



National Border Patrol Council

Press Release

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June 18, 2012 - The union representing U.S. Border Patrol agents called for the resignation of Attorney General Eric Holder for his role in the "Operation Fast and Furious" gun smuggling scandal that directly resulted in the murder of Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry on December 15, 2010.

National Border Patrol Council President George E. McCubbin III called the actions of the Attorney General Holder, "A slap in the face to all Border Patrol agents who serve this country," and "an utter failure of leadership at the highest levels of government."

Border Patrol agents are indoctrinated from day one of their training that integrity is their most important trait as a Border Patrol agent and that without it they have little use to the agency. Border Patrol agents are quickly disciplined whenever they lie or show a lack of candor. The standard that applies to these agents should at a minimum be applied to those who lead them. If Eric Holder were a Border Patrol agent and not the Attorney General, he would have long ago been found unsuitable for government employment and terminated.

"The heroism that Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry demonstrated on that cold night in the desert of Arizona was in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Border Patrol and will never be forgotten by those who patrol this nation's borders. We cannot allow our agents to be sacrificed for no gain and not hold accountable those who approved the ill conceived 'Operation Fast and Furious'", said McCubbin.

The political shenanigans surrounding this scandal and the passing of blame must stop. A Border Patrol agent cannot accidentally step foot into Mexico without a myriad of U.S. and Mexican government agencies being made aware, so there is no possible way that this operation was conducted without the knowledge and tacit approval of the Department of Justice and the Obama administration.

It is time for Attorney General Holder to show the least shred of responsibility and leadership and resign his post. Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry deserves nothing less.

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The National Border Patrol Council is a professional labor union representing more than 17,000 Border Patrol Agents and support staff. The NBPC was founded in 1965, and is recognized as one of the most effective labor organizations in the Federal sector.

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