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**WISCONSIN PROFESSIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION RELEASES COMPREHENSIVE
'BLUEPRINT FOR CHANGE' REFORM PACKAGE
*WPPA Calls For Action, Not 'Empty Words'***

(Madison) – The Wisconsin Professional Police Association (WPPA) today unveiled an historic police reform initiative – **A Blueprint for Change: Opportunities to Evolve Policing in Wisconsin** – that will require collaboration, understanding, bipartisanship, community involvement and, above all, action.

WPPA executive director Jim Palmer said, “*A Blueprint for Change* is only a starting point for meaningful engagement and action and is our attempt to advance those ideas that we believe will benefit the public and law enforcement alike. The time to act is past due.”

[*A Blueprint for Change*](#) outlines a detailed series of proposals that fall into one of four categories, or opportunity areas: Training & Standards, Oversight & Accountability, Community Engagement & Innovation, and Officer Wellness. The initiative is a product of collaborative discussions with community interest groups, lawmakers, police officers and training experts, among others.

A Blueprint states in the **Introduction**:

“Since the tragic death of George Floyd in Minneapolis on May 25, and other high-profile cases around the country, the topic of police reform has been elevated to the forefront of the American consciousness like never before. Following the August 23 shooting of Jacob Blake in Kenosha, the national reckoning over policing has become even more intense and polarizing. As a result, there has there been very little progress made relative to the proposals that have been offered at nearly every level of government, and our collective ability to engage in a reasonable discourse on these issues appears severely impaired. This dynamic is detrimental to everyone – *including* police officers.”

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In the weeks and months ahead, the WPPA intends to continue engaging lawmakers, stakeholders and others in order to build support for these initiatives, which Palmer hopes will be among the reforms considered by a task force recently created to examine police policies and standards, racial disparities, and public safety. Established last week by Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, the task force will be spearheaded by Assembly Majority Leader Jim Steineke.

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About WPPA:

With more than 10,000 members from over 300 local association affiliates, the WPPA is Wisconsin's largest law enforcement group. Its mission is to protect and promote public safety, as well as the interests of the dedicated men and women that serve to provide it.