

**NATIONAL POLICE
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A letter from our Executive Director



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In 2020, when George Floyd's murder shook the world, outraged people took to the streets, many for the first time. But the events of 2020 were not a shock for communities impacted daily by police violence who have long organized and advocated for change. They are the reason we do this work, not just when police brutality is in the spotlight, but in the everyday, relentless push for justice.

These next four years will test our mettle. President-elect Trump is expected to support police use of violent force, gut federal oversight of police departments, and enlist local law enforcement in his plans for mass deportation. Already over-policed communities will face further abuse as police power expands unchecked.

We will continue to provide legal expertise to grassroots groups

which will play a critical role in pressing local governments to limit unnecessary contacts between police and the public, including local law enforcement participation in mass deportations.

We will continue to train civil rights lawyers

especially in legal deserts, too often the same areas of the country where abuse of power goes unchecked.

We will continue to advocate for laws that protect civil rights

like our support of a Washington state bill that would allow the state to investigate police departments rather than relying on the DOJ.

Together, with your steadfast support, NPAP and our members will continue to respond to communities facing mounting challenges, defend civil rights and hold government officials accountable in the years that come.

Thank you!

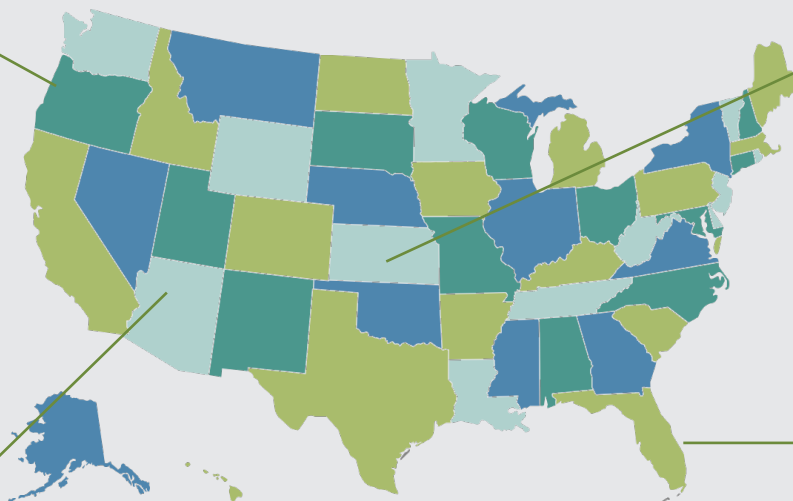
Empowering Communities



We are partnering with **Oregon Justice Resource Center** to unseal records and ensure the public has access to information about the two law enforcement agencies that police them.



We are partnering with **Poder in Action** to urge the City of Phoenix and the Department of Justice to give community members a meaningful seat at the table in the fight to reform the Phoenix PD.



JUSTICE

for Wyandotte

Together with **Justice for Wyandotte** we are working to hold the Kansas City, KS Police Department (KCKPD) accountable for the death of an elderly unhoused man who was shot in his back ten times when he attempted to flee from a police officer.

Together with **Chainless Change** we are holding Broward Co. Sheriff's Office accountable for the death of a man who was fatally attacked by deputies while experiencing a mental health crisis.





Demanding Justice

FOR LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI

Across the country, problematic policing is rampant in small towns, and Lexington, Mississippi, is a stark example.

On March 6, 2022, Peter Reeves, director of Lexington's youth football program, learned this firsthand. Weeks after speaking out against the town's racially targeted roadblocks, police stopped him, tore apart his car for an hour, and arrested him without cause.

This was more than a warning—it was a message to anyone brave enough to speak up.

In this small majority-Black town (population 1,200), where over 300 racially-targeted roadblocks in a year turned daily drives into acts of fear, NPAP stepped in to amplify the community's fight.

98% of the people arrested and ticketed at the roadblocks were Black. Roadblocks had become a source of revenue for the town with citations for minor infractions such as broken tail lights raising thousands of dollars per month for the small town.

Partnering with the local civil rights nonprofit JULIAN, we used our legal expertise to reveal the true nature of these practices: tools of control and intimidation. Our work laid the foundation for a U.S. Department of Justice investigation that confirmed what we brought to light—unconstitutional policing, excessive force, and racial discrimination.

Over 50% of the police forces in America look like Lexington's with 10 officers or fewer where, due to lack of oversight and accountability, abusive policing can prevail. We can be certain that the DOJ under President Trump will not intervene, making NPAP's role as watchdog and advocate for these small communities more critical than ever. We stand with them.



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