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An announcement from Parma Mayor Tim DeGeeter, Safety Director Tom Weinreich and Police Chief Joseph Bobak:

Two events in Parma address Floyd’s death; remain peaceful

Today, two events took place in Parma that highlighted George Floyd’s senseless death.

The first was this morning at the union hall of UAW Local 1005 on Chevrolet Boulevard. UAW’s Civil Rights Committee sponsored a family friendly rally for its members and their friends and families. The rally showed support for the Floyd family.

The second was this afternoon when a group of about 200 marched from Zielinski Park to City Hall and then to the Parma Justice Center. The mayor contacted the organizer prior to the event and both agreed that maintaining the safety of everyone and keeping the march peaceful were imperative. To achieve this, Parma’s police chief and the event organizer coordinated and communicated in advance of the march.

Police were on site during the march to ensure the protection of the marchers, as well as the public. As part of this effort to protect and serve the community, the city did not announce either event on social media prior to this statement to avoid attracting outside groups with the intent to cause unrest.

We are pleased to report that there were no incidents at today’s march or the UAW rally. These events are examples of law-abiding citizens expressing their rights to assemble and voice their opinions – rights that are fundamental to our democracy.