support.

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