



# OFFICE OF POLICE OVERSIGHT



## **Hispanic/Latino QOL Resource Advisory Commission**

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# Agenda

- OPO Overview
- BIPOC communities & policing
- Enhancing Transparency
  - How to File a Complaint/ Thank You
- Building Partnerships
  - Community Outreach
  - Know Your Rights
- Questions



Transforming  
Accountability

Enhancing  
Transparency

Creating  
Partnerships



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## Mission Statement

The mission of the Office of Police Oversight (OPO) is to provide impartial oversight of the Austin Police Department's conduct, practices, and policies to enhance accountability, inform the public to increase transparency and create sustainable partnerships throughout the community.

## Three Main Focus Areas



# 2018-2019 Report findings relevant to BIPOC communities

## Joint Report: Analysis of APD's 2019 Racial Profiling Data

- Black/African American drivers are the **most overrepresented** group in motor vehicle stops, making up approximately 8% of the Austin population, 14% of the motor vehicle stops, 25% of searches, and 25% of the arrests, and were the **only demographic** to receive more high discretion than low discretion searches
- The Black/African American driving population had **two times** more motor vehicle stops per driving population than the White/Caucasian driving population. White/Caucasians and Asians received a higher percentage of **warnings/field observations** at 63% and 64%, respectively
- Black/African Americans were **three times** more likely to be **searched** and were approximately **three times** more likely to be **arrested** than White/Caucasians
- Hispanic/Latino drivers make up 34% of motor vehicle stops and 43% of arrests resulting from stops, but make up 31% of Austin's adult population
- Hispanic/Latinos received the highest percentage of **citations** at 44%

## 2018 Officer-Involved Shooting Report

- Austin officer-involved shootings in 2018 showed that 7 out of 12 incidents involved Latinx individuals.
- Most individuals involved in the 2018 incidents were ethnic minorities, specifically Latinx males, and most individuals involved in the 2018 incidents were between 20-28 years old.
- The highest concentration of Officer-Involved Shootings occurred in City Council District 2, the borders of which closely mirror those of APD's Frank sector. District 2 and Frank sector cover southeast Austin.

# How to Make a Complaint/Thank you

[www.atxpoliceoversight.org](http://www.atxpoliceoversight.org)

## File a complaint about an Austin police officer

File a complaint about the Austin Police Department online, over the phone, in person, or by mail. You do not have to provide your contact information.

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Select an option for filing a complaint.

Online

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Over the phone

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In person

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By mail

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# Community Engagement

- 41 community events attended in 2021
  - Tabling - office hours, resource fairs, Back to School events, festivals, conferences
  - Presentations - service providers, community meetings
    - APD's Use of Force policies
  - Flyering in Districts 1- 4
  - Townhalls
    - Race and Policing in Austin
    - People with Disabilities and Policing

## Current

- Reviewing APD's policies on body-worn camera and dashboard camera



**Save the Date!**  
**May 21, 2021 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

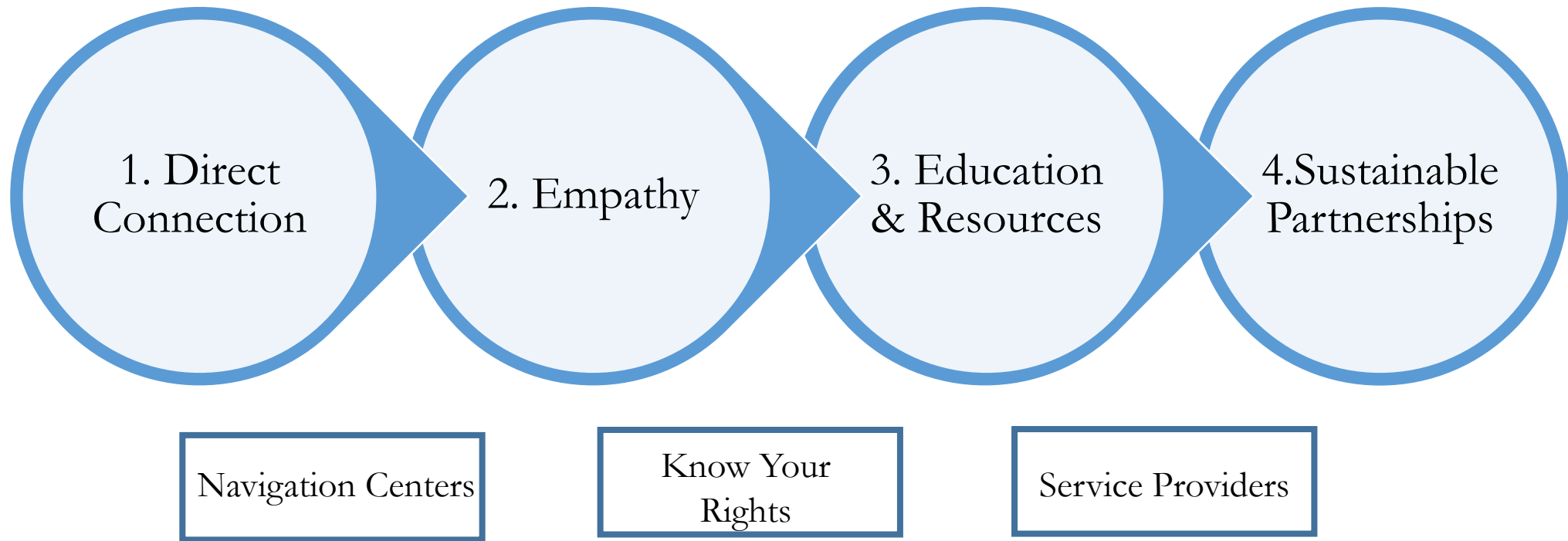
## **Townhall on Public Safety: People With Disabilities and Policing**

The Office of Police Oversight, the Mayor's Office, the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities, and the Equity Office invite you to take part in a conversation amplifying the voices of people with disabilities and their unique experiences with policing in Austin.

This conversation is open to the general public and is an opportunity to both share lived experiences and learn from fellow community members.



# Focused Outreach



# Equity-Minded Community Engagement

Engaging with Communities in Fear

## The Goal of Community Engagement



## The Reality of Community Fear





# Education & Resources

- Intro to OPO
  - Service Providers (i.e. case managers)
  - Community/Grassroots Organizations
  - Community Leaders
- Know Your Rights
  - In-person information sessions
  - Video campaign



Know Your Rights – The Right to Remain Silent

# Why & How We're Currently Engaging the Community to rewrite APD's General Orders

- **If implemented**, the following will improve:
  - Safety of community members and police officers
  - Transparency with the community
  - Increase accountability
  - Help reduce the number of use-of-force incidents by reducing the number that occur
- Improvements are key to **advancing equity** and **reducing disparities**.
- We acknowledge deficiencies
  - Power of equipping community with tools for further education & advocacy

Body-worn and dashboard camera event dates

February 23, 2022 @ 6:00 pm

March 2, 2022 @ 6:00 pm

March 9, 2022 @ 6:00 pm

March 16, 2022 @ 6:00 pm

Survey online at [SpeakUpAustin.org/apdcameras](https://SpeakUpAustin.org/apdcameras) or at any Austin Public Library branch

Survey deadline: April 1, 2022



# Looking ahead

- How can we best connect with you and your communities?
- Any thoughts, questions, comments, concerns?



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## Thank you!



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