



PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS & HOUSE DEMOCRATIC POLICY COMMITTEE JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

Topic: Police Reform
G-50 Irvis Office Building – Harrisburg, PA
August 5, 2020

AGENDA

- 1:00 p.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 1:10 p.m. Panel One:
- Police Commissioner Osborne (Moe) Robinson
Police Commissioner, City of York Police Department
 - Police Chief Timothy Damon
Chief of Police, York Area Regional Police Department
President, York County Chief of Police Association
 - Bishop Carl Scott
Bishop, Bible Tabernacle Christian Center
Past President, Black Ministers Association of York County
 - Pastor Dr. Ramona Kinard
Pastor, Wheatfield Church of the Living God
Vice President, Black Ministers Association of York County
 - Senior Pastor Bill Kerney
Senior Pastor, Covenant Family Ministries
President, Black Ministers Association of York County
 - Rev. Aaron Anderson
CEO, Logos Academy
Member, Black Ministers Association of York County
- 1:50 p.m. *Questions & Answers*
- 2:10 p.m. Panel Two:
- Jamiel Alexander
Community Organizer and National Activist
 - AliceAnne Frost
CEO, The PROGRAM, It's About Change
 - Richard Craighead
Founder, Inclusive Arts Movement York
- 2:30 p.m. *Questions & Answers*
- 2:50 p.m. Closing Remarks

BUILDING TRUST

York's ministers and police chiefs have been gathering quietly every month since 2016. Their goal is simple: prevent racial-fueled catastrophes like Ferguson or Baltimore from erupting here in York...

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INVITATION TO A CONVERSATION.

Building **TRUST** between police and community



MISSION: To be a racially diverse movement of police chiefs, clergy, and community leaders in York that encourages relationships, reconciliation, and dialogue between law enforcement and community

VISION: York develops a reputation as *One York: a peaceful and thriving community* in the following:

- Mutual respect, honor, and trust between police, other law enforcement, and community
- Fairness and justice in the way our community is policed
- An increase in cooperation toward the safety of our community

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**YORK COUNTY CHIEFS OF POLICE AND CLERGY STAND TOGETHER
FOR JUSTICE**

We offer our deepest sympathies, condolences, and prayers to the family and friends of Mr. George Floyd.

The York County Association of Chiefs of Police and local clergy, including the Black Ministers Association of York County, stand united in our outrage and condemnation of the reprehensible use of deadly force by police officers in Minneapolis, MN that led to the senseless and tragic death of Mr. George Floyd. There can be no allowance in law enforcement for officers who commit such

A photograph of two men walking on a sidewalk. The man on the left is wearing a dark suit, glasses, and is smiling while looking down. He is carrying a dark bag. The man on the right is wearing a dark police uniform with a badge and patches, and is looking at a smartphone. They are walking past a red brick building on the left and a tree on the right. The scene is outdoors on a sunny day.

relationships

Good Day, Representatives!

Thank you to my State Rep. Carol Hill-Evans from the 95th District where I reside and “A place we call home” – York City

My name is Jamiel L. Alexander: I am a God-fearing believer, husband to Liz Morales-Alexander and a father to James & Mia Johnson. My family consist of blood, blended and beyond, a few of you in which I have honor to serve with and consider sisters & brothers in arms as we reform this system together.

I have distinguished honor working & serving with in my life’s purpose at Aspen Institute: Forum For Community Solutions as a Senior fellow that came out with a report on>>>>> [Ending This Place of Torment: A framework for transforming the criminal justice continuum](#)

From participant, to alum and as a consultant serving with program(s) at Crispus Attucks Youth Build Americorps that has programs that serves and gives opportunities to our world internationally with over 265 programs has proven facts and data how it can be a tool to almost wipe out recidivism among young people >>>>> [YouthBuild USA Report on Recidivism Reduction](#)

As a brother in arms, Bro JLA, I also, serve on the Re-Entry Coalition of York County with efforts to educate those who have become victims, the few who have made wrong choices and also to the staff and practitioners who unconsciously have become victims in perpetuating a system that was created by design to keep black/brown people marginalized and trying to live with a knee on our necks wanting to rise.

As a founding member of the National Council of Young Leaders in 2011 we began to raise our awareness by educating ourselves how Criminal Justice System must be reformed/dismantled-defund/reallocate etc... and went across this country advocating for this by presenting these [Recommendations to Increase Opportunity & Decrease Poverty in America](#) ...DO YOU HERE ME NOW

Locally, with the My Brother’s Keeper & now Keepers of the Flames, a Governing Member of Group Violence Intervention/Juvenile Violence Intervention-in which every community member is volunteering by Being the change we seek through mentoring & other various ways—with no funding, limited capacity which sometimes hearts my heart when we do what we can with what we have and the system fails to see, support and serve.

The currents the flows in the transitions is life has lead me on a journey of reforming criminal justice and more recent effort in a “Call To Action” due to the death of Georg Floyd, my community, gather in Penn Park and became a committee who has made it’s purpose to focus on police brutal in which some say is an act of domestic terrorism itself and has gone viral daily giving light to the things our families have experienced.

I do not have to tell you the data the shows the overlapping disparities, the facts of the school to prison pipe-line, the intel that informs prisons being built for adults because of what “they” see in children at 2nd grade, I do not have a blind eye in this rude awakening you realizing the moment is NOW with a understanding of how a cage awaits them like a lost animal being baited with food (drug, money, false-hopes) as if they are to blame for trying to make the best and finding ways to feed ourselves, the best way we know how, with what we have been taught, navigating in these streets in survival mode and as our senses heightens to get closer as we smell what seems to be like the victor in feeding our malnutrition mind, body & souls, I did not see the cage as I devoured what was strategical design but heard the cage close behind me and reality set in and almost lost my appetite for life itself.....the moment is NOW.....”If not us, then who, If not now, then when” -Sleep In Power: Congressman John. R. Lewis