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## **Chattanooga-Hamilton County NAACP Is Asking: East Ridge Tennessee How Many Times Do You Use An Electroshock Weapon On An Individual?**

A recent video was posted on YouTube that shows a Black man being shocked repeatedly by an East Ridge Police officer. The way this man was handled for a violation that he asks repeatedly for an explanation is not acceptable.

What is the standard for employing electroshock? When do you inform the person of the law he or she has violated? Why do you use vulgar language to communicate with a person who is being stopped? Does a person become less than human when stopped by law enforcement?

View the video at [chattnewschronicle.com](http://chattnewschronicle.com) and determine if the actions of the man stopped justify the punishment inflicted. The local NAACP has had three calls from Black men concerning the treatment by East Ridge officers when driving in the town.

If you were stopped in East Ridge, send an email to [naacp chatt@gmail.com](mailto:naacp chatt@gmail.com). Everyone needs to be treated as a human being.

Contact: Reverend Ann J. Pierre, President, Chattanooga-Hamilton County NAACP P.O. Box 3226 Chattanooga, TN 37404



East Ridge, TN police repeatedly tase a black man screaming for "Help" at a Catoosa County, GA gas station. (YouTube Video)

## **Mayor Tim Kelly Signs Proclamation Marking April As Donate Life Month**



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By Camm Ashford

Organ donation is a life or death issue, and our city is doing something about it. Mayor Tim Kelly has signed a proclamation marking April in Chattanooga as Donate Life Month.

The proclamation was made in partnership with Tennessee Donor Services to mark the month when the state and nation urge Americans to register to be organ and tissue donors.

High Point Climbing, the Tennessee Aquarium and Hunter Museum of America Art on April 22 will be lit in the of-

ficial colors of organ donation--blue and green--to honor Blue and Green Day.

The proclamation and lighting are part of Chattanooga's participation in Tennessee Donor Services' 2022 #BeTheGift Challenge--an effort to register 115,000 new organ and tissue donors in Tennessee this year.

Currently, more than 100,000 people are on the national transplant list, and each day 17 people die while they wait. Every donor can save 8 lives through organ donation and enhance more than 75 lives with tissue donation.

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When Sabrina was diagnosed at the age of 8 with juvenile diabetes, her pancreas was no longer working. Over the years, her kidneys began failing as well. Sabrina began dialysis and her doctors put her on the list for a kidney transplant.

Four months later, Sabrina learned that she would receive both a kidney and a pancreas.

It was a bittersweet blessing; she knew the gift of life had meant someone else's sacrifice.

"That's why I now share my story," she says. "I can't tell you how wonderful my life has become. An organ donor truly saves lives and gives hope."

Tennessee Donor Services is a non-profit, organ procurement organization dedicated to saving and improving lives by connecting organ and tissue donations to the patients who need them. TDS serves more than 6 million people in Tennessee and Virginia.

## **CALEB and The Vera Institute Of Justice To Host Mass Incarceration Event On ...**



By Camm Ashford

CALEB (Chattanoogans in Action for Love, Equality and Benevolence) and the Vera Institute of Justice will host an event discussing the high costs of mass incarceration in Tennessee.

"Ending Cash Bail: Public Safety versus Public Harm" will take place at 6:30 p.m. on April 28, at The Camp House, 806 East 12th St.

The 90-minute event, which will explore why minimizing pre-trial detention is beneficial for Chattanooga, is free and open to the public.

CALEB officials said in a written statement, "Pre-trial detention can have a damaging effect on an individual's well being as it relates to housing, employment and family dynamics. This issue has a significant effect on our country's minority population where one in three black men will spend time in prison during their lifetime and one in six His-

panic and Latino men will do the same."

Founded in 1961, the Vera Institute of Justice is an independent, nonprofit, national research and policy organization in the United States. Based primarily in New York City, Vera also has offices in Washington, D.C., New Orleans and Los Angeles.

Vera describes its goal as "to tackle the most pressing injustices of our day: from the causes and consequences of mass incarceration, racial disparities, and the loss of public trust in law enforcement, to the unmet needs of the vulnerable, the marginalized, and those harmed by crime and violence."

CALEB is an institutional coalition of faith-based, labor and community groups working to build power to affect change in Hamilton County and Chattanooga.

For further information, visit [calebcha.org](http://calebcha.org).

## **UTC Offers Unique Graduate Assistantship In Response To Ukraine Crisis**



CHATTANOOGA—When a Ukrainian former college student who had fled to Poland reached out to Takeo Suzuki to describe just how dire the situation was in her home country, Suzuki knew he had to act.

"She's twenty-something, and we see twenty-somethings over here all the time. That's why I thought, 'There's something we can do about assisting students overseas,'" said Suzuki, executive director for the Center



for Global Education at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

That thinking led to the creation of the UTC Global Response Assis-

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