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I have dedicated over half of my life to law enforcement. It brings me great pride and satisfaction to work alongside other dedicated law enforcement professionals who put on their uniforms and badges to protect and serve the communities we love. There is no training or policies that direct law enforcement officers to act in such a manner that we have witnessed over the years, especially in most recent days. There is no excuse or justification for any such actions by any officer. These acts of brutality and senseless violence must stop and the person or persons be held accountable. It's a poor representation of the officers that work hard every day to serve the citizens of our various communities in the United States with great effort, professionalism, pride and compassion.

We took an oath to protect and serve, so that is what we are to do with integrity and dignity. We must police each other and ourselves to ensure that we don't allow such behaviors to occur, especially in our presence. We ask the citizens our cities and communities "To Say Something when they See Something and Do Something when they See Something" ;therefore, we need to say something and correct that which is not right and to be sure that we are doing the same. It is time that we do what is needed to ensure that senseless acts of irresponsible behavior are not tolerated. We are trained to do things the right way and that's what we are expected to do. If we are not willing or able to do so then we are to be held accountable for such actions unbecoming a law enforcement officer. Those that decide to bring their own personal agendas to the office and badge must be weeded out. For those that choose to stand by and watch such take place must also go.

Our goal is to build relationships with the community and help the members of every community to grow. We in the law enforcement community must also grow while we serve by standing up for the good and getting rid of the bad. The bad tarnishes the hard work of all officers that are working for the right reasons. We are thankful for the law enforcement officers that we have here in the City of Richmond and surrounding cities and counties.



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Today, I pray for peace. I pray for justice. And, I pray for the family and loved ones of all the families who have endured the violence and injustice

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