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NOBLE Responds to the Arrest in the George Floyd Death and Encourages Law Enforcement Agencies to Adopt Effective Operating Policies and Training to Build Community Trust

Alexandria, VA. – May 30, 2020 – “Justice must be fair. Justice must be transparent. Justice must be equal. George Floyd deserves justice,” said NOBLE National President Cerelyn J. Davis in response to Hennepin County District Attorney Mike Freeman’s announcement of the arrest and charging the arresting officer responsible for the death of George Floyd. “NOBLE believes in justice by action. The community and the officers involved deserve their day in court.”

NOBLE supports a full and thorough investigatory process to include charging all the people responsible for the death of Mr. Floyd. Justice must be served. The actions of all four officers involved in the incident are clear violations of the policing practices that NOBLE advocates as national standards. NOBLE encourages all law enforcement leaders to develop and implement 21st century policing practices for their agencies including:

1. Mandatory de-escalation training for all officers.
2. Prohibition of all physical restraint maneuvers on or above the neck.
3. Requiring officers to render medical aid to all people.
4. Requiring that officers intervene where physical force is being applied to either stop or attempt to stop another officer when force is being inappropriately applied or is no longer required.

These operating principles and others that NOBLE supports must be implemented, trained, and enforced throughout the agency. These practices have been proven effective, increase public trust, improve public safety, and protect officers and the community. The margin of error is literally life or death and we emphasize the sanctity of life.

NOBLE has and will continue to work with law enforcement and community leaders to improve the partnerships between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve.

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