

I have been contacted by local media requesting my response to a joint resolution calling for my disciplining.

The resolution begins with mention of an arrest by two Cincinnati Police Officers and accusing them of excessive force. THIS IS FALSE. The officers in this case used an extreme amount of patience before using force. The Internal Investigation into the use of force is ongoing, but I am confident the officer's use of force will be found to be lawful and reasonable.

The TRO was to protect the criminal prosecution process of a subject charged with a felony. The offender in the case has pled guilty to assaulting a police officer. The accusation that this was to undermine a review process is FALSE. The interviews have been conducted by CCA and they are completing their investigation.

The next several accusations involve the incident in District Four, where I was requested to meet officers. Several officers felt they were being bullied. This matter of their treatment and my interaction with them is being investigated by Internal Affairs.

Due to the ongoing investigation I will not address each allegation specifically. I will not remain completely silent as this resolution, and earlier reporting from the Enquirer appears as an organized attempt to discredit me. I am confident that the investigation will reveal a significant portion of these allegations to be completely FALSE.

Just yesterday I was in a Collaborative Refresh meeting. I discussed with the panel the FOP's role in helping more clearly define de-escalation for patrol officers. I am currently working with academy staff in planning the training using the techniques of SWAT Crisis negotiations, in which I was CPD's primary trainer for over a decade. Chief Isaac has given us the go ahead for this concept. As the leader of the FOP, I am working to improve the working relationship between the officers, the agency and the community. The statement my actions are "rogue" is untrue. The narrative being manufactured that I am divisive is baseless and in itself is facilitating divisiveness in our community.

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