

An open statement to the Citizens of Oakwood from
Public Safety Director Alan Hill:

To the citizens of Oakwood,

My name is Alan Hill. I am the Director of Public Safety
for the city of Oakwood.

These are very difficult times in our country. The events
of May 25 in Minneapolis have caused intense
heartbreak and anger, and have shocked everyone. The
actions of Derek Chauvin, and the three other officers
involved in the death of Mr. George Floyd shocked
millions of people across our country, and millions more
across the globe. And they shocked police officers
everywhere.

What happened to Mr. Floyd in Minneapolis that day
goes against all that is taught about professional policing.
It violates every tenet of policing, every principle of law
enforcement, and every mission, vision and value
statement associated with police work. The May 25
actions in Minneapolis sicken police officers everywhere.
The actions by those Minneapolis police officers disgust
every single Oakwood police officer at the deepest level,
and based on numerous conversations with my fellow

police chiefs in the Dayton region, I can say the same for their officers.

So what now?

We all need to work together to swiftly address what happened in Minneapolis in the most comprehensive way possible, and on a national scale. We need to develop very specific, concrete and measurable ways to implement personnel, operational and policy changes that will do everything possible to prevent reoccurrence of that horribly ugly day. We need to protect the lives of all the people we serve, and need to find ways to keep bad officers out of our police ranks everywhere.

I am just a police chief in a small community in Ohio, but I know that my feelings on this matter are shared with police chiefs all across Ohio and America, from the biggest cities, to the smallest villages. I stand ready to join all police chiefs in a critically important quest to restore faith in the policing profession, faith among all people, people of every color, ethnic background, religious affiliation and the rest, but particularly all of the people in our black community nationwide.

Alan Hill

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