



MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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Statement on the Death of Tyre Nichols

The death of Tyre Nichols is deeply disturbing and the video footage is painful to see.

The actions of the five Memphis Police Department officers are unconscionable, unethical and clearly inconsistent with the training and protocols of our profession including fundamental policies related to excessive use of force, duty to render aid, and duty to intervene. Their actions were inhumane and indefensible.

Law enforcement is and should be held to the highest standard and when an officer violates those high standards, it casts a shadow over the hundreds of thousands of police who dutifully serve and are committed to their communities. We cannot let the actions of bad cops let us lose sight of that fact. To the members who serve with honor and integrity, we see you and we support you.

Our communities deserve the highest quality service and accountability to the public is a cornerstone of community policing. Chief CJ Davis should be commended for her decisive action to terminate the employment of the five officers involved in the death of Tyre Nichols.

We extend our deepest condolences to the family of Tyre Nichols during this difficult time.

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