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Statement From PORAC On The Death Of Mr. George Floyd

SACRAMENTO, CA – The loss of life is always tragic, and the incident in Minneapolis has damaged the trust in our nation’s law enforcement agencies. The role of peace officers is to protect and serve the citizens of their community. Sadly, what we saw in the video was a man in distress crying for help. Mr. George Floyd did not need to die.

As peace officers, we are held to a higher standard, and rightfully so. This incident is not consistent with the missions and goals of our profession. Unfortunately, the act of these officers reverberates throughout the entire law enforcement community. We were all sickened by what we saw.

We understand the frustration and anger after an incident of this magnitude, but we implore that community members gather in peaceful protests and denounce the destruction of private property and local businesses.

PORAC President Brian Marvel states that “We have an opportunity to take this negative tragedy and bring about a positive discussion regarding the need for a national standard on use of force, as well as minimum training and recruitment standards. PORAC has been an advocate of this and has carried this message to Washington D.C. for several years.”

PORAC offers its deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Floyd.

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