



# Town of Edmonston Police Department

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## **Chief Demetrious Harris' Implements New General Order Regarding the Duty to Intervene**

During the week of May 25, 2020, millions watched a Minneapolis police officer suffocate Mr. George Floyd to death by applying pressure with his knee on the victim's neck for nearly 9 minutes while other officers stood by as Mr. Floyd moaned and yelled: "I can't breathe."

This Morning, Edmonston Police Chief Demetrious Harris issued a new General Order, implementing a duty to intervene requirement. This requirement expands on the legal and moral obligation officers have in its protection of residents.

The purpose of this order is to establish operational guidelines meant to create a culture to prevent another death like George Floyd's and; Compelling both sworn and non-sworn agency members "to either stop, or attempt to stop, another employee when force is being inappropriately applied or is no longer required.

This policy requires officers to recognize and act upon the duty to Intervene to prevent or stop any officer from conducting any act that is unethical, or that violates law or policy (e.g., excessive force, theft, fraud, inappropriate language, sexual misconduct, harassment, falsifying documents, inappropriate behavior, etc.).