

# National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives



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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) Responds to the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Shooting**

**ALEXANDRIA, VA** – “We are saddened by the campus shooting at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL. As news continues to emerge and fatalities potentially rise, our prayers remain with the families of the students, faculty and staff at Stoneman Douglas and the many heroic first responders from various agencies who were called to duty. Schools just like churches should be safe spaces and community pillars. This continued and mounting gun violence not only threatens the fabric of this vital entity but also creates a nation of parents justifiably concerned with the safety of their children the minute they walk out of the door each morning. This country has a long history of school shootings with 272 school shootings since 2013, with today’s shooting being the 18th so far this year. It is time for a change. Today’s tragic events will have a lasting effect on many students, staff and visitors of school campuses across this nation, as they question the safety of what use to be one of the safest places in our neighborhood,” said NOBLE President, Clarence E. Cox III.

In the year 2018 alone, there have been 6,527 gun violence incidents across the country resulting in 1,806 deaths. Gun violence is clearly taking its toll.

Today's school shooting in Parkland, Florida has left more than fifteen people killed. Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel has said the suspect is in custody.

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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.noblenational.org](http://www.noblenational.org).

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