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COMMUNITY POLICE COUNCIL RESPONDS TO DAYTON INCIDENT

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The Dayton Community Police Council (CPC) shares a commitment to support a fair, open, and transparent process in understanding and resolving critical incidents that challenge community police relations in the Dayton community. The CPC is aware of video circulating on social media involving Dayton residents and the Dayton Police Department that occurred on February 26, 2019 on Banker Place around 6:00pm. We, as a group, are working to ensure that the community voice is heard, details of the incident are accurately depicted, and the necessary steps are followed to provide and disseminate timely information.

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On March 1, the CPC met with City and Police leaders to begin initial conversations regarding the timeline of events that preceded what is seen in the video. The CPC will work over the next several weeks to release a statement of facts and convene a community conversation to provide follow-up information surrounding the event. The CPC will work with law enforcement to ensure that investigations of the event are complete, thorough, and impartial.

In respecting this process, we ask all members of the Dayton community acknowledge the ultimate goal of public and personal safety for all before responding to the event. All members of any community must feel confident that their safety will not be compromised due to the color of their skin, socio-economic status, or any other stereotypes including those associated with being a member of law enforcement. The CPC has advocated and continues to advocate for mutual responsibility in creating safe neighborhoods for all people so that they are not victims of potentially negative bias-related incidents.

We hope that the spirit of collective action across this City will continue to bring us together in solidarity to create safe and inclusive communities and a culture of mutual trust, accountability, fairness and respect for everyone.

The Community Police Council (CPC), a council comprised of community and faith-based leaders, law enforcement, and local government advises the Dayton Human Relations Council on policy and systemic issues that challenge community-police relations. The Council serves the Dayton community by ensuring mutual responsibility for public safety and by addressing concerns of all residents. The Council is responsible for ensuring that Dayton is unified around its common goal of mutual trust, accountability, fairness and respect for all.