

Louisville Metro Police Department Reform Consent Decree Highlights



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What's in the Consent Decree?

The Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD) and Louisville Metro Government are entering a consent decree with the Department of Justice to address police misconduct. The decree is a legal agreement to protect the rights of Louisvillians through systemic reform within Louisville Metro and LMPD. Key reforms include:

Use of Force

- Emphasizing de-escalation techniques
- Using force only if reasonable and necessary
- Investigating every use of force
- Analyzing trends involving use of force across the department

Search Warrants

- Requiring specific and accurate statements of probable cause in applications
- Increasing safe and lawful execution of residential search warrants

Street Enforcement

- Safeguarding people's rights during stops, frisks, searches, and arrests

Fair & Impartial Enforcement

- Abating racial disparities
- Limiting pretextual stops

Community-Based Public Safety

- Supporting non-police outreach to unhoused people
- Implementing community-oriented policing

Behavioral Health Response

- Expanding non-police response to calls involving behavioral-health issues
- Ensuring appropriate dispatching
- Training officers to respond safely and effectively to mental health crises

Officer Training and Supervision

- Ensuring effective oversight and instruction
- Providing necessary support to officers

Officer Accountability

- Holding officers accountable for misconduct
- Thoroughly investigating complaints
- Implementing fair and consistent discipline

First Amendment Rights

- Protecting the right to protest, criticize, and record the police

Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Investigations

- Providing thorough, timely, and trauma-informed responses to people who report sexual assault, domestic violence, and sexual misconduct



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