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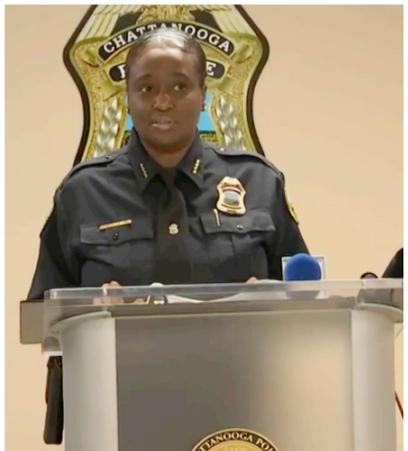
Chattanooga Mayor and Police Chief Provide Remarks in Response to May 28 Shooting



Chattanooga Mayor Tim Kelly and Chattanooga Police Department Chief Celeste Murphy on last Sunday addressed the recent gun violence that took place in Downtown Chattanooga on the night of May 28.



Mayor Tim Kelly



Chief Celeste Murphy

By Camm Ashford

In response to the tragic shooting that occurred in downtown Chattanooga last Saturday night, Mayor Tim Kelly addressed the community through a 4:30 p.m. press briefing on Sunday. The

event was live streamed on social media.

Police Chief Celeste Murphy also provided remarks and fielded questions.

Mayor Tim Kelly: Good afternoon, thank you for being here.

This afternoon, I have to admit that I'm experiencing a wide range of emotions.

First, I am heartbroken for the families and the victims whose lives were upended last night by gunfire. No parent should ever have to get that call. So, as a community, right now there's a lot of hurt and grieving, and I just want to let those families know that I, and Ginny, and your city grieve with you.

But I am also angry. Six teenagers were shot last night in what we believe was an altercation between other teenagers. And once again, I'm standing here in front of you talking about our community's youth getting shot. That's outrageous and it has to stop.

It's ridiculous that I even need to publicly state that guns have no place in the hands of our kids. And that children shouldn't be wandering around in the

middle of the night with no supervision.

Let me also say that I am deeply grateful to the outstanding professionals at the Chattanooga Police Department, who acted quickly and decisively to save lives and prevent any more bloodshed. These officers are heroes and we're fortunate that they were able to respond as quickly as they did. But the job of preventing kids from shooting each other cannot fall to the brave men and women of our police department alone.

Here's the bottom line: teenagers acting out, pushing the boundaries, and getting into trouble isn't new. Kids have always gotten into scuffles with each other. That's a tale that's as old as time. What is new is now they have access to handguns and firearms that leave

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Tennessee Black Caucus to Hold Town Hall Meeting in Chattanooga

CHATTANOOGA—The Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators, along with the Bessie Smith Cultural Center, are holding a town hall meeting for Chattanooga residents to come and discuss their concerns with state lawmakers.

TBCSL members, like Chattanooga Representative Yusuf Hakeem, say this is an opportunity for the greater Hamilton County community to hear what their elected officials have been working on and provide input to help set their priorities for next year. "We have not forgotten who we serve and represent: our constituents. We have a responsibility to continue working together to improve our health care for the average citizen, provide a safe and

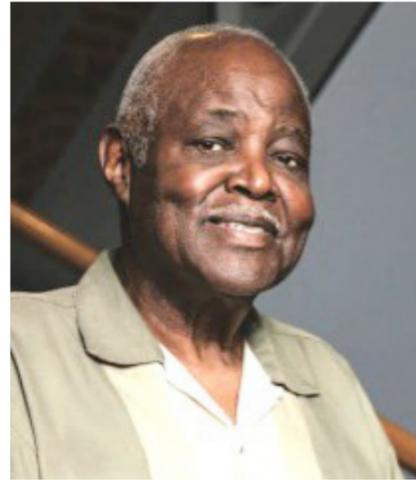
quality education for our children and make economic upward mobility the norm, not the exception. We must hear the voices of the people we serve and be held accountable to them."

The town hall meeting will be held Friday, June 3rd from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at the Bessie Smith Cultural Center, 200 E M L King Blvd. TBCSL Chairman Antonio Parkinson said, "the best part of being elected is to be able to hear from the people. Our upcoming town hall meeting in Chattanooga allows us to do just that. I'm thankful to Rep. Hakeem for allowing the Tennessee Black Caucus to share space with him in his district for this wonderful event."

James Moreland Scholarship Helps Minority Engineering Students



Terek McReynolds



James Moreland

James R. Moreland, who graduated from Howard High School in 1962 and worked for E.I. DuPont for approximately 30 years, never graduated from college, but he's helping students graduate from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

In the 2021-2022 academic year, the James Moreland Minority Engineering Scholarship assisted more than 20 students enrolled in the UTC College of Engineering and Computer Science.

The scholarship—a last-dollar scholarship to ensure coverage of tuition and fees—is available to prospective students as well as returning recipients.

Increasing the number of minority students is one of the goals in the College of Engineering and Computer Science, said Sara Jackson, chief of staff for the college.

A longtime friend of Moreland's, Tennessee Sen. Todd Gardenhire, R-Chattanooga, helped secure funds for the scholarship named after Moreland, who didn't enroll in college because he didn't have the money.

For decades, Moreland has been a key presence in East Chattanooga. A

member of Olivet Baptist Church and former president of the Avondale Neighborhood Association, he has been an advocate for community improvements and, among other successes, helped obtain city funds to build a new recreation center in the neighborhood.

2021-2022 James Moreland Scholarship recipients: Akanni Adimu, Sullen Batts, Christian Ballard, Adam Belton, Seth Cumby, Fatima Ejaz, Ibrahim El-nasri, Cameron Grogan, Sierra Guffey, Demarcus Ivy, Gabriel Jones, Bryan Lopez, Terek McReynolds, Oday Mohamed, Allen Nesmith, Parth Patel, Christopher Riddle, Ashanti Roshelle, Gabrielle Rozek, Larry Schofield and Jordan Williams.

To apply for the James Moreland Minority Engineering Scholarship, a student must be: considered a racial minority, have a 3.0 or greater high school GPA, majoring in engineering or computer science and a Tennessee resident.

For further information, call the UTC Financial Aid and Scholarships office at 423-425-4677.

Grace Baptist Tabernacle to Host Joint Celebration June 12th



Pastor Jeff and Lady Danielle D. Carter

Come join us as we celebrate 42 years in GOD's service at GRACE BAPTIST TABERNACLE CHURCH and, also as we Celebrate and Honor our Pastor Jeff and 1st Lady Danielle D. Carter for six years of biblical teaching, leadership, and service. Our theme: My grace is sufficient for thee. (2 Corinthians 12:9)

The service will be held on Sunday, June 12, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Anthony Carter of Truth Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida. The church is located at 2551 Tunnel Boulevard, Chattanooga, TN 37406. Everyone is welcome.

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