



New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police

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Statement Regarding the Death of George Floyd in Minneapolis

The New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police condemns the actions of *former* Minneapolis, MN Officer Derek Chauvin and further condemn the inaction of the other *former* officers on the scene that failed to intervene and prevent the death of Mr. Floyd. His death, while in the custody of Minneapolis police officers, is unconscionable, deeply disturbing and both morally and professionally offensive. Our Association mourns the loss of Mr. George Floyd and our thoughts and prayers are with his family, his friends, and the citizens of Minneapolis during this difficult time.

The actions of Derek Chauvin and the other officers that day broke the public faith and trust that was given to them when they swore their oath and pinned a badge on their uniform. Their despicable action and inaction have fractured the faith and trust in all law enforcement officers by the public who expects us to protect and serve everyone, even those in our custody.

It is our job, our duty, and professional mission to protect those who cannot protect themselves even at the hands of other officers. WE MUST ALWAYS STAND UP FOR INJUSTICE. To all Chiefs and Sheriffs, and those in leadership and supervisory roles, it begins and ends with us.

The actions and inaction of the officers in Minneapolis, as shown in the video, are wholly inconsistent with the culture, training, and values we instill and promote to our officers in New Hampshire. In addition, their actions and inaction not only violate criminal laws, but also our Law Enforcement Oath of Honor, our Law Enforcement Code of Ethics, and the Constitution they swore to uphold.

The horrific acts that resulted in Mr. Floyd's death should shake every law enforcement officer in the United States to their core. This tragedy is a call to action that should resonate with every chief down to the newest officer; to support the principals and ideals of community policing; to ensure the structures, programs and systems are in place to prevent such tragedies from occurring. In New Hampshire, we work hard to maintain the trust and confidence of the public we serve by demonstrating transparency, accountability and responsibility, to make our communities a better place for all.

We must never relax our vigilance regarding our profound responsibility to always improve policies, training, education, and the culture while fostering trust and respect within our communities. Every human being deserves justice and to be treated fairly with compassion, respect, and equality.

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