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From: **Eugene Jones** <[jonesel628@gmail.com](mailto:jonesel628@gmail.com)>  
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Good Evening Police Chief Zack,

Let me introduce myself: My name is Eugene Jones. I am a seven year resident of Asheville NC, and a local black actor and artist in the area.

I hope your are doing well and staying safe giving the now expanding circumstances of our country and community. This email is in reference to the amount of protest in our community, and how well Asheville Police Department is handling it. This email will also pertain to APD's ethics training for situations like this and other first call responses.

Let me start off by saying I did admire and respect the statement you released last Friday on the current state that our country is in. With that being said I do feel like there was void in the idea of: What is APD doing to help and put an end to these acts of violence (and murders) in our community.

First in your policies. I really want to know: What are your training protocols for normal calls and pullovers? What protocols do you have for protest and protest that could eventually lead to riots and looting? How were those protocols and training sources used in the past couple of days? Lastly are there any non-violent protocols?

At the protest this past Sunday, I got a chance to speak with Lt. Rollins and Lt. Moore. They mentioned a form of ethical training named: E.T.H.I.C.S I believe, a form of ethical training from New Orleans. They gave me PR Officer Hallingse name to get in contact with for more information on it, and hopeful to get detail documentation on said training. I still hope and will continue to get in contact with her for this information.

With all this being said I want to talk about the protests over the last couple of day. Let me start off by setting a disclaimer that I do not and did not condone looting, rioting, or the destruction of any public and private

property.

Now, I was truly sickened and appalled to see the type of tactics used over the past couple day on peaceful protesters and Asheville citizens. First starting with the entrapment of our citizens on the Jeff Bowen Bridge, on Sunday evening, using teargas to stop a civil march. Not only did this happen once, but again in Packs Square, where the crowd of protester were lead way to come back to teargas and rubber bullets. What was the goal? What were the strategies behind this tactic? This does go against the ACLU's protester's rights. Not only that but we're using tools such as teargas that has been banned for modern warfare usage for years, and has horrible side effects in the human body such as lung cancer and causing birth defects in pregnant individuals. Something I do understand is the retaliation from having mortar and fireworks thrown at the police force, but something you do need to realize is that the general public, and the crowd was endangered by them as well. And there's video evidence of this. There was zero evidence of specific individual(s) using firearms. If there is, are you will to let it be shared to the general public? Bottom line being, all tactics used to calm civilians and keeping order were unethical.

Another point being, a group of officers, meant to keep order and the protesters safe, were hanging out in a Biltmore Ave. parking garage while lives were in danger, I have multiple eye witnesses. Care to elaborate on that? This was on Monday night.

My final addressing is about the notorious destruction of medical and food/water supplies for peaceful protesters. I won't beat a dead horse with this one because at this point, the footage is all over social media. What the public really wants to know is why, who's call was this?

What bothers me the most about this is: In January of last year we recorded over 560+ people in our homeless population, which has probably doubled within the last year. This really hurt the APD, this was donations from our community, donations to aid to the wellbeing of our citizen, this action forced citizen to loose a lot of respect for the APD.

In conclusion, I really do want to try and understand the polices and ethics of our communities police force. The amount of property destruction in our community is horrible, but the people and the voices in it, especially BLACK voices, takes a higher stance.

In this email I am CCing our City Manager, Debra Campbell. So Ms. Campbell, if there is anything you would like to add and say on the matter, I would appreciate your input. Our community is falling apart, and we need you all to help keep it together, and it's hard to see a place that I loved, become a place of hate and disrespect.

I am eager for your response and hoping to have an open conversation with everyone.

Take care of yourself, please be safe, and have a nice evening,

Eugene Jones:

Concerned Citizen

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