



POLICE CHIEF'S MESSAGE ON CURRENT EVENTS

Woodway Residents,

Like many of you, I was deeply disturbed and shocked by the video of George Floyd's arrest and untimely death in Minneapolis. Police take an oath to protect and serve the public, and that did not happen in Minneapolis.

As a member of the Snohomish County Sheriff and Police Chief's Association, I suggested to the Association's members that we write a letter to all residents of the county regarding police conduct in the George Floyd case, to give the people of Snohomish County an idea of how we collectively feel and to provide the public with assurances that we would not condone the type of conduct that resulted in his death. [Click here to read this letter](#) signed by the Sheriff and all the police chiefs in Snohomish County.

With the killing in Minneapolis and others throughout the nation, there has been an understandable number of questions raised about police policies and procedures. Because the Town contracts with the City of Edmonds for police services, I want to assure you that the officers of the Edmonds Police Department are a highly trained, dedicated, and professional group of officers. There is a letter on our Town website from the Edmonds Police Chief, Acting Chief Lawless, where he answers some of the common questions and concerns that have been asked about use of force and other police procedures. [Click here to read the letter from Acting Chief Lawless](#).

Lastly, I want those who live in Woodway to know that each of our officers shares a common commitment to our oath to serve the public and protect everyone in our community.

Doug Hansen, Police Chief