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## Minnesota Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights Announces Public Meeting: Policing Practices Statement of Concern

Minneapolis, MN – On Friday, June 05, 2020, the Minnesota Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a public meeting to discuss the ongoing crisis of police brutality in Minnesota. The Committee will review the findings and recommendations of their 2018 report *Civil Rights and Policing Practices in Minnesota* which identified a need for comprehensive use-of-force training, training in de-escalation techniques, and training in mental health interventions.

The Committee will review the outreach conducted in 2018 and will evaluate the need to further disseminate their findings and recommendations in light of the unrest in the state following the murder (as certified by two separate autopsies) of George Floyd by the Minneapolis police.

The meeting will take place on **Friday**, **June 05**, **2020**, **from 12:00 p.m.** – **1:30 p.m.** (**Central Time.**) This meeting is free and open to the public. Interested members of the public can access the meeting by calling **800-367-2403** and using **Confirmation Code 6816733**. There will be an open public comment period during the meeting. The Committee will also accept written statements submitted to Carolyn Allen at <u>callen@usccr.gov</u>.

Following the meeting, the Committee may issue a statement to the United States Commission on Civil Rights. The public is invited to attend.

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