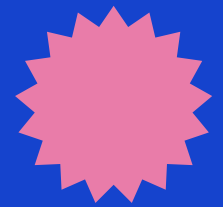


PRESS RELEASE



Will you be part of the Solution or not?

Message from Executive President Of HOPE Dealers Outreach

When did crime become normal and justifiably okay? Growing up on the East-side of Detroit, Michigan, crimes were 24/7. However, not all cities in America can relate to such. Now you can no longer say, "I live in the Capital Murder City" because everywhere we go, we are experiencing criminal activity in one form of fashion!

But why has this become so normal within the last couple of years? I know most of you would probably blame the brutality of Police against blacks, but if we take our shades off and look a little deeper, we have passed long ago. Now we are facing gender & mental health violence at an alarming rate like never before. Just this year in Winston-Salem, NC, before our New Year began, we had already experienced #9 homicides.

Fast forward to the present, we have had shootings almost every other week, not to mention the mass shootings in our economy dealing with a pre-meditated killing by a trans-gender to now a Bank in Louisville. And the reason for the recent? "He got fired"! So instead of him finding a new job like everyone else who's experienced this, we will kill a room full of people. (MENTAL Health) Even to backtrack, we still have conversations about the shooting in Tennessee. (Gender Violence) I have never thought we would come to a place where if my sexual choice were not accepted or met by the Government or even my local community, it would be okay to plan a killing of little innocent elementary kids! And still have people fighting for my sexual rights!!

Why can't little kids go to school without a grown teenager or adult trying to kill them during instructional time? And when has it become okay to justify a killer for shooting up a School? Five days ago, a statement was released "Federal, state, and local law enforcement officers

arrested about 70 people, seized 40 pounds of illegal drugs, recovered more than 70 guns and \$23,000 in a three-month operation to reduce violent crime in Winston-Salem."

On April 11, a shooting was announced on Brookhill Drive in Winston, resulting in four dead bodies. Luckily our law enforcement caught the shooters from a drive-by pursuit on 5th Street and MLK Jr. Drive, and all three suspects were charged and taken into custody, which is a good thing! At least, we think.

Back to my question, why the norm? Can you believe on March 23rd black male robbed a woman, and beaten with a metal pipe, and was arrested with possession of crack cocaine, according to Police? Not to mention 55, a year old man was connected with two other robberies, one on Liberty Street and another on New Walkertown Road. And the list goes on... Although he was arrested, no one was paying attention. The man was given bail of \$152,000 bond.

Instead of these crimes becoming sentences without bail, we see a justice system repeating criminal bonds to be released. They go back into the streets repeating the same thing and wonder why schools, jobs, and homes aren't safe. Well, we've answered the WHY! "It's okay to commit crimes and get bail"...

And now that we know the problem, my next question is, "What will we do about it"?

It's time to stop being silent and move our strategy differently in peaceful protesting by advocating our first amendment rights!

If you are tired and say Enough is Enough, join our NEW community coalition, "We Speak, YOU DO." Open to the Public and will take place at a local rec. center. Details coming soon!

This group will focus on brainstorming strategic new demands on public safety and reducing violence in our communities, voted and created by the people for the people to have a solution presented to City & County Governments by the next 3months.

Committee Leaders, such as Chair, Co-Chair, & Secretary, will be voted on during the first session by those in attendance. To be nominated for the vacant positions, we ask you to send a resume and bio about yourself to HOPE Dealers Outreach via Email at hopedealerso16@gmail.com by April 24, 2023.

I look forward to seeing everyone from all walks of life present to speak their voice.

Submitted by;



Executive President & Board Chair

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