



## JOINT STATEMENT BY THE CHESTER COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND CHESTER COUNTY POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

Like so many in our community, Chester County law enforcement has been following the events in Minnesota that led to the fatal shootings of Renee Good and Alex Pretti. We have seen the concern online, fielded a variety of your questions, and we want our residents to know three things:

*First*, Chester County law enforcement does not enforce civil immigration orders. In fact, none of the police departments in Chester County have signed a Section 287(g) Agreement with Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

*Second*, during major use of force events such as a police shooting, local law enforcement immediately responds to the scene and ensures that everyone in the area is safe. Officers simultaneously work to negate any immediate safety threat, provide first aid to everyone injured, and secure the crime scene. Investigators from the District Attorney's Office—the Chester County Detectives—and local law enforcement begin an investigation to determine if any Pennsylvania laws were violated. We will take as long as we need to gather a complete understanding of what happened. And it does not matter whether the incident under investigation involves local, state, or federal law enforcement. There will be a complete and independent review by an experienced team of detectives and prosecutors. That has been the practice in Chester County for decades, and it will continue to be the practice in the future.

*And finally, Chester County law enforcement is dedicated to protecting the public, regardless of their immigration status. That means we will keep families, businesses, and their property safe during times of unrest. It means that we will hold people accountable for interfering with law enforcement. It also means that we are devoted to ensuring that residents can exercise their constitutional right to peacefully protest. We have always been, and continue to be, protective of your right to free speech and your right to property.*

Simply put, Chester County law enforcement is dedicated to upholding the rule of law and ensuring that Chester County remains a safe and prosperous community. We hope this information helps answer some of the questions and concerns in the community.



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