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**APA Statement on the Killing of George Floyd**

The killing of George Floyd at the hands of a Minnesota police officer was tragic and senseless. APA stands with the family and friends of Mr. Floyd who are suffering the pain of his loss, and with the grieving nation as a whole.

This is not a time for grandstanding or pontification. This is a time to examine the criminal justice system at the molecular level and change what is broken. Violence against black and brown people is unacceptable, and as prosecutors, we must play an active role in eliminating it.

For prosecutors and criminal justice partners, APA developed a report on the 21st Century Principles of Prosecution Peace Officer Use of Force Project. It establishes a set of meaningful reforms prosecutors can implement to improve the investigation and charging decision process for officer involved shootings. Peace officer use of force cases must be reviewed and investigated with 1) respect for human dignity; 2) independent investigation and prosecution decision making; 3) responsible transparency; and 4) procedural fairness and justice.

Read the report here: <https://www.apa-inc.org/peace-officer-use-of-force-report-final/>

APA will continue to work with our members to listen to those with lived experiences, community partners, and advocacy groups to ensure that needed reforms are informed through a racial justice and equity lens. Injustice for one is injustice for all.

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