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AAAPO Commends Capitol Police Response in Shooting

Today's tragic shooting in Alexandria, Virginia, involving members of Congress, law enforcement and others practicing for an upcoming bipartisan congressional baseball game, highlights the bravery and heroism of the Capitol Police who were on site and engaged the shooter. These brave officers saved countless lives due to their quick action and courageousness.

"We go to Washington, D.C., frequently and we know Capitol Police officers. They ran into the line of fire to stop further bloodshed today," said Paul Nunziato, president of the Port Authority Police Benevolent Association and co-founder of AAPO. "Had they not been there and responded like they did, who knows how much more tragic this could have been. We thank our brothers and sisters in blue for their work and wish them well in their recoveries."

"While we always hope incidents like today's do not occur, they do," said Marshall McClain, president of the Los Angeles Airport Peace Officers Association and co-founder of AAPO. "We are proud to share a fellowship with these officers today; it shines a light on the best of our profession. Our thoughts and prayers go to all of the injured and their loved ones, and we wish them a speedy recuperation."

The American Alliance of Airport Police Officers (AAAPO) is composed of rank-and-file airport police officers (including many dual police/aircraft rescue firefighters) who stand as the first line of defense against terrorist attacks, hijackings and other criminal activity at our nation's airports. We seek to promote security and safety for the traveling public, visitors and airport employees by highlighting best practices and identifying areas for improvement and proposed solutions for our nation's airport security deployment. AAPO focuses on regulatory issues that promote our efforts to provide the most advanced and cutting-edge service innovations and security processes in our nation and the world. Our organization represents thousands of sworn law enforcement officers across the United States beholden only to this mission. We are unencumbered by neither political nor managerial constraints that would prevent us from promoting sound public safety policy.

The founding members of the American Alliance of Airport Police Officers are composed of numerous rank-and-file airport police officers from John F. Kennedy International Airport; LaGuardia Airport; Los Angeles International Airport; Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport; LA/Ontario International Airport; Newark Liberty International Airport; Van Nuys Airport; Stewart International Airport; and Teterboro Airport.