



Chairman Tom Graves

*Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch
House Committee on Appropriations*

UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE FY 2017 BUDGET REQUEST

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Opening Statement As Prepared

We have with us today from the United States Capitol Police the Chief of Police, Kim Dine; Assistant Chief Matthew Verderosa who will be taking over as Chief of Police on March 20th; and Richard Braddock, Chief Administrative Officer.

This will be Chief Dine's last testimony before this subcommittee in his capacity as chief. In December 2012 Chief Dine was appointed to serve as the Chief of Police for the United States Capitol Police. During his tenure with the Capitol Police he has overseen:

- the 57th Inauguration of the President of the United States
- four State of the Union addresses
- thousands of visits from heads of states, dignitaries and VIPs
- joint meetings, summits, events and demonstrations
- over 30 million screenings for the Capitol Complex
- and the day-to-day operations of running a police department.

All of us on the Subcommittee would like to thank you for your hard work and dedication to the safety and security of the Capitol complex.

And we would also like to thank all the officers and civilians of the Capitol Police for their service. Their presence allows members and staff to safely conduct the people's work and ensures that visitors can safely enjoy the rich history of the Capitol.

Your budget request for FY2017 is \$409.6 million. This is an increase of \$34.6 million or 9.22 percent from the enacted level.

While we understand your critical mission to ensure that the Nation's legislative and democratic processes of government are conducted without disruption our job is to scrutinize this request and make informed funding decisions.

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