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National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives Statement on the Police Involved Shooting Death of Paul O’Neal

ALEXANDRIA, VA – *The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), National President Perry Tarrant released the following statement in response to the fatal officer involved shooting of 18-year-old Paul O’Neal in Chicago:*

“On Friday, August 5, the Independent Police Review Authority released disturbing body camera footage of Chicago Police Department (CPD) officers’ pursuit and fatal shooting of 18-year-old Paul O’Neal. This is the latest in a spate of officer involved fatal shootings of African-Americans. Our organization has a stated mission of the administration of equitable justice in every community in America. Additionally, we are committed to being the conscience of law enforcement and the nation.

“NOBLE applauds the swift action by CPD Superintendent Eddie Johnson to relieve the 3 officers of their police powers. Additionally, we acknowledge the fact that Friday’s video was released within the new 60-day policy of the Chicago Police Department. However, we are concerned about the tactics deployed in pursuing and later subduing Mr. O’Neal resulting in his death.

“This event reinforces the significant work ahead of us as we work to build bridges of understanding between our communities and law enforcement. Critical review of incidents such as this is imperative in order to build upon transparency and trust.

“NOBLE will look to increase its efforts to support our Chicago Chapter for their award-winning work in the local school system in delivering our national program, The Law and Your Community. Through this program, young people improve their communications and interactions with law enforcement officers and their understanding of their federal, state and local laws.” [END]

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About the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives

Since 1976, The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) has served as the conscience of law enforcement by being committed to justice by action. NOBLE represents over 3,000 members internationally, who are primarily African-American chief executive officers of law enforcement agencies at federal, state, county and

municipal levels, other law enforcement administrators, and criminal justice practitioners. For more information, visit www.noblernational.org.