

THE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON 21ST CENTURY POLICING

Pillar Two: Policy & Oversight Potential Recommendations for Deliberation Draft February 24, 2015

<p>2.1 RECOMMENDATION: Agencies should collaborate with others to develop policies and strategies in high-risk communities and neighborhoods for deploying resources that aim to improve relationships through greater community engagement and cooperation while reducing crime.</p>
<p>2.1.1 Action Step: The federal government could incentivize this through a variety of programs that focus on public health, education, and other programs not traditionally part of the criminal justice system.</p>
<p>2.2 RECOMMENDATION: Law Enforcement agencies should have comprehensive policies on the use of force that include training, investigations, prosecutions, data collection, and information sharing. These policies must be clear and concise, and openly available for public inspection.</p>
<p>2.2.1 Action Step: On training--Agency policies for training on use of force should include de-escalation and alternatives to arrest in situations where appropriate.</p>
<p>2.2.2 Action Step: On investigations--These policies should also mandate external and independent criminal investigations in cases of police use of force resulting in death or great bodily harm.</p>
<p>2.2.3 Action Step: On prosecutions--The task force also encourages the use of external and independent prosecutors in cases that result in death.</p>
<p>2.2.4 Action Step: On data collection and information sharing--Finally, policies on use of force should also require agencies to collect, maintain, and report data on all officer-involved shootings, whether fatal or non-fatal.</p>
<p>2.3 RECOMMENDATION: The federal government should require all federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to report data on use of force incidents resulting in death.</p>
<p>2.4 RECOMMENDATION: Agencies are encouraged to implement non-punitive peer review of critical incidents separate from criminal and administrative investigations.</p>
<p>2.5 RECOMMENDATION: All Federal, State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies should be required to report census data regarding the composition of their departments including race, gender, age, and other relevant demographic data.</p>
<p>2.5.1 Action Step: The Bureau of Justice Statistics should be directed to add additional demographic questions to the LEMAS survey in order to meet the intent of this recommendation.</p>
<p>2.6 RECOMMENDATION: Agencies should be encouraged to collect, maintain, and analyze demographic data on all stops/routine contacts.</p>
<p>2.6.1 Action Step: The federal government could further incentivize universities to partner with police departments to collect data and develop knowledge about analysis and benchmarks as well as to develop tools and templates that assist departments in managing data collection and analysis.</p>

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2.7 RECOMMENDATION: Agencies should create policies and procedures for policing mass demonstrations that avoid the use of militarized tactics and equipment that undermine civilian trust.

2.7.1 Action Step: Policies should address procedures for implementing a layered response to mass demonstrations.

2.8 RECOMMENDATION: Every department should
localities should structure civilian oversight and
review in a way that meets the needs of that community.

2.9 RECOMMENDATION: Quotas requiring officers to issue tickets, citations, or summonses, or to initiate investigative contacts with citizens without cause should be abolished and prohibited.