

LETTER TO COMMUNIITY

John R. Desmarais
Chief of Police

The Cumberland Police Department condemns the unnecessary and horrific actions by members of the Minneapolis Police Department regarding the death of George Floyd. We are profoundly disturbed by not only the actions of the officers, but by the inactions of other officers to stop and de-escalate the tragic situation.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to George Floyd, his family, his friends and to the community. This deeply disturbing and criminal act goes against the oath that every officer swears to uphold. The tactics used in Mr. Floyd's death, goes against our policies, training, and professionalism of the Cumberland Police Department.

The Cumberland Police Department's motto is "***Working Together to Build a Safer Community,***" and is the backbone of our police department. We are confident that the men and women of the Cumberland Police Department strive to serve our community daily by adhering to the significance of our motto. The Cumberland Police maintains a firm commitment to safeguard the rights and safety of ALL members of our community, the people who work in Cumberland, and the visitors of Cumberland.