



City of Phoenix

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This report provides information relating to the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) Investigation into the Phoenix Police Department (PPD).

Summary

Since the DOJ announced its investigation into the PPD on Aug. 5, 2021, large numbers of PPD and City staff from various departments have supported and participated in the investigation. See prior updates on June 30, 2022, as well as Jan. 19, March 23, April 27, May 25, June 29, and Sept. 28, 2023.

The investigation mainly focuses on five areas:

- Excessive force in violation of the Fourth Amendment.
- Discriminatory policing that violates the Constitution and Federal Law.
- Retaliation against those engaged in First Amendment-protected activities.
- Violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) related to behavioral health disabilities.
- Violations of the rights of individuals experiencing homelessness with regards to the disposal of their property.

The investigation has also probed issues such as training, supervision, and accountability.

Update on Document and Video Sharing

The DOJ has made four formal requests for production of documents containing 234 specific requests. In response, the City has provided:

- More than 81,000 documents.
- Approximately 20 terabytes of data from multiple systems.
- Approximately 20,000 body-worn camera videos.
- Approximately 200 recordings of 911 calls.
- Interviews of over 100 PPD and City employees.
- 200 hours of ride-alongs with PPD.

Emphasis on De-escalation Training

PPD is implementing Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement (ABLE) and Integrating Communications, Assessment, and Tactics (ICAT), and Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training department wide. Below is an update on the number of trained personnel as of Sept. 26, 2023.

- ABLE Training: 1,223 personnel trained
- ICAT Training: 394 personnel trained
- CIT Certified Officers: 521 officers (not including other City employees such as Park Rangers, Dispatchers, Community Assistance Program (CAP) personnel, etc.

Mental Health Call Diversion

- Phoenix 911 dispatchers diverted 77 calls to CAP in the month of July.
- Phoenix 911 dispatchers diverted roughly 600 calls per month to the 988 crisis line.
- Upon assessing a scene for safety, Phoenix Police officers currently divert 10,000-15,000 people to the mental health system per year.

“Pattern or Practice” Investigation Opened in Memphis

On July 27, 2023, the DOJ formally launched a “Pattern or Practice” investigation into the Memphis Police Department.

- The investigation will examine if the Memphis Police Department violated the civil rights of its citizens by targeting certain people based on their race.
- This is the ninth such investigation opened by the DOJ in the last three years.
- This investigation was opened after Memphis’ request to participate in the DOJ’s Voluntary Technical Assistance Program (CRI-TAC).

Estimates on Cost of Reform in Minneapolis

- In September 2023, the Minneapolis, MN city council began considering budget proposals related to reforms in policing.
- The council budgeted \$27 million over the next two fiscal years (2023-24 and 2024-25) to implement reforms.
- \$1.5 million budgeted annually for a court-appointed monitor and monitor staff.
- \$7.6 million budgeted to hire 34 full-time positions.
- Roughly \$6 million in annual spending budgeted for future years.
- Above figures reported by the Minneapolis Star Tribune.

DOJ Pattern-or-Practice Investigations and Outcomes

See attached **Attachment A** for more information.

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by City Manager Jeffrey Barton and the Law Department.

Attachment A

Department of Justice (DOJ) Investigation Update DOJ Pattern-or-Practice Investigations and Outcomes

Updated as of 10/2/23
Open decrees/MOAs highlighted in gray

City	Type of Agreement
1. Pittsburgh	consent decree (1997-2002)
2. Steubenville	consent decree (1997-2005)
3. New Jersey State Police	consent decree (1999-2009)
4. Los Angeles PD	consent decree (2000-2013)
5. Highland Park Illinois	Memorandum of Agreement (2000-2004)
6. Washington, DC	Memorandum of Agreement (2001-2008)
7. Buffalo PD	Memorandum of Agreement (2002-2008)
8. Columbus, OH	litigation resolved by agreement (1999, 2002-2004)
9. Cincinnati, OH	MOA/consent decree (2002-2007)
10. Mt. Prospect, Illinois	Memorandum of Agreement (2003-2006)
11. Villa Rica, Ga	Memorandum of Agreement (2003-2006)
12. Montgomery Cty., Md.	Memorandum of Agreement — (2002-2005)
13. Detroit	consent decree (2003-2014)
14. Prince George's County, Md.	MOA/consent decree (2004-2007)
15. Orange Cty., Fl. Sheriff Dept.	Memorandum of Agreement (2010-2013)
16. Virgin Islands PD	consent decree (2009-present) (on their 5th monitor).
17. Easton PD	Memorandum of Agreement (2010-2015)
18. Beacon PD, NY	Memorandum of Agreement (2010-2016)
19. Seattle PD	consent decree (2012-2023)
20. East Haven PD, CT.	consent decree (2013-2017) (no record of close out on DOJ website)
21. Warren PD, OH	consent decree (2012-2019)
22. Portland, OR	consent decree (2012-present)
23. Missoula PD, Cty. Atty's Office et al.	Memorandum of Agreement (2013-2015)
24. New Orleans PD	consent decree (2013-present)
25. Puerto Rico PD	consent decree (2013-present)
26. Albuquerque PD	consent decree (2014–present)
27. Suffolk Cty. PD	Memorandum of Agreement — (2014-present)
28. Cleveland PD	MOA (2004-2005); consent decree (2015-present) amended 2022-present New monitor (3 rd or 4 th) appointed April 2023.
29. LA County Sheriff	consent decree (2015-present)

30. Meridian, MS	consent decree (2015-2023)
31. Maricopa Sheriff	consent decree (2015-present)
32. Miami, FL	Memorandum of Agreement (2016-2021) (unsigned reviewer reports)
33. Ferguson, Mo.	consent decree (2016-present) new monitor (3 rd) appointed in April 2023
34. Newark PD	consent decree (2016-present)
35. Alamance Cty. Sheriff	Memorandum of Agreement (2016-2021)
36. Yonkers PD	Memorandum of Agreement (2016-present)
37. Baltimore	consent decree (2017-present)
38. Chicago PD	consent decree (2019-present)
39. Springfield, MA (Narcotics Bureau)	Consent decree (2022-present)