

## From the Division of Public Safety



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To the Saint Augustine's University (SAU) Community,

The Saint Augustine's University Police and Public Safety Department's role is to facilitate the community-wide, shared responsibility for safety on campus; and to provide professional law enforcement, effective emergency response, crime & incident reduction, community outreach and education. Policing is an honorable profession filled with honorable public servants. We, the members of the SAU Police Department are committed to protecting life and serving our community. Our officers receive on-going training and we are committed to methods of community policing, de-escalation, and limiting the use of force to ensure that our practices are first and foremost educative and not punitive. Additionally, we constantly seek out opportunities to meet and discuss issues in our community, while simultaneously building a foundation of trust through transparency.

As the Chief of Police, I believe policing is a profession which should be held to the highest standards of integrity and commitment to protecting the health and safety of the community we are sworn to serve. The video of Mr. George Floyd is upsetting, disappointing, and infuriating. It in no way is a reflection of the community policing methods of your SAU Campus Police Department.

As we process these horrific events of injustice and the loss of life, please know that we support every member of our community's inalienable and First Amendment Rights. It is our deepest desire to protect and serve you. Let us continue to build bridges of civility and mutual respect for all members of our community.

Sincerely,

Charles L. Simpson, Jr.

Chief of Police & Director of Public Safety