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The Florida Police Chiefs Association Condemns the Murder of George Floyd

Announces Development of Policy Recommendations

Tallahassee, Fla. – The Florida Police Chiefs Association issued the following statement today in regard to the death of George Floyd. The statement may be attributed to Chief Kenneth Albano, president of the Florida Police Chiefs Association and chief of the Temple Terrace Police Department.

“While many individual law enforcement leaders have spoken out on this issue, the more than 900 law enforcement leaders of The Florida Police Chiefs Association believe the gravity of the recent events in Minneapolis demands a clear and unified message.”

“The Florida Police Chiefs Association condemns the murder of George Floyd by Derek Chauvin, and we call for the speedy and impartial trial of Officer Chauvin on this charge.”

“On behalf of our entire membership, I sincerely offer our deepest heartfelt sympathies to the family of George Floyd. Mr. Floyd’s death was tragic, unnecessary, and totally preventable.”

“No law enforcement training – no policies – support what happened to Mr. Floyd. The other officers who chose not to act and stop Officer Chauvin from killing Mr. Floyd as he repeatedly cried out for help are also complicit, and they showed an appalling lack of personal courage. The actions and conduct of all the officers involved were totally reprehensible and not in keeping with the high standards of conduct demanded by our profession.”

“We genuinely believe that the actions of these men are not representative of the true character and professionalism of the overwhelming majority of the dedicated law enforcement professionals serving their communities across our country. We applaud the decisive action of Chief Medaria Arradondo who quickly moved to fire the four men involved.”

“Now, as professional law enforcement officers, members of our various communities, and simply human beings, we must all come together as one people to demand accountability for this atrocity and an end to the widespread looting and rioting across our nation.”

“The problems and issues facing our nation that led to this tragedy are varied and complex, and deeply entrenched in the very fabric of our society, but we cannot let this happen again. We can and must be better.”

“That is why as President, and with the unanimous support of the Florida Police Chiefs Association Board of Directors, I am creating a subcommittee of chiefs and community leaders to develop a short list of action items for consideration by the Florida Legislature, with the goal of identifying the most effective, workable solutions that can be used to address some of the most significant issues.”

“To borrow Chief Arradondo’s own words when he was sworn in, the ultimate goal for all law enforcement leaders is a community that trusts us, that views us as the guardians of our communities.”

About the Florida Police Chiefs Association

The Florida Police Chiefs Association (FPCA) is the nation's pre-eminent law enforcement professional association, speaking for more than 900 of Florida's top law enforcement executives, and providing guidance and leadership for the future of law enforcement and our communities. The FPCA serves municipal, airport, college and university, and tribal police departments, as well as private businesses and security firms and federal, state and county law enforcement agencies across every region of the state. For more information about the FPCA, please visit www.fpca.com.