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DC Police Union Statement on 14th and U Street NW Violence - Including an Officer Shot

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On June 19th, 2022, a 15-year-old boy was killed and three adults, including a police officer, were shot after gunfire erupted during an unpermitted musical event near 14th and U Street NW.

This marks the ninth teenager killed this year, and the fourth this month alone. This incident also includes the third MPD officer to be shot this year.

Data reported by the Metropolitan Police Department shows that crime continues to increase this year. Homicides are up 13% over last year's alarming 14% increase, amounting to the highest homicide rate in 19 years.

Some neighborhoods are suffering greatly from this violence. In Ward 1, for example, homicides have increased 133% this year, while robberies are up 136%. In Ward 3, robberies are up 53%. Year to date, there have been over 200 carjackings in D.C. Well more than one per day.

The increase in crime has many causes, one of which being the DC Council's reactionary implementation of police "reform" measures the consequences of which were not properly considered. Chairman Gregg Pemberton stated, "After two years of empirical data, we now know that the whimsical fantasies of 'police reform' from demagogues and ideologues like Brianne Nadeau, Charles Allen, and Phil Mendelson are abject failures as they relate to public safety and the health of our communities."

Since the passage of the D.C. Council's so-called "emergency police reform" legislation in June of 2020, **over 500 police officers have separated from MPD.**

Most of the police officers who have left cited the Council's treatment of law enforcement and political rhetoric, which not only makes policing more difficult and therefore less effective, but it also endangers police officers and communities.

D.C. elected officials should take note of recent election results across the country, a clear sign of public sentiment, instead of being misguided by activists on social media. In jurisdictions

across the country, citizens are ousting anti-police/pro-crime incumbents and electing moderates who have a pro-public safety platform.

The results of tomorrow's D.C. primary will be a bellwether for what's to come.

Will we end up with common sense Councilmembers who seek to protect the public, or more far-left radicals whose greatest desire is a city without police?

The rank-and-file of the MPD will be paying close attention.

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