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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 try to determine what practices lead to avoidable but deadly confrontations and what can be done to eliminate or substantially reduce them.

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
524 West 59th Street
New York City, NY 10019

AGENDA:

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

- Montague Simmons, Organization for Black Struggle
- Felix Vargas, Consejo Latino
- Nikole Hannah-Jones, ProPublica
- Brian Connell, NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board
- 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. Marks (Deputy Chief Administration Judge), NY Court of Appeals
- 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, Community Oriented Policing
- 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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Deaf or hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact Pam Dunston at (202) 376-8105.

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