



CITY OF STANFORD

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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The Stanford Police Department echoes the desire to create change and speak out against the tragic death of George Floyd. There is currently a peaceful protest taking place on the Courthouse steps.

Please know your police officers remain committed to protecting the first amendment rights of our citizens during the protest. We are dedicated to the protection and safety of our entire community, every day of the year, in any circumstance. While we share your desire to keep our City safe, we ask that you allow law enforcement the privilege of protecting you, your business, and our beloved City.

We are aware that future gatherings of individuals wishing to express their justified frustration in response to what has happened in Minneapolis may occur. We support the rights of the public to safely and peacefully communicate their outrage as a response to this incident. As a law enforcement community, we welcome the opportunity to support citizens' rights to gather and peacefully protest. However, we are also aware of the potential for these gatherings to turn violent. We will not tolerate violence and destruction to our community in any situation.

We have been in contact with the organizers of today's protest and they are adamant it remain a peaceful demonstration. We do not anticipate there to be any violence tonight or during any other peaceful protests that may take place in our city.