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**Criminal Justice and Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards
Commissions Release Statement on Attacks on Law Enforcement Officers**

(RALEIGH) The North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission today released the following statement in response to attacks on law enforcement officers in North Carolina.

“As the regulatory bodies responsible for maintaining the minimum standards for our law enforcement and other criminal justice officers in North Carolina, for developing their training, and for certifying those dedicated public servants who are serving in every community in our great state, we are saddened and outraged by the recent series of attacks on our law enforcement professionals in North Carolina.

“We condemn, in the strongest terms, the senseless acts of violence that have taken the lives of two North Carolina deputy sheriffs in as many weeks.

“There have been 11 incidents in North Carolina this year where an officer was shot and injured or killed, including five in August. This must stop.

“We send our support to the communities, families, and agencies impacted by these senseless acts of violence.

“To every officer who is certified by our two Commissions; your service and dedication to our profession remains among the most noble of pursuits and we thank you! Know that we stand with you and that we will continue to do so as we strive to provide quality justice services to all the citizens of North Carolina.”

Chief Chris Blue, Chair

North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission

Sheriff Alan Cloninger, Chair

North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission