



CITY OF SHREWSBURY
Chief of Police, Lisa Vargas

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Dear Shrewsbury Resident,

As a department and as human beings, the men and women of the Shrewsbury Police Department were outraged and disgusted by what happened to George Floyd at the hands of police officers who were sworn to protect him in Minneapolis, MN. The unspeakable actions of one Minneapolis Police Officer and the inactions of three others needlessly cost Mr. Floyd his life and has damaged the continuing efforts of all law enforcement agencies to build trust and confidence between police officers and people of all races in our communities. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Mr. Floyd's family and friends.

This type of action is not accepted nor tolerated in the Shrewsbury Police Department. Every member of our agency feels that way and would not hesitate to prevent a similar incident from occurring. We pride ourselves on professionalism and dedication to our community. Our employees are committed to treating all citizens with respect and dignity, regardless of race, religion, social status, or sexual orientation. Although viewing the footage of Mr. Floyd's death is excruciatingly painful, moving forward we will utilize this tragic incident as a training tool to ensure our officers understand the vital importance of basic humanity in our profession. It is our hope that every law enforcement agency nationwide views this tragedy as a teachable moment for every officer so that Mr. Floyd's tragic and preventable death will not be in vain.

Respectfully,

Lisa Vargas
Shrewsbury Chief of Police