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Media Advisory: FLEOA, NJFOP Press Event to Discuss Lawsuit Against State of New Jersey over LEOSA

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TRENTON, NJ – Today, Larry Cosme, National President of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA), and Bob Fox, President of the New Jersey Fraternal Order of Police, announced a lawsuit against the State of New Jersey for violating qualified retired law enforcement officers rights under the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA). Cosme and Fox will discussing the lawsuit and taking questions from the media.

BACKGROUND: In 2004, Congress determined that current and retired law enforcement officers are well qualified under federal law to continue carrying authorized firearms under a clear framework established under LEOSA. The Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA) allows current and retired law enforcement officers carrying authorized photographic identification to carry a concealed firearm throughout the United States in compliance with the terms of LEOSA. In 2010 and in 2013 Congress voted to amend and expand the law to provide even greater access and clarity surrounding the implementation of LEOSA.

Despite the clear Congressional and support of previous New Jersey legislators, the State of New Jersey has chosen to consistently neglect this important public safety federal law. New Jersey has enacted state laws that deny qualified law enforcement officers their concealed carry rights under LEOSA. These unnecessary and additional regulations on retired law enforcement officers diminish public safety and are preempted by the clear mandate of federal law.

WHO: FLEOA National President Larry Cosme and NJFOP President Bob Fox

WHEN: Monday, May 11, 2020 at 12:00 pm EST

WHERE: New Jersey Fraternal Order of Police Headquarters, 108 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608

HOW TO JOIN: Media participants will be able to join on location or via live stream. To register to attend, click here: <https://forms.gle/WfmxUjzUp2bgoivKA>

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The National FOP has over 350,000 members and the State FOP has over 13,000 members

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