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# Press Release

## R.I. Police Chiefs Association

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**The Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association (RIPCA) condemns the horrific, unnecessary and criminal actions by members of law enforcement that have been attributed to the death of George Floyd. The actions or inaction of the officers involved were outrageous, deeply disturbing, abusive, criminal, and inconsistent with the oath that all officers swear to uphold!**

**The unlawful actions by the officers in Minneapolis has tarnished the trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve. The Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association believes that accountability is the cornerstone to ethical, humanitarian and legitimate policing. The RIPCA pledges to listen, to learn, and to continue working collaboratively with all community partners to help identify and develop solutions to build a more just society. Every leader in law enforcement throughout Rhode Island has been collaborating with leaders from within their respective communities to initiate these conversations.**

**The Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association supports everyone's First Amendment Right to voice their concerns, opinions and beliefs publicly, but we cannot condone the actions of the few whom have used the tragic events in Minneapolis to cause harm and destruction to innocent members of society and their personal property.**

**To those individuals and groups that gather to have their voices heard we are with you! To those who chose to cause harm for your own gain, we stand united to defeat you! We have a long way to go, but our relationships with our stakeholders in peace and equality will prevail.**

**For Immediate Release**

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