



THE BLACK SHIELD POLICE ASSOCIATION

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STATEMENT ON 06/08/20 DEMONSTRATION

The Black Shield Police Association has been made aware that local and national police officers will be conducting their own solidarity demonstration on Monday, June 8th at noon.

Neither our organization which aims to provide support for Black and minority public safety forces, nor the communities we serve have been officially notified of this demonstration.

We denounce this demonstration as dismissive and divisive.

Demonstrations like this are narrowly aligned with 21st Century public safety best practices. They divide safety forces within their ranks and serve only to further marginalize and alienate community members from the same safety forces charged to learn from, guide and protect them.

This demonstration will impede progress and redirect progressive narratives away from Constitutionally protected community voices attempting to enact critical reforms.

Respectfully,

Vincent Montague, Jr.

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