



National Troopers Coalition

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The National Troopers Coalition includes forty-eight Associations and Unions, who represent more than 42,000 State Troopers / Highway Patrol Troopers throughout the United States. The NTC serves its members in a variety of ways as they relate to providing better police services to the public, achieving the best possible equipment, and working conditions for our State Troopers. Our Troopers take great pride in their profession. They and their families make significant sacrifices to protect and serve ALL citizens.

Recently, law enforcement has been labeled with a broad brush following the tragedy that occurred in Minneapolis. The actions of Officer Derek Chauvin and the death of George Floyd were shocking and unacceptable. As law enforcement professionals, we understand that we must be held accountable when acting outside our authority or the color of law. However, we also deserve the support of our leadership and the communities we serve because the actions of a few should not tarnish the reputations of all 800,000 police officers in the country.

The death of George Floyd sparked another round of anti-law enforcement sentiment that has turned extremely violent. Officers across the country have become targets both on and off duty. There is no place for discrimination within our ranks and there is no place for hostility or acts of violence toward those who have genuinely dedicated their lives to compassionately and faithfully honoring their oath of office to protect the public.

Many groups, including some elected officials, have gone to the extreme by supporting and/or promoting "Defund the Police." This has already occurred in the City of Los Angeles, where the Mayor Eric Garcetti has reduced LAPD's budget by millions. The City of Minneapolis will soon begin the process of "dismantling" its police department and the City of Seattle has given up parts of their city to "autonomous zones" patrolled by ANTIFA members. These actions will only put the public more at risk and will cause long term harm to public safety.

The United States Constitution was created to provide protection for every citizen, regardless of class, color, creed or condition. Those protections are still in place today and we, as law enforcement professionals, swear to uphold those protections every hour of every day. Those within our ranks who sway from their oath should no doubt suffer the consequence of their illegal actions. Our State Troopers across this great country will not disagree and have convinced many to leave the profession when they were not suitable to wear the badge.

On behalf of the men and women of the National Troopers Coalition and our 42,000 State Troopers, we are committed to listening to others, changing for the better, protecting life and liberty of all who visit or live in our great country. As we continue and stand ready to sacrifice our own lives, while protecting the lives of others, we ask for our leaders not to rush to judgement and to defend the vast majority of police officers who are men and women of honor and integrity.


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Chairman


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