



Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #86

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Key Points

Indy FOP #ThinkBigger

On Wednesday May 23, 2018, the Indianapolis Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #86 formally announced their #ThinkBigger initiative during a public news conference.

The announcement followed the recent decision by a Civilian Police Merit Board to reinstate two police officers following a shooting last summer 2017. The FOP subsequently outlined a series of steps the organization will collaboratively pursue in the coming months.

The Key Points of the initiative are as follows:

- The Indianapolis FOP will contribute up to \$25,000 to launch a public education, prevention and awareness campaign about “the Do’s and the Don’ts” during police encounters.
- The Indianapolis FOP will lead the effort of partnering with local leaders, nationally recognized law enforcement instructors, civil rights advocates and members of the community to professionally produce video education materials, Public Service Announcement segments and enhanced youth education and crime prevention lesson plans to help better educate the public of law enforcement practices and increase the opportunities to prevent future tragic outcomes during police encounters;
- The Indianapolis FOP will work with State Legislators to draft a bill for the next legislative session that will have the BMV provide training and testing on safety practices during traffic stops;
- The Indianapolis FOP will work with the Indiana Governor’s Office to pursue executive direction to implement such BMV changes via administrative rule in lieu of waiting for legislative enactment;
- The Indianapolis FOP is partnering with the OneCop (One Congregation One Precinct) initiative to invite faith-based institutions to get involved in education about police interactions and to increase community engagement;
- The Indianapolis FOP will work with partners throughout the nation to develop a multi-faceted module that can be replicated (“plug and play”) for other communities around the country.



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One thing this tragic incident and subsequent public dialogue has revealed is that we cannot continue to circulate around the same tired responses.

We cannot continue to point fingers at each other, blame the system, change the rules to rig politically expedient outcomes or ignore our fundamental mutual flaws.

Instead our City, State and Nation and all those who want to help make it better must Think Bigger.

We must come together with a shared objective focused on Education, Prevention and Community Collaboration. At some point, rather than tear each other down, we must answer the question of how do we stand together?