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Along with the citizens of Baltimore, our membership learned of the appointment of Chief Joel Fitzgerald as our new Police Commissioner through local media accounts late this afternoon. We were not asked to be a part of the search for this important position and as a result, know only as much about Chief Fitzgerald as can be found via a web search. As such, we cannot speak to his appointment; however, myself and members of our FOP leadership intend to perform our own due diligence when we travel to Fort Worth, Allentown, and Philadelphia over the next week to meet with union officials, and other law enforcement officers, in each of these cities.

Mike Mancuso  
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