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NOBLE Responds to Freeman High School Shooting:
Law Enforcement Leadership Calls For Specialized Training and Deployment of School Resource Officers to Reduce Violence on Campuses

ALEXANDRIA, VA– The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) offers its support to the students, families, faculty and staff of Freeman High School in Spokane, Washington. Wednesday's campus shooting only furthers the need for law enforcement support on school campuses. This tragic incident reinforces the need for specialized law enforcement availability and specific training models for school resource officers.

"The Freeman High School shooting further supports the utilization of school resource officers when deployed in the correct manner. NOBLE extends its heartfelt prayers and condolences to the affected families and the Spokane, WA community. Unfortunately, this heinous act adds to a growing list of school-related instances of violence,” stated NOBLE National President Clarence E. Cox, III.

As we continue to work to provide and promote officer training that supports the greatest challenges of our time, NOBLE is committed to ensuring that safety in educational spaces is a top priority.

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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
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