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Let's Focus On The Task At Hand

For nearly a week, Clackamas County has suffered immense damage from aggressive wildfires. Watching our community rally around their families, friends, and neighbors to keep our communities safe during these unprecedented times has been humbling to watch. Your Clackamas County deputies have been working tirelessly alongside community members, firefighters, and other first responders to do everything we can to preserve life and property. While the vast majority of our community has been amazing, unfortunately we have seen a surprising number of criminals looking to capitalize, including attempts at looting evacuated homes and properties.

This morning, a video from a few days ago surfaced in which one of our deputies is heard speaking freely with a community member about the community's understandable fear of looting and other criminal acts as our County burns. A full and fair investigation will be conducted by the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office to understand the deputy's mindset when he made his comments. But let's not get distracted by a single, sensationalized, five-minute video of one of the hundreds of first responders working around the clock in our County. We need to fight the actual fires that are burning in our County. Let's not stoke unnecessary flames.

Our community is on edge. Our community will face immeasurable loss of property and even life. Let's all of us as a community continue to focus on keeping each other safe as we endure the destruction from these unprecedented wildfires.

The Clackamas County Peace Officers Association is the labor organization for the Deputy Sheriffs, Detectives, Sergeants, and other employees of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office.

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