



REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT





TASK FORCE OVERVIEW

Task Force
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Community Members

Montgomery County, MD
Representatives

Public Input

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- ◆ **Focus Area 1:** 911 and 311 call responses -- to determine community needs and provide guidance for areas of focus for the independent audit of MCPD
- ◆ **Focus Area 2:** Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) budget -- review data and structure
- ◆ **Focus Area 3:** MCPD programs -- review local information as well as programs that have been implemented elsewhere, starting with training and de-escalation
- ◆ **Focus Area 4:** Alternative programs to police and jail interactions -- identify other County departments, non-profit organizations, and agencies to propose alternative procedures, programs, and policies to be considered
- ◆ **Focus Area 5:** Best practices for crisis response and social services -- research and propose best practices for the intersection of the health, social services, and crisis response system



KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

◆ Shift certain responsibilities from police to County agencies and community organizations

- Fully implement an ecosystem of County agencies and other organizations working together in various ways (e.g. CAHOOTS program)
- Change the triage of calls of service (i.e. confirm language to use to communicate, then determine social services needs, etc.)

◆ Revise law enforcement recruitment, training and public encounters with civilians

- Inclusion in public safety measures across County police, staff and residents that reflects and understands the diverse makeup of the County
- Lessen police presence on streets as a direct measure to help diminish impacts of racial bias in interactions with MCPD officers
- Reimagine training (i.e. cultural competency, CIT, implicit bias, etc.)
- Change law enforcement culture

◆ Implement and/or expand alternative responses to crime

- Decriminalize certain crimes
- Eliminate funding for the SRO program
- Improve alternative court processes and sentencing
- Change methods of traffic enforcement in the County

◆ Collect and analyze data to address both racial and social disparity

- Better and more targeted data collection attentive to social disparity
- Ongoing assessment



QUESTIONS?



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