

# THE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON 21ST CENTURY POLICING

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\*\*\*\*\***UPDATED MEDIA ADVISORY**\*\*\*\*\*

## **PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY POLICING TO CONVENE FIRST PUBLIC MEETING**

WASHINGTON – Members of the President's Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing will hold the first public listening session on **TUESDAY, JAN. 13, 2015, AT 9:00 A.M., EST**, at the Newseum in Washington, D.C. The Task Force members will hear testimony from five panels of witnesses on ways to improve the collaborative relationship between law enforcement and the communities they serve, exchange best practices for policing strategies, promote effective crime reduction and address concerns about violence directed at law enforcement.

- WHAT:** Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing's First Listening Session
- WHO:** Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing
- WHEN:** TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST
- WHERE:** The Newseum  
555 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
**OPEN PRESS (MEDIA PRE-SET 7:45 a.m. EST//FINAL MEDIA  
ACCESS TIME 8:30 a.m. EST)**

**NOTE: All media must present government-issued photo I.D. (such as a driver's license as well as valid media credentials). Due to space limitations, entrance is not guaranteed.** Media inquiries regarding logistics should contact Silas Darden at [Silas.Darden@usdoj.gov](mailto:Silas.Darden@usdoj.gov) or at (202) 307-0703. This event will be live streamed on the Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing [webpage](#).

### **TASK FORCE ON 21ST CENTURY POLICING LISTENING SESSION**

- 9:00 a.m. EST** Welcome Remarks and Task Force Overview  
Ronald Davis, Executive Director of the Task Force and Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office)
- 9:05 a.m. EST** Opening Statements by Task Force Chairs & Introduction of Task Force Members

#### **Task Force Co-Chairs:**

Charles Ramsey, Commissioner of the Philadelphia Police Department  
Laurie Robinson, Professor at George Mason University

**Task Force Members:**

Cedric Alexander, Deputy Chief Operating Officer for Public Safety of DeKalb County and President of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives

Jose Lopez, Lead Organizer of Make the Road New York

Tracey Meares, Walton Hale Hamilton Professor of Law at Yale Law School

Brittany Packnett, Executive Director of Teach for America – St. Louis

Susan Rahr, Executive Director of Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission

Constance Rice, Co-Director of The Advancement Project

Sean Smoot, Director and Chief Counsel of Police Benevolent & Protective Association of Illinois and the Police Benevolent Labor Committee

Bryan Stevenson, Founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative

Roberto Villaseñor, Chief of Police of the Tucson Police Department

**9:30 a.m. EST**

**Witness Panel Discussion I:**

Jennifer Eberhardt, Associate Professor of Psychology at Stanford University

Charles Ogletree, Jesse Climenko Professor of Law and Director at Harvard Law School

Tom Tyler, Macklin Fleming Professor of Law and Professor of Psychology at Yale Law School

Samuel Walker, Emeritus Professor of Criminal Justice at the University of Nebraska–Omaha

**10:30 a.m. EST**

**Witness Panel Discussion II:**

Carmen Perez, Executive Director of The Gathering for Justice

Jim St. Germain, Founder of Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow

Jim Winkler, President and General Secretary of the National Council of Churches

Ashley Yates, Co-Founder of Millennial Activists United

**11:30 a.m. EST**

**Witness Panel Discussion III:**

Richard Beary, President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police

Andrew Peralta, National President of the National Latino Peace Officers Association

Richard Stanek, Past President and Executive Committee's Sergeant-at-Arms of the Major County Sheriffs' Association and National Sheriffs' Association

**1:30 p.m. EST**

**Witness Panel Discussion IV:**

Sherrilyn Ifill, President and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund (NAACP LDF)  
Laura Murphy, Director, Washington Legislative Office, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)  
Vikrant Reddy, Senior Policy Analyst, Texas Public Policy Foundation's Center for Effective Justice  
Maria Teresa Kumar, President and CEO, Voto Latino

- 2:30 p.m. EST**      **Witness Panel Discussion V:**  
Kevin Johnson, Mayor of Sacramento  
Michael Nutter, Mayor of Philadelphia  
Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Mayor of Baltimore
- 3:30 p.m. EST**      Testimonies from the Audience
- 4:30 p.m. EST**      Task Force Closing Remarks
- 5:00 p.m. EST**      Meeting ends

*\*Written testimonies and a live stream of the meeting will available on the Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing [webpage](#).*

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### **About the President's Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing**

The President's Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing was established by an Executive Order signed by the President on Dec. 18, 2014. The Task Force – which includes law enforcement representatives, community leaders, young adults and notable scholars – will examine, among other issues, how to strengthen public trust and foster strong relationships between local law enforcement and the communities that they protect, while also promoting effective crime reduction. Members of the Task Force will engage federal, state, tribal and local officials, subject matter experts, young leaders, and nongovernmental organizations through meetings and 21<sup>st</sup> century technology. The Task Force will also convene listening sessions where they will hear testimony, including proposed recommendations for consideration, from invited witnesses and also receive comments and questions from the public.

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