



**Santa Clara County  
Deputy Sheriffs' Association**



**Office of the Sheriff  
Sheriff Laurie Smith**



**Santa Clara County Correctional  
Peace Officers' Association**

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**PRESS RELEASE:**

We are heartbroken over the murder of George Floyd by a man wearing a uniform. Since that tragic incident, communities across our nation have voiced their concerns and demands for change within law enforcement. We want to assure the public that the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office is listening and we support positive change.

In response to the 8 Can't Wait movement, Sheriff Laurie Smith and her Administration have been working in collaboration with our unions to review our current policies and make any necessary revisions and reforms.

Our current policies and training have always embraced our core values and are in line with all eight reforms, most of which have been our practice for years. Recently, the carotid restraint was removed from our use-of-force continuum and is no longer a less lethal option.

We recognize the confidence of the public we serve is essential. With that, comes the need to constantly review and reform how we keep the public safe. However, we cannot overlook the dangers that law enforcement officers face each and every day to serve and protect their communities. We are eager to have meaningful discussions with the community and County leadership about these issues to determine what is the best for the people we serve. We thank everyone for their continued support and remain committed to providing the highest level of public safety and service to Santa Clara County.

**In Collaboration:**

Laurie Smith – Sheriff, Santa Clara County

Matthew Tracey – President, Santa Clara County Deputy Sheriffs' Association (DSA)

Todd Kendrick – President, Santa Clara County Correctional Peace Officers' Association (CPOA)