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NATIONAL COALITION OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS ENDORSE KERRY "Bush has misled cops on Homeland Security"

Austin, TX – The National Coalition of Public Safety Officers (NCPSO) today announced their endorsement of United States Senator John Kerry for President of the United States.

"President Bush has misled cops on Homeland Security. After 9-11, President Bush promised that cops would receive training and equipment to prepare themselves against terrorist's attacks. But the facts show front line officers have not received the training and equipment we need to protect the public," stated Chris McGill, President of the National Coalition of Public Safety Officers and 21 year law enforcement veteran.

"In the event of a terrorist incident, it will be the first responders such as police officers, fire fighters and EMS personnel on the scene. It will not be the National Guard and it will certainly will not be President Bush in a flight jacket," McGill continued, "Without critical homeland security training and equipment for our officers on the front lines of terrorism here in America, we remain unprepared for the next terrorist incident. *The tragedy is the Bush administration has misled the American people into believing front line officers have been trained and equipped to fight terrorism in America.*"

In addition to his failure on Homeland Security including major cuts in first-responder grant funding at the Department of Homeland Security*, President Bush has cut COPS funding by 90 percent*, thus greatly reducing the number of police officers available to fight crime in our communities. Bush has also proposed major cuts to Byrne funding which is the major funding source in fighting the war on drugs and gangs.

The National Coalition of Public Safety Officers (NCPSO) represents over 30,000 public safety officers throughout the United States. NCPSO is the law enforcement division of the Communications Workers of America (CWA).

*Bush administration fiscal year 2005 budget.

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