

State Fop Issues Statement On Shooting Death Of West York Borough Police Officer

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MECHANICSBURG, Pa.— Fraternal Order of Police State Lodge President Joseph Regan and York County FOP Lodge #73 President Trent Bushman today issued the following statement regarding West York Borough Police Officer Andrew Duarte, who was shot and killed at UPMC Memorial Hospital in Y“Pennsylvania lost another hero today.

Officer Duarte’s bravery and commitment to upholding the law are a testament to the selflessness shown daily by those who have dedicated themselves to protecting and serving. Our deepest condolences go out to his loved ones during this difficult time. We stand together with the West York Borough Police Department in honoring Officer Duarte’s sacrifice.”



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unwanted federal attention, a concern rooted in broader national tensions on how cities should respond to federal immigration enforcement pushed by the Trump administration.

“The majority of our federal funding goes to our non-profits,” Pintabone said. “That’s what we use to shelter our less fortunate, our most vulnerable. That’s what we use to feed them, put clothes on their back, educate them.”

Sultana dismissed fears of federal funding cuts as “fearmongering,” citing court precedents protecting municipal funding.

Despite his stance against an ordinance, Scalzo said he hopes the city can eventually reach an agreement after the federal government sends out more guidance.

“We’ll follow all the laws and all the rules that we must abide by as we go out there and deal with the public and try to make sure everybody’s safe in what they do,” he said.

Government and Law professor John Kincaid suggested the situation is more complex than at first glance.

“President Trump certainly wants to cut funds to any city that does not provide substantial assistance to immigration and customs enforcement,” he said.

Despite claims of fearmongering over federal funding cuts, Kincaid suggested the threat is real under a Republican-controlled Congress.

“Congress has the authority to cut off funds if it wants to do so,” he said. “The Republicans largely agree with Trump on deporting these individuals.”

Sultana plans to reintroduce the debate in the city council’s next meeting on Feb. 26.

“This is very near and dear to me,” she said of the formal protections. “I have personally faced the challenges and I know how anti-immigrant policies can hurt communities.”



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