

Minneapolis Police Department Reform

Consent Decree Highlights



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What's in the Consent Decree?

The Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) and the City of Minneapolis 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 community members through systemic reform within the City and MPD. Key reforms include:

Use of Force

- Emphasizing de-escalation techniques
- Using force only if reasonable, necessary, and proportional
- Accurately, timely, and complete reporting of all force used or observed
- Analyzing trends involving use of force across MPD

Fair and Impartial Policing

- Abating racial disparities
- Limiting pretextual stops
- Increasing safe and lawful execution of Traffic and Vehicle stops

Youth

- Avoid handcuffing children under the age of 14

Community-Based Public Safety

- Implementing community-oriented policing
- Engaging community members in reform

Behavioral Health Response

- Prioritizing non-police response to calls involving behavioral health issues
- More effectively equipping officers to respond to behavioral health calls
- Analyzing trends in the use of alternative response

Officer Training and Supervision

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

Officer Accountability

- Eliminating dismissal off-ramps
- Fair and consistent framing of complaints
- Thorough and timely investigating of complaints
- Holding officers accountable for misconduct
- Implementing fair and consistent discipline

First Amendment Rights

- Protecting the right to protest, criticize, and record the police
- Protecting protestors from retaliation



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