



West Linn Police

Statement from the West Linn Police Department Regarding George Floyd

May 31st, 2020

By now everyone has seen the horrific video of George Floyd dying at the hands of the Minneapolis Police. The West Linn Police Department joins other agencies locally and across the nation in formally condemning the actions of those officers. The violent protests across the country are evidence of yet another blow to the fragile relationship between the police and their communities.

Last week I sent out an internal message reinforcing the expectation that each officer, regardless of rank or seniority has the responsibility to intervene when one of us has crossed the line. This profession requires us to protect those who cannot protect themselves. This tragedy was avoidable if even one of the other three officers on scene would have intervened.

The West Linn Police Department is working hard to earn our communities trust back. We all realize this incident has instilled even more fear and distrust in our community, especially to people of color. I want to reassure our residents that the West Linn Police Department is committed to providing fair and equitable police services to all.

Peter Mahuna
Acting Chief
West Linn Police

Attachment: Statement from Oregon Association of Chiefs



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May 28, 2020

Statement from Oregon Association Chiefs of Police, Oregon State Sheriffs' Association and Oregon State Police in response to the tragic death of George Floyd in Minneapolis

Oregon's Police Chiefs, Sheriffs and State Police Superintendent are unified in condemning the reprehensible actions and tactics demonstrated in Minneapolis that resulted in the tragic death of George Floyd.

As police leaders and on behalf of our law enforcement officers in Oregon, we wish to reassure our communities that we do not condone and will not tolerate this type of conduct. Our police officers, deputies and troopers take a solemn oath to uphold the Constitution. Our profession is based on the core values of honesty, character, professionalism, respect and accountability. We recognize and value the sanctity of human life and we believe all persons should be treated humanely and with dignity.

Public trust and accountability for police agencies and police officers is crucial to a safe, inclusive community. We recognize that even isolated incidents of police misconduct anywhere undermine public trust everywhere. We are dismayed and disgusted when the actions of a few tarnish the reputation of our honorable law enforcement profession and undermine the heroic work our police officers perform in service to our communities. We will continue to work hard to strengthen the confidence Oregonians have in our work and we value the trust you place in us.

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Chief Jim Ferraris, President
Oregon Association Chiefs of Police

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Hampton".

Superintendent Travis Hampton
Oregon State Police

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Rowan".

Sheriff Terry Rowan, President
Oregon State Sheriffs' Association