



MONTEREY COUNTY CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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Message related to the death of Tyre Nichols in Memphis, Tennessee

We have all recently become aware of the events related to the death of Tyre Nichols at the hands of police officers in Memphis, Tennessee. We expect that sometime today the Memphis Police Department will release video of the incident that has been described by Memphis Police Chief Cerelyn Davis as, "heinous, reckless and inhumane." Chief Davis relates further that, "I expect you to feel outrage in the disregard of basic human rights as our police officers have taken an oath to do the opposite of what transpired on the video."

As the Chief Law Enforcement Leaders of Monterey County, we express our deepest condolences to the Nichols family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Nichols' family, his friends, colleagues, and community. We also acknowledge the pain this event causes for all communities as the actions of these police officers reflects on all police officers and rightly causes question and concern about law enforcement conduct everywhere.

Any wrongful death at the hands of police officers is appalling and indefensible. Any police brutality or the failure of police officers to intervene leaves everyone, including police officers, disgusted and outraged.

The ex-police officers involved have been criminally charged and fired. The alleged actions of those ex-officers are antithetical to the values and expectations of all who serve in our organizations. Actions such as these, disgrace the law enforcement profession and bring shame on the officers across the nation who work selflessly each day to protect their communities.

As police leaders we ensure that those who serve our communities in law enforcement put the sanctity of human life, and ensuring constitutional protections for all, as the foundation for every action they take. This includes a deep commitment to serving with honor, dignity, fairness and respect for all.

We remain committed to working together in partnership with community members, advocacy organizations, elected officials and others to ensure our organizations are meeting the expectations our communities demand.

As the law enforcement leaders of our communities, we also want to acknowledge the women and men of our organizations who have made a decision to serve with the highest ethics and honor their oath.

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