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PRESS RELEASE

Racism & hate has NO place in a civilized society & those who hide under a hood, behind a mask or under a sheet are nothing short of cowardice. Yet, this type of grossly inappropriate behavior is being depicted in either photo shopped or unauthorized pictures of the KKK, in which they falsely claim its support of both the NEPBA and the Donald J Trump presidential campaign, which is being disseminated on social media outlets by those of Occupy Democrats.

The New England PBA early support of Donald J Trump for President and his support of police officers, as well as his overwhelming wins in the last three republican presidential primaries has caused those in the anti-police establishment of Occupy Democrats to reach desperate and deplorable measures such as this and we condemn them for their actions. To be clear, the NEPBA has never asked for nor have we requested to be supported by any group that condones hatred, bigotry or racism in any way, shape or form.

As the largest law enforcement labor organization in New England, we represent police officers, correction officers and law enforcement personnel, including support staff that are as ethnically, racially and religiously diverse as the United States is itself. Like our society itself, our law enforcement membership consists of a variety of dedicated and hard working men and women, many who are married and/or single, many who are straight; some who are gay and yes, even transgender. Yet, in the immortal words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., our members should NOT be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. However, that is exactly what law enforcement officers are faced with today – but rather than being judged by the color of their skin; they are being judged by the color of their uniform and the badge on their chest. Sadly, some of these very people are the same people who wish to be considered for the highest office in the land. . . The President of the United States of America.

The New England PBA will not tolerate bigotry, racism or hate nor will we condone or support groups, like the KKK, which historically accept and encourage this type of wanton behavior. Furthermore, we demand those responsible for these grossly inaccurate images cease and desist from disseminating or utilizing the name of the New England Police Benevolent Association (NEPBA), but like Dr. King, we will not be intimidated nor will be bullied because of our support of Donald J. Trump as President of the United States of America.

The NEPBA categorically denies and refutes any reference to those depicted in these pictures as supporters, members or in any way associated with the New England Police Benevolent Association or our affiliates.

THANK YOU & GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Sincerely,

Jerry Flynn

Jerry Flynn, Executive Director