



Police Department

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To our Community,

As you surely have seen by now, the tragic death of Mr. George Floyd has shocked the nation and brought issues of race and police use of force under intense scrutiny once again. Watching the video of Mr. Floyd's death was disturbing to me, as it should be to anyone who wears or has ever worn a badge. While the officers involved will now face the criminal justice system, their actions impact our entire community and the men and women of the Chula Vista Police Department.

As law enforcement professionals we share a bond with our community as well as the profession at large. As much as we take pride when our profession shines bright, we must also scrutinize and seek to improve policing when it falls short, as it did this week. Regardless of the ultimate course of the criminal justice system, this much seems clear: Mr. Floyd's death could have been prevented.

We recognize that law enforcement must continually foster a professional culture that prioritizes compassion and care for human life. While I hope and pray an incident like this would never occur in Chula Vista, it is important to openly acknowledge examples of police misconduct so that we remain vigilant in the course of our work.

I am so proud of the men and women of the Chula Vista Police Department and their commitment to the community we all serve. The oath taken by these men and women is a responsibility we each take seriously. We will continue to hold ourselves to a higher standard in order to keep the trust and faith of our Chula Vista community.

I encourage anyone with questions or concerns to contact my Community Relations team by calling (619) 476-2453, or by sending us a message at www.ChulaVistaPD.org.

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Chief of Police