

Mayor Turner's Task Force on Policing Reform

Recommendations and Implementation



"This is a transformational moment for the city of Houston. The events of the past have highlighted a need for police reform in our country and in our community. We are moving forward to improve police policies and build mutual trust and respect between the police and the community."

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sylvester Turner".

LIMITS ON USE OF DEADLY FORCE

June 10, 2020 – Following George Floyd's funeral, Mayor Turner signed Executive Order 1-67 on the Use of Deadly Force in the HPD:

- Bans use of excessive force
- Bans chokeholds
- Requires officers to intervene
- Restricts when officers can shoot at moving vehicles
- Calls for a use-of-force continuum
- Requires officers, when possible, to give verbal warnings before using deadly force
- Requires comprehensive use of reporting

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

September 2020 – Mayor's Task Force on Policing Reform, Chaired by Larry Payne, submitted 104 recommendations

April 29, 2021 – Announced implementation of more than half of the recommendations:

- Release body-camera video within 30 days
- Bans "no-knock" warrants for nonviolent offenses
- Restructures Independent Oversight Board (IPOB) and names new Chair
- Names Deputy Inspector General to serve in the new Office of Policing Reform and Accountability
- Announces new online Police Transparency Dashboard improving how the public files complaints and accesses information on the newly designed website.
- Invests \$25 million in crisis intervention and domestic violence programs
- Commits to Safe Harbor Courts for those who cannot afford warrants and fines



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