



Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc.

“The Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) is a professional organization committed to excellence in delivering quality service to our membership, the law enforcement community, and the citizens of Colorado. Through our leadership we will provide education and training and promote the highest ethical standards. We are personally and professionally dedicated to preserving basic values, which are essential for achieving a high quality of life.”

The above paragraph comprises the value statement for the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police, and we feel it directly correlates to the important essence of police community relations and trust.

Colorado law enforcement agencies put the highest value on our relationships with the citizens we serve; relationships built on trust and respect. As professional law enforcement agencies throughout the state, we are always seeking ways to be more responsive to citizen needs while focusing on building trust where and when we can. We recognize that recent events throughout the country make it more important than ever to continue to find ways to build trust with our citizens. We exist to serve and protect people and property within the confines of the law, and within the spirit of establishing positive community relationships.

Many Colorado law enforcement agencies continue to explore, test and implement new technologies and concepts about police oversight and evidence gathering. These new methodologies present daunting challenges. We are equally mindful of the financial realities that hamper our ability for continual progression to even higher levels of professionalism.

The Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police has and will continue to support fully-funded and well-researched legislation that truly serves to enhance the effectiveness and professionalism of policing and our responsiveness to the needs of our citizens and our communities. We will evaluate legislative proposals that enhance police community relationships with an open mind and will support legislation that enhances public safety, and protects our officers and our communities which is evidence-based and adequately funded. We will not support legislation that is punitive, ill considered, or which negatively impacts the safety or due process of our citizens or officers.

The incidents of social unrest, outside of peaceful assemblies turning to outright criminal behavior, continue to occur across our great nation and it is disturbing, to say the least. Recent events have brought about welcome and much needed dialogue between police and those we serve. We support fully the rights of our citizens to free speech and free assembly, but we condemn in the strongest possible terms, any physical violence or injurious attacks against law enforcement officers or citizens. In this time of unrest, we must double our efforts in key areas of public safety to seek solutions to known problems so that we can all safely and peacefully co-exist. Solutions are best achieved when a dialogue is done in a calm atmosphere where mutual respect exists. Volatile expressions of distrust and violent demonstrations do little to promote any solutions.

The Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police make the following statement on behalf of its Board of Directors; “We are committed to serving the citizens of Colorado in a professional and ethical manner within the laws and policies we have all sworn an oath to uphold. We will be vigilant in our agency leadership to ensure that our officers continue to serve without bias and/or the use of excessive force.”