



A Message From Chief Parker

The City of Watauga Community, Businesses, and Visitors,

I would like to start by extending our most sincere prayers and condolences to the family of Mr. George Floyd and the community of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The tragic, untimely, and unnecessary death of Mr. Floyd has caused a wave of pain, hurt, resentment, and hatred throughout our nation, which has added to the already strained relationships police officers try so hard to maintain within the communities they serve. As your Chief of Police, I am not only sickened by these actions but I condemn that behavior and believe that all parties involved should be held accountable for their actions.

The men and women of the Watauga Police Department strive and work tirelessly daily to build, maintain, and create positive community relationships. Through welcoming open dialogue, to making sure all officers receive the best standard of training available, our mission is only strengthened by our commitment to provide a secure and safe environment for our community.

The events which led up to Mr. Floyd's death are NOT a standard in community policing. Plain and simple, that type of restraint should have never occurred or been allowed to happen. The time has come for Police Departments in Texas and across the nation to work together and start correcting the incomprehensible actions of a few - the Watauga Police Department is ready to do just that.

Our nation can and needs to do better for all its communities and citizens. As we grieve together and look forward to finding solutions, please know we hope to lead that effort here in Watauga. If you need or want to talk about any issues, address any concerns, or simply vent as to the environment we are now living in, please contact us, we are here, we will respond, and we will listen.

Respectfully,

Robert Parker
Police Chief