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Center for Interfaith Cooperation responds to Greenwood Police Department's Officers' Actions

The Center for Interfaith Cooperation's board of directors and staff (CIC) is calling for Greenwood Police Department (GPD) to hold its officers to a higher standard and act in a manner that is respectful and equitable for all.

As an organization, CIC appreciates the diversity in gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, nationality, disability, socioeconomic background, age, religious belief, and any other differences that have been used to divide people.

This call to action comes after the Indianapolis Star ran an article on August 23, 2023 ([here](#)) that uncovered a lawsuit in which an officer is suing GPD after being suspended from the department for using "vulgar, racist, and homophobic language in instant messages using department equipment." Additionally, the article states that over 5,000 pages of messages were exchanged between staff members that expressed antisemitic, racist, and homophobic sentiments.

Charlie Wiles, CIC's executive director states, "The number of messages sent between members of the Greenwood Police Department are deeply disturbing."

The diversity of Greenwood's residents continues to grow and includes people of different faiths, immigrants, refugees, and sexual identities and orientations. It is Greenwood Police Department's responsibility to ensure that its officers remain vigilant in the cultural training of its officers and hold them to a higher standard and act in a manner that is respectful and equitable for all.

Discrimination of any kind is unacceptable.

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Hoosiers of many faiths in community, pursuing peace through interfaith understanding and cooperation.

Mission: The Center for Interfaith Cooperation provides safe environments, resources, and opportunities for service to increase religious literacy, build empathy between faiths, and facilitate interfaith encounters.