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Statement of the Atlanta Murders of Asian Americans March 24, 2021

The Small and Rural Law Enforcement Executives Association is with the Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) following the Atlanta-area killings of eight people, six of whom were Asian women. Stop AAPI Hate has found nearly 3,800 racial incidents against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders were reported from March 2020 to February 2021.

The shootings of multiple Asian American women in Atlanta and the upsurge of violence against Asian Americans require significant changes to address serious problems in our nation. An incident such as this is a tragedy for the families of the victims and the Asian American community as well. There is no room for hate in our society. Hate is not born; it is taught. None of us is born to hate; intolerance is taught and can be untaught. Educate yourself and teach others now because anything else is unacceptable.

Nelson Mandela said, "No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background or his religion. People learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite."

Sincerely,

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