



FAMILIES
DESERVE TO
KNOW WHAT
HAPPENED

WHY NOT

FULL FOOTAGE FOR FAMILIES



THE PROBLEM:

DC government limits the information it shares when someone is killed by the police with families, it prevents families like my own to understand what happened, heal, and prevents us from trusting police in our marginalized communities. Families have to try and piece together exactly what happened on the day our loved ones live ended.

THE IMPACT:

What kind of people are hurt? How are they hurt? How many people are hurt? Why should this matter to the target? Some of my facts This impacts black families etc. personal story if I would like. Black people are killed at a disproportionate rate, "almost three times more likely" to be killed by police than a white person 21 Black men killed by MPD between 2018-2023



Under MPD's current leadership, the annual number of complaints of police misconduct reached an all-time high of 780 in 2018



This impacts and hurts the entire DC community; and particularly urban marginalized communities. Between 2018 and 2023 police have killed 21 Black people. The Washington Post reported, "MPD has a collective budget of over \$600 million dollars per year and its over-policing of Black communities has resulted in one of the highest racial disparities in police killings in the country."

Black neighborhoods are heavily saturated and Black residents are specially targeted. Between July 22 and December 31, 2019, after legislation and a court order, MPD collected data on an astonishing 63,000 police stops.



An initiative cracking down on gun crimes in the District targeted three predominantly Black wards and was not enforced citywide as announced, U.S. prosecutors acknowledged in court records, drawing attacks that the policy disproportionately subjected African American defendants to lengthier prison terms. At the time, D.C. Police Chief Peter Newsham said he was unaware the initiative was being implemented in only certain parts of the District.

It is difficult to assess what, if any, bias or negligence contributed to deaths caused by MPD, without more information and evidence from District leadership. Strategically, the city has publicly disclosed the minimum evidence required by law in body camera footage.



Much like the killings by Kyle Rittenhouse in Wisconsin and George Zimmerman in Florida, the central concern here is not only whether the shooter had to defend himself, but whether the shooter created the situation in which he had to defend himself.

The Solution:

Currently DC's Body Camera Footage Legislation requires the public release of the footage involving deadly force by MPD. In addition to the release of the footage; DC should also release all footage from all officers, before, during, and after the incident. The family should also receive; death cert and the option of an independent autopsy.

"Hide nothing from the masses of our people. Tell no lies. Expose lies whenever they are told. Mask no difficulties, mistakes, failures. Claim no easy victories..."

AMILCAR CABRAL