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## WIFLE STATEMENT

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ARLINGTON, VA – The WIFLE Board of Directors and the WIFLE Foundation executive leadership condemns the violence and excessive force committed by five Memphis Police Officers that lead to the death of Tyre Nichols. As members of the law enforcement community, we extend our sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Nichols.

WIFLE recommits its efforts to assist agencies in recruiting, training, retaining and promoting women in law enforcement. Research indicates that bringing more women into the law enforcement profession may alter the culture that allowed for such blatant disregard for human life. We continue to emphasize our mission and goals and urge agencies to reexamine their policies, practices and values in the recruitment, training and operations within their departments. The culture of policing must be changed.

We support Memphis Police Chief Cerelyn “CJ” Davis in providing strong leadership, transparency and accountability in handling this tragedy. We recognize that these actions by the five Memphis Police Officers are not indicative of what policing is about in the United States. We support the many courageous officers who risk their lives daily to protect our citizens while safeguarding the civil rights of all Americans.

All questions regarding this statement may be directed to Interim President Sheree Mixell at 301-805-2180.

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