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CPD LAUNCHES POLICY SURVEYS AND FOCUS GROUPS AS PART OF ONGOING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EFFORT

*Chicago residents encouraged to participate in discussions
that will help shape Department policy and response*

CHICAGO – As part of the Department’s latest community engagement effort, the Chicago Police Department (CPD) has launched a series of public surveys on several impartial policing policies, and will begin conducting discussions with community members and individuals with lived experiences to gain feedback on ways to improve or develop policies later this month.

Members of the public have until Oct. 15, 2020, to complete online surveys on the following policy topics:

- [Response to Hate Crimes](#)
- [Prohibition of Sexual Misconduct](#)
- [Limited English Proficiency / Language Access](#)
- [Interactions with Religious Communities](#)
- [Interactions with People with Disabilities](#)
- [Interactions with Children & Youth \(18 & Over\)](#)
- [Interactions with Children & Youth \(Under 18\)](#)

“Policing fairly and without bias is vital to fostering positive relationships between CPD and the communities we serve,” said Deputy Superintendent Barbara West, who oversees the CPD Office of Constitutional Policing and Reform. “In order for our policies to be truly effective, they must reflect the community’s input, feedback and shared experiences.”

Part of the review process will involve the creation of community focus groups that will use a web-based communication platform to create a collaborative space for sharing feedback.

Those interested in attending a focus group for one of these specific policies are encouraged to complete the online form, [available here](#). Participants for focus groups will be selected at random and efforts will be made to ensure they accurately reflect the full diversity of the communities and residents our officers are sworn to serve and protect. Individuals selected to attend a focus group will be directly contacted by CPD. The Department will work to accommodate as many requests as possible, but will not be able to offer everyone a spot on a focus group.

As part of its commitment toward implementing the reform measures outlined in the consent decree, CPD will establish and maintain clear channels through which community members can provide input regarding CPD's use of force policies and propose revisions or additions to those policies. CPD will regularly review the input received, including during the biennial review process.

Earlier this year, CPD hosted a series of community meetings to engage different communities and gather feedback on draft policies that were required to be reviewed and revised as part of the City's consent decree, including use of force, crisis intervention, response to hate crimes and body-worn camera use.

To continue establishing trust within the communities they serve, CPD will also periodically post [policies](#) for public review and comment. The comment period for most policies will remain open for 15 days from the day it is published. Select policies will have longer comment periods. When the comment period closes, CPD will then review and consider comments received from the public before finalizing the [policy](#) and placing the directive in effect.

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