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MCPBA Message Reference George Floyd:

After watching the video of the killing of Mr. George Floyd, it was gut-wrenching and disturbing. It was downright criminal! I couldn't sleep that night. That horrible feeling is still with me now. As a father of two Black sons, I'm terrified whenever they leave the house. I often ask myself, how do I keep them safe when I don't feel safe myself at times. The officers involved in George Floyd's killing should have been charged immediately! People often wonder why does this keep happening to Black people in general and black males specifically? African-American men continue to be expendable in the eyes of the law and in society. We continue to be victims of excessive incarceration, negative stereotypes, racial profiling, marginalization, and brutality. Some answers: 1) Police Departments are missing red flags in hiring racist officers, 2) Police Officers are only as good as the training their department provides them and more importantly, 3) Police Officers are only as good as the culture their department creates for them. For instance, systemic racism, explicit and implicit biases are a part of the police culture. Even my police department has issues of racism.

However, the MCPBA will continue to advocate for its members and the community. The MCPBA will continue to combat racism, cronyism and retaliation until they're eliminated. We want to ensure another George Floyd incident doesn't happen again.

To the Floyd family, the MCPBA wants to express our deepest and heartfelt condolences. Our thoughts are prayers are with you.

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The Miami Community Police Benevolent Association was founded in 1946 and is the nation's second-oldest African American police officer organization. The organization is supported by over 300 sworn officers and civilian members (current and retired). The MCPBA is a champion for ethical community policing and employee relations. Throughout the organization's history, it has led the way for equality within the Miami Police Department and the city in which they serve.

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