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**Mapping Police Violence with County Police Leadership**

*Deltas host “The Hidden Cost of Police Misconduct & Why Training Is Important” Virtual Forum*

**May 10, 2022, Prince William, VA --** On Monday, June 6 from 6:30 to 8 p.m., the Prince William County Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta (PWCAC DST) will host its second virtual forum focused on policing in the community. M*apping Police Violence*: *The Hidden Cost of Police Misconduct & Why Training Is Important* will explore the hidden cost of police misconduct and why training is important with Prince William County Police Chief Peter Newsham and Major Kimberly Chisely-Missouri, the department’s new Assistant Chief.

The Washington Post documented nearly 40,000 payments involving allegations of police misconduct in 25 departments, totaled over $3 billion. Black people were more likely to be killed by police, more likely to be unarmed and less likely to be threatening someone when killed. Fifty-seven percent (57%) of killings by police in 2021 — 606 deaths — were traffic stops, police responses to mental health crises, or situations where the person was not reportedly threatening anyone with a gun. Creating alternative responses to these situations could substantially reduce this violence nationwide.

Prince William County has received $250,000 in federal funds to address use of force. This program will allow residents to have an open dialogue with Chief Newsham and Major Chisely-Missouri on how together law enforcement and the community can reimagine public safety and the police department’s plans for how the funds will be used.

The community is invited to attend the forum on Zoom and learn more police department efforts and initiatives to address police brutality before it becomes a major issue in the County. Like the first forum, *Reimagining Public Safety,* held in February*,* there will be time for guests to get their questions answered*.* Register at <https://bit.ly/3vM54gm> for this forum.

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