

Community Members,

First and foremost, our hearts and prayers go out to Mr. George Floyd and his family. What happened to George Floyd is heartbreaking, infuriating, and unacceptable, and silence is not an option. We, as law officers and peacekeepers, add our voices to the many others in our profession, sharing our outrage of the actions taken by the officers involved in George Floyd's death. We fully expect justice will prevail in this case, and it needs to be known that this is something that will not be tolerated by the many peace officers that go to work each day and do the right thing.

More than two Centuries ago, Sir Robert Peel spoke of three core ideas and nine guiding principles of policing, which all remain true today. He believed the police are the public and the public are the police.

Although this tragic event occurred far away, the actions of a few have undermined public trust and our profession. This action has caused anger in our nation and within members of the policing profession.

The tragic and horrific actions of a few have the power to erode the tremendous service of so many good women and men who have worn the badge, served with honor, and protected our communities every day.

When we enter the field of law enforcement, we take an oath to protect those we serve. There is no delineation in the oath that offers separate protection to any other category or group. Everyone is to be protected and treated equally, fairly, and with respect.

The women and men of the Pacific Grove Police Department are committed and pledge to continue to operate daily with the highest

standards. We will continue to represent our profession and City with the utmost respect and dignity.

We believe in a culture of excellence, so much that we are striving to attain Accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), fostering and following best police standards and practices.

We are honored and privileged to serve our community and know if we work together, we can continue to foster a culture of mutual respect and understanding that affords equal treatment to everyone.

We stand by the oaths we have taken and live up to making the City better than when entrusted to us, and we stand by our motto, “Our Community, Your Police.”

Chief Cathy Madalone