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The Alaska Association of Chiefs of Police would like to share our condolences to the family of George Floyd as his death was a tragic and sad event. The video of the events surrounding George Floyd's death are shocking, deeply disturbing, and very difficult and painful for us all to watch.

As the investigation into the death of Mr. Floyd continues, and hopefully swiftly concludes, it is critical that we work together to promote understanding, build effective community-police partnerships, and prevent future incidents like this.

AACOP has always supported high professional police standards and proper police oversight to build a strong community partnership that all of the citizens in Alaska can be proud of. Collectively and individually, our members condemn all abusive actions taken under the color of authority and pledge our commitment toward assuring such actions do not occur within our agencies and communities.

AACOP believes peaceful protests are essential to our democracy and we are hopeful citizens respect one another in the exercise of that right. We believe any violation of law that affects the freedom of others is wrong.

We do not take the support of our communities for granted and welcome the privilege of continued service to them. We are committed to deliver the level of police service that merits their trust and confidence while encouraging all to respect each other's rights regardless of how passionate feelings might become in the wake of this tragedy.

With Sincere Regards,

Steve Dutra
Chief of Police, North Pole Police Department
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