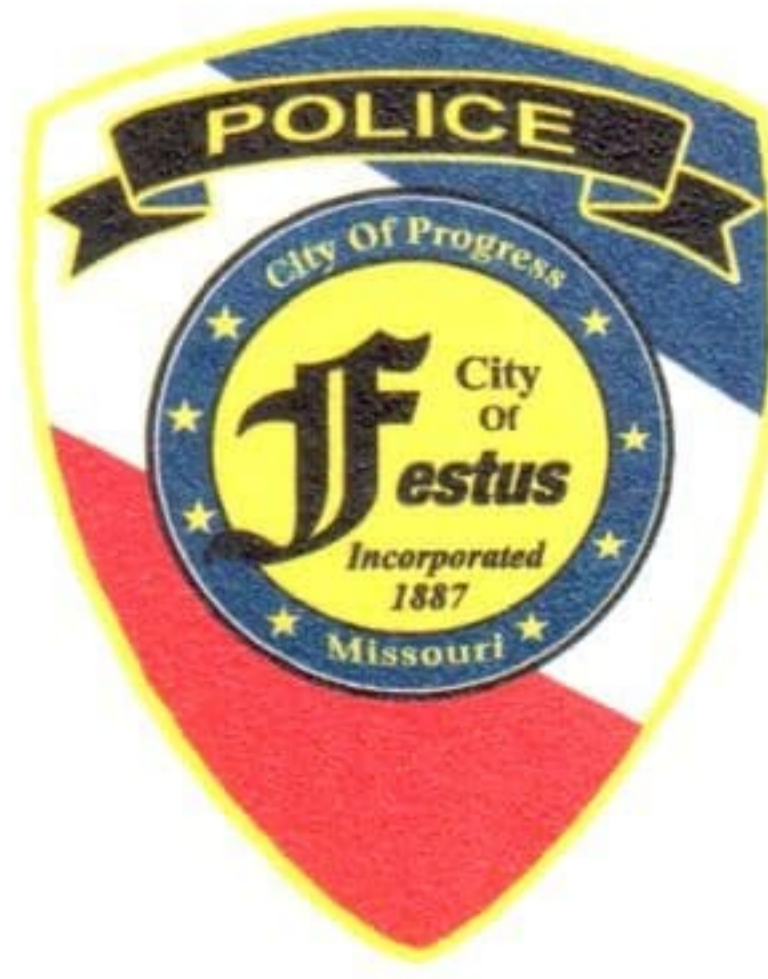


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The organizers of the Facebook event 9 Minutes of Silence, and other peaceful organizers in the area, are working with the Festus and Crystal City police departments to put on a peaceful remembrance for George Floyd. Several churches, community leaders, and other citizens concerned with the actions that resulted in the unfortunate death of George Floyd are putting together a peaceful event to remember a good man who was the victim of the unlawful actions of a rogue police officer.

The organizers are in complete support of those in law enforcement who do follow the moral and legal code that is expected of them. This is to bring to light the unlawful actions of an officer which resulted not only in the death of Mr. Floyd but also casts a shadow on the actions of officers who are truly dedicated to the fight against injustice.

The Festus and Crystal City Police Departments fully support the right to lawfully assemble and the organizers and advocates behind this event are working diligently to insure the peaceful and safe completion of this event. We all have to work together if both sides are going to be successful as we move on to a bigger and brighter future where no one fears the police or protestors.

Timothy B. Lewis

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Festus PD

Chad Helms

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