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Statement from Chief Frank P. Cappiello

The recent death of George Floyd while in police custody is understandably viewed with concern and frustration by the public and also by the dedicated men and women who strive to serve and protect their communities with honor and professionalism on a daily basis.

The tactics depicted in the Minneapolis video, coupled with the lack of intervention by other officers who were present yet failed to act are inexcusable, unacceptable, and contrary to the values of the policing profession. Unfortunately, such misconduct by a few negatively impacts the public's trust and confidence in law enforcement as a whole and detracts from the significant advances in policing that have been made in recent years.

Myself, First Selectman Beth Heller, and the dedicated men and women of the Woodbridge Police Department, stand together with law enforcement officers throughout our state and across the country as we continue to serve with fairness, respect, impartiality, accountability, and in accordance with the core fundamental values of the oath of office which we have sworn to uphold. Any performance less than that is unacceptable, and a robust partnership between law enforcement, elected officials and community members remains key to addressing concerns that arise and successfully moving forward.

-Frank P. Cappiello
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