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“THE CLEVELAND CHAPTERS OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY ANNOUNCE A NEW INITIATIVE TO ADDRESS POLICE AND COMMUNITY VIOLENCE”

CLEVELAND, OH- The men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., will announce a new initiative to engage the community around the concern of gun involved interactions between police and community on the front steps of Cleveland City Hall this coming Thursday evening, December 4, 2014 at 6pm, which coincides with the 108th anniversary of the founding of the fraternity at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY.

The initiative entitled **“Not One More Life to Lose”** seeks to educate the community on police interactions, compile data regarding incidences of police gun use locally, and change the outcomes of incidents between police and community members, especially black males.

“Alpha Phi Alpha both locally and nationally is engaging in strategic programming to address and create sustainable solutions to issues of violence especially as it relates to young black men that are the life blood of our communities” stated Clarence McElrath, president of the Cleveland Alumni Chapter.

The initiative will feature lectures, workshops, and forums to find solutions to the crippling issue of violent police and community interactions. The fraternity also is committed to collaborating with other black- greek letter organizations, churches, community and civic groups to plan and implement the various activities.

The mission of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity is to develop leaders, promote brotherhood and academic excellence, while providing service and advocacy to the community. Since the establishment of Pi Chapter in 1914 and Delta Alpha Lambda Chapter (DAL) in 1947, the fraternity has sponsored many programs in support of its mission including “Go to High School, Go-to College, “a Voteless People is a Hopeless People,” and providing holiday food baskets to over 150 families each year in Cleveland.

Alpha Phi Alpha is proud to have provided strong support to the family of Michael Brown of Ferguson, Missouri in the wake of his killing, and continued support for Dream Defenders, a nonprofit advocacy group that is engaging nationally to repeal “Stand Your Ground” laws enacted by states in the aftermath of the killing of Trayvon Martin in Stanford, Florida.

The fraternity is comprised of a diverse group of college educated, predominately African American men that excel in broad range of fields and professions, and has both national and international reach having over 500 members locally and over 56,000 members in cities across the United States, Canada, Europe, and Africa.

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