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Greetings,

First I would like to acknowledge the improvement in leadership over the last couple of years. My first LESC meeting gave me a sliver of hope as it was refreshing to hear the potential for higher standards of conduct and discipline, although I feel discipline doesn't seem to actually correct behavior. Correcting behavior happens with transformative change by healing harm that drives behavior because changing behavior through growth of moral character is effective due to transition from survival-based reactions to secure functioning.

Still, the goal of higher standards hopefully takes into consideration extensive lived experience from folx like myself, decades of being a witness to, target of, victim of, and survivor of police excessive and deadly force.....and knowing multiple friends, neighbors, family, mainly BIPOC and marginalized, and Indigenous like myself, negatively impacted by police violence. It seems they have such an inhuman hatred towards those of us who have serious trauma, tough upbringings, addictions, other mental health issues, and practicing our first amendment rights that could often benefit them.....they are completely unqualified to interact with us. This prevention needs to include extensive DEI anti-racism healing by qualified facilitators.

My most recent interaction with a Portland Police Officer at the waterfront protest last Saturday, I wanted to converse with him since he was just standing around, I was voicing my concern about the excessive and deadly force that the DOJ found in their lengthy investigation, which created the Settle Agreement, and then in conjunction with Measure 26-217 for Real Police Accountability voted for by 82% of voters, which created the Police Accountability Commission I was chosen to be on, and created the Community Board of Police Accountability, which was gutted by the city to prevent any real accountability and massive protests around the world for police accountability, it is such common knowledge that marginalized are treated with little to no humanity.

This officer obviously had an attitude toward me immediately, didn't want to engage in a meaningful way, so much for improving relations with community. I pointed out 3 incidents that ended in shooting "suspects" in the back & one killing with their bare hands, all black, all dead.

He basically said and I paraphrase he was pleased they took dangerous men off the streets to keep me safe. They were unarmed, hands in the air, but because one was a gang member it didn't matter he was unarmed, on his knees, back turned, hands in the air, the officer was actually proud of the fact they took him off the streets, judge, jury and EXECUTIONER!! I went home and cried, woke up in tears, and continued to cry because Accountability seems to be an empty buzz word, performative only, not taken seriously, due to lack of substance and clear actionable meaning.

The other one shot in the back 3 times running away, the suspect was actually white, but they shot a black man, no wonder black men run away, it is a natural human response especially when black men are so readily killed by cops. The other victim, a vet with severe PTSD, when the cops showed up he asked, am I gonna die, and he was right, dead within 3 minutes, unarmed. I have multiple examples which include my mentally ill father, and addict brothers.....police mentality is dangerous to us.....that's why we have the talk with our BIPOC teens when it's time to get their driver lic.....how to stay alive when pulled over by police.....because it doesn't take much to get killed by cop especially BIPOC, seems we aren't allowed the right to exist.

We understand their job is dangerous but it seems more dangerous for us because they have all the power and get away with murder.. And because their job is so dangerous they need mandatory mental health treatment their entire career to keep them off the lethal ledge.

I guess my concern is public testimony doesn't seem to be taken into consideration, there is no accountability, who keeps marginalized folx safe from police? There are multiple organizations with "community" members and other powers that be, all claiming to improve accountability, community relations, yet it seems to leave those marginalized folk out of the equation, nothing has seemed to have changed..

I really wanted to share that with you all for you to intentionally listen to us, include folx with my lived experience to be a part of your decision making. Take those moral characters as your values to hold your decisions up to to ensure actions align.

Otherwise, nothing is gonna change and more unarmed lives will be taken disproportionately marginalized.....I think of my Black Indigenous great grandson, 1 yr old and fear for his life even if he has done nothing wrong except be BIPOC because by the time he is 16yrs old, will any of this change.

Anyway,

In regards to Misuse of Confidential Information especially when an officer is reported to potentially be using LEDS to pry into their ex wives information (Probation/Parole) to then use that information to cause her harm.....how is that actually investigated and shouldn't it include

moral character out of policy with more extreme consequence....moral character doesn't change with a slap on the hand, it takes healing work. Especially when the information brings extra harm to the ex wife? Seems the fact that policing institutions continue to break laws with little to no consequences where the average citizen actually gets punishment/incarceration.....although I believe there should be help not handcuffs, but so far things simply allows the status quo to remain in tack. Prevention tools to keep officers from being able to access unofficial information is necessary with zero tolerance after the first offense.

When will there actually be accountability (reactive) preferably No deaths (preventive) to be accountable for.....so far nothing seems to have worked.

All that money that goes to police should go to resourcs because until community get their needs met, starting with mental health, addiction treatment, homes so they can stablize with wrap around services, nothing will change, and police will continue with reactive violence.

I held BLM Protests for years, one of my black comrades would attend weekly, I asked him to make a sign for the protest, he wasn't sure what to say, I said what is it you want most from the police.....he went to a corner of the city hall and after a while created a sign and brought it to me.....it said:

"STOP KILLING US". Another tearful expression of trauma.

Remember: "Lawsuits are not accountability nor justice." cmw

Hayu Masi (Many Thanks) you'll sound like somewhat on the right track but please hear me.

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***One of the greatest injustices perpetrated is under the badge of those who "claim" to Protect and Serve especially based on racial profiling!***