



## Beaverton Police Department

6125 S.W. Hall Blvd  
Beaverton, Oregon 97008

Chief Stacy Jepson



# NEWS RELEASE

---

Officer Matt Henderson  
Public Information Officer  
(503) 969-6502

Released: 01/28/2023  
Case No: N/A

## The Death of Tyre Nichols: Official Statement from Chief of Police

Beaverton Community Members,

Good afternoon. I am still struggling to process the events surrounding the death of Tyre Nichols. Yesterday, like so many others, I forced myself to watch the video that the Memphis Police Department released. As I watched it, I experienced a wide array of emotions. I am angry, appalled, shocked, and saddened by the actions of these 5 former Memphis police officers. I am heartbroken for Tyre's family, friends, and community. The actions of these former officers tarnish the badge I proudly wear and erode the trust of our communities. Nothing that I witnessed in this video aligns with the way our officers are trained, nor is consistent with the values they are sworn to uphold. Thankfully, these former Memphis officers were swiftly fired, and criminally indicted for their actions. Mr. Nichols and his family deserve justice and it is my deepest hope justice will be served.

Your police department remains committed to earning the trust of our community day in and day out. We recognize this becomes even harder after an event of this magnitude. We will continue to embrace transparency, accountability, and high standards as they are essential components of our service to the Beaverton community. I have also included the joint message sent out by Washington County Law Enforcement Council. This message is a collective statement from the Washington County Sheriff and all of the Washington County Chiefs.

Sincerely,  
Stacy Jepson  
Chief of Police  
Beaverton Police Department

## **Law Enforcement Council of Washington County**

*Chief Stacy Jepson Beaverton PD; Chief Bob Ray Cornelius PD; Chief Henry Reimann Forest Grove PD; Chief Jim Coleman Hillsboro PD; Chief Ernest Happala King City PD; Chief James Haxton North Plains PD; Chief Ty Hanlon Sherwood PD; Chief Kathy McAlpine Tigard PD; Chief Greg Pickering Tualatin PD; Sheriff Pat Garrett WC Sheriff's Office; Kevin Barton WC District Attorney*

January 28, 2023

The death of Tyre Nichols at the hands of police officers is appalling and indefensible. As members of the Washington County Law Enforcement Council, we are each appalled by what we saw in the video.

The brutality suffered by Mr. Nichols and the failure of any of these individuals to intervene is sickening and leaves everyone, including police officers, disgusted, infuriated, and outraged.

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Mr. Nichols' family, his friends, colleagues, and community.

The individuals involved have rightly been fired and criminally charged in the death of Tyre Nichols. There is no excuse for their actions. They have betrayed their oath of office, your trust in law enforcement, disgraced the law enforcement profession, and brought shame on the officers across the nation who work selflessly each day to protect their communities.

We support our community members who want to raise their voices and exercise their right to be heard. We also echo the request of Tyre Nichols' family and urge the community to do so in a peaceful, non-violent way. It is imperative that we not let violence and destruction distract us from the real challenge before us. Determining how we move beyond the pain and frustration and continue to identify, develop, and implement systemic solutions to build safer, more just communities is the highest priority.

As police and law enforcement leaders, we remain committed to emphasizing dignity and respect for all and instilling within our agencies a fundamental commitment to the preservation of human life. But we must, and will, do more. We must remain committed to working together in partnership with all community members, advocacy organizations, elected officials, and others to build a future that ensures dignity, security, and justice for all.

Sincerely,  
Henry Reimann

Law Enforcement Council Chair  
Forest Grove Police Chief