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## **Minnesota Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights Releases Report on Policing Practices**

Washington, D.C. – The Minnesota Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has released a major [report](#) on policing practices in the state. The report documents civil rights concerns and discusses possible strategies for implementing the recommendations put forth by [The President’s Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing](#). The Committee offers the Commission recommendations for addressing this issue of national importance. Among them are: integrating community policing activities into officer performance evaluation systems; enhancing collaboration with community groups; training on proper use of Tasers, chemical irritants, and other lethal and less-lethal weapons; creation and implementation of standard operating procedures regarding use of body cameras; and training in de-escalation techniques and mental health interventions.

The Committee held a series of public panel discussions to inform the report, receiving testimony from community members, advocates, academics, legal professionals, and government officials. Public materials related to the report can be view on the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) [database](#).

Committee Chair Velma Korbel said: “I’d like to thank the Minnesota Advisory Committee and U.S. Commission on Civil Rights staff for their work on producing this study report and recommendations. I extend a special appreciation to members of the community and agency representatives that gave their time and their testimonies, which were crucial in bringing this report to fruition. I look forward to sharing the results of this work with the Commission.”

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