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Dear Counsel:

Pursuant to the March 30, 2023 Consent Decree between the Plaintiffs and the City of Philadelphia in *Smith v. City of Philadelphia*, No. 2:20-cv-03431, the City agreed to host a bi-annual public forum where a Deputy Commissioner would report on use-of-force incidents in PSAs 181 and 182 from the preceding six months. (ECF 81). The Consent Decree specifies that the report “given at this meeting will include a written summary of data on stops, frisks, arrests, and any incident for which a Use of Force Report is required under PPD’s Directive 10.2,” and that the forum will provide an opportunity for “questions from community members in attendance.”

On October 30, 2024, members of the West Philadelphia community met at Lucien E. Blackwell West Philadelphia Library for the fourth bi-annual report, which was provided by Deputy Commissioners Fran Healy and Joel Dales. Several questions were posed to Deputy Commissioners Healy and Dales, and this letter memorializes questions posed by members of the community to the PPD to which answers are requested:

- How many times have PPD officers been investigated and/or disciplined for failure to self-report use of force?
- How many Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) co-response teams are operable in the city? How has that changed between May 7 and October 30, 2024?
 - Are there any plans to replace Consortium with a new service provider?
- What percentage of incidents in which police or co-response were called to address a mental health crisis involved use of force?
- What are the PPD’s policies regarding the administration of Narcan?

- Has an investigation been initiated into the Inquirer allegations of improper Narcan use on individuals who were not overdosing, and could we be notified upon its completion?
- What training does the PPD provide to its personnel on recognizing and responding to overdoses?
- What data does the PPD collect regarding assistance requests from other police departments, including the University of Pennsylvania Police and other private police forces operating within city limits?
- On October 18, a Penn student’s home was raided pursuant to a warrant related to suspicion of vandalism. Police involved identified themselves as twelve officers from the University of Pennsylvania Police Department and one from the Philadelphia Police Department. Can you confirm the Philadelphia Police Department’s involvement in this incident? Additionally, what is the PPD’s general policy regarding involvement in cases falling under the jurisdiction of the University of Pennsylvania Police Department?

Questions were also raised regarding the increase in vehicle stops and pedestrian searches, despite the implementation of the “Mere Encounter” program (PHILA. POLICE DEP’T, DIRECTIVE NO. 12.8: VEHICLE OR PEDESTRIAN INVESTIGATIONS PLEAC (2.4.1) (Feb. 18, 2022)) and Driving Equality Bill (Phila., Pa., Code title 12, ch. 12-1700):

- Is PPD tracking the race of individuals pulled over for vehicle code violations? If so, please provide this data disaggregated by race for the past six months.
- Is there data on the number of “mere encounters” and how many escalate into further police action?

We expect that PPD will provide a response regarding each point to Plaintiff’s counsel by December 9, 2024.

Finally, we would also like to establish and date and time for the next Police Accountability Forum this spring in May. Please provide some available times for the next forum during the first two weeks in May.

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