



Hampton Police Division &
Newport News Police Department
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STATEMENT FROM CHIEF RICHARD MYERS & CHIEF TERRY SULT

The following is a statement from Chief of Police; Richard W. Myers and Chief of Police; Terry L. Sult regarding the Newport News Police Department's and the Hampton Police Division's response to the decision of the Ferguson Missouri Grand Jury in the fatal officer involved shooting.

One of America's founding beliefs is our right, as citizens, to have expression and assembly. During controversial times in our country, citizens have exercised their right of expression both to support and protest various actions in and out of government.

Now that a decision has been rendered, there will be many people who feel compelled to express a response. We, at the Newport News Police Department and the Hampton Police Division, are committed to protecting the constitutional rights of citizens as they engage in free expression, as well as ensuring the safety of the entire community. We are engaging community leaders in the faith community to assist us in proactively engaging with individuals or groups who may need or want dialog with local police regarding the decisions arising out of Ferguson, as well as helping us connect with citizens who may wish to assemble so that we can ensure their safety and rights of expression. As a community, there is no better time to unite around the causes of justice, free speech and public safety.

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Sergeant Jason Price will receive questions at 727-6638 (Hampton)

MPO Holly McPherson will receive questions at 928-4292 (Newport News)

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