



NEWS RELEASE
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U. S. Commission on Civil Rights Announces NYC Briefing on Police Practices and Use of Force

WASHINGTON -- The Commission on Civil Rights will hold a briefing to hear from experts concerning current police tactics, training and field implementation to help identify practices that could avoid deadly confrontations.

WHAT: Briefing on Police Practices and Use of Force

WHEN: April 20, 2015 from 9:00 am - 5:45 pm ET

WHERE: John Jay College of Criminal Justice
860 11th Avenue (**Note: Attendees MUST use this entrance to gain access to the building**)
Student Dining Hall, 2nd Floor
New York City, NY 10019

MEDIA: **Media with videocameras must RSVP to reserve space**

WEBSTREAM: <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/u-s-commission-on-civil-rights>

Panel I. 9:10 a.m. —10:40 a.m. - Community Leaders, Civilian Review Boards, and Police Organizations

- Talila Lewis, Helping Educate to Advance the Rights of the Deaf
- Richard Davis, The Arc, National Center on Criminal Justice and Disability
- Montague Simmons, Organization for Black Struggle
- Felix Vargas, Consejo Latino
- Matthew Fogg, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition
- Sean Smoot, Police Benevolent & Protective Assn of Illinois

Panel II. Law 10:40 a.m.—12:10 p.m. – Law Enforcement Officials and Experts on Police Accountability and Use of Force

- Cedrick Alexander, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Officers
- Bob Metzger, Pasco Police Department
- Evan Bernick, The Institute for Justice
- John DeCarlo, John Jay College
- Pamela Meanes, National Bar Association

Lunch Break—12:10 p.m.—1:10 p.m.

Panel III. 1:15 p.m.—2:45 p.m. - Court Officials and Experts on Procedural Justice and Legal Reforms

- Hon. Lawrence K. Mark, NY Unified Court Systems
- Ezekiel Edwards, American Civil Liberties Union
- James Chanin, Law Office of James Chanin
- Delores Jones-Brown, John Jay College
- Jonathan Blanks, Cato Institute

Panel IV. 2:45 p.m. —4:15 p.m. - Federal Agencies and Federally-funded Initiatives

- Ron Davis, Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services
- William Sabol, Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics
- Ellen Scrivner, the Police Foundation

Panel V. 4:15 p.m.—5:45 p.m. - Researchers and Data Collection Experts

- Heather MacDonald, Manhattan Institute
- Fritz Umbach, John Jay College
- David Klinger, University of Missouri St. Louis
- Jon Shane, John Jay College
- Sam Walker, University of Nebraska

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