

Policing Transparency and Accountability Checklist

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Preamble

The objective of this tool is to provide local law enforcement agencies with suggestions that they may elect to use to increase their transparency and accountability. Local agencies should adapt the tool for their own use, including items that are relevant for them, excluding those that are not. This tool is NOT intended to be an evaluation tool to be imposed on agencies, but it is reasonable for agencies to use it internally to assess how they are doing over time in their efforts to improve their transparency and accountability. When first using this tool, it is recommended that an agency score itself using the tool, and then periodically restore their efforts to track if they are becoming increasingly or decreasingly transparent.

Crimes Known to the Police

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| Does your agency record computerized data on crimes known to the police? | Yes/No |
| If so, does your agency post online summary statistics describing crimes known to the police)? | Yes/No |
| If so, are these summary statistics reported by geographic areas (e.g., police districts/precincts)? | Yes/No |
| If so, are these summary statistics reported by demographic characteristics (e.g., race/ethnicity)? | Yes/No |
| If so, are these summary statistics reported by both geographic areas and demographic characteristics? | Yes/No |

Police Calls for Service

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| Does your agency record computerized data on calls for service? | Yes/No |
| If so, does your agency post online summary statistics describing calls for service? | Yes/No |
| If so, are these summary statistics reported by geographic areas (e.g., police districts/precincts)? | Yes/No |
| If so, are these summary statistics reported by demographic characteristics (e.g., race/ethnicity)? | Yes/No |
| If so, are these summary statistics reported by both geographic areas and demographic characteristics? | Yes/No |

Arrests

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| Does your agency record computerized data on arrests? | Yes/No |
| If so, does your agency post online summary statistics describing arrests (e.g., number of arrests for major crime types)? | Yes/No |

If so, are these summary statistics reported by geographic areas (e.g., police districts/precincts)? **Yes/No**
If so, are these summary statistics reported by demographic characteristics (e.g., race/ethnicity)? **Yes/No**
If so, are these summary statistics reported by **both** geographic areas and demographic characteristics? **Yes/No**

Traffic Stops

Does your agency record computerized data on traffic stops? **Yes/No**
If so, does your agency post online summary statistics describing traffic stops (number of stops)? **Yes/No**
If so, are these summary statistics reported by geographic areas (e.g., police districts/precincts)? **Yes/No**
If so, are these summary statistics reported by demographic characteristics (e.g., race/ethnicity)? **Yes/No**
If so, are these summary statistics reported by **both** geographic areas and demographic characteristics? **Yes/No**

Field Stops/Street Checks

Does your agency record computerized data on field stops/street checks? **Yes/No**
If so, does your agency post online summary statistics describing stops/street checks (number of stops)? **Yes/No**
If so, are these summary statistics reported by geographic areas (e.g., police districts/precincts)? **Yes/No**
If so, are these summary statistics reported by demographic characteristics (e.g., race/ethnicity)? **Yes/No**
If so, are these summary statistics reported by **both** geographic areas and demographic characteristics? **Yes/No**

Post-Stop Searches

Does your agency record computerized data on post-stop searches? **Yes/No**
If so, does your agency post online summary statistics describing post-stop searches (e.g., number of searches, outcome of search)? **Yes/No**
If so, are these summary statistics reported by geographic areas (e.g., police districts/precincts)? **Yes/No**
If so, are these summary statistics reported by demographic characteristics (e.g., race/ethnicity)? **Yes/No**
If so, are these summary statistics reported by **both** geographic areas and demographic characteristics? **Yes/No**

Citizen Complaints

Does your agency record computerized data on citizen complaints against officers? **Yes/No**
If so, does your agency post online summary statistics describing citizen complaints (e.g., number of complaints)? **Yes/No**
If so, does your agency post online summary statistics describing the outcomes of citizen complaints? **Yes/No**
On average, are investigations of citizen complaints completed within a year or less? **Yes/No**

Physical Use of Force

- Does your agency record computerized data on physical use of force (including deadly force) used by officers? **Yes/No**
- If so, does your agency post online summary statistics describing use of physical use of force? **Yes/No**
- If so, are these summary statistics reported by geographic areas (e.g., police districts/precincts)? **Yes/No**
- If so, are these summary statistics reported by demographic characteristics (e.g., race/ethnicity)? **Yes/No**
- If so, are these summary statistics reported by **both** geographic areas and demographic characteristics? **Yes/No**

Violence Against Police Officers

- Does your agency record computerized data concerning physical assaults on police officers? **Yes/No**
- If so, does your agency post online summary statistics describing physical assaults on police officers (e.g., number of incidents)? **Yes/No**

Internal Affairs

- Does your agency record computerized data concerning internal affairs investigations? **Yes/No**
- If so, does your agency post online summary statistics describing the outcomes of these investigations? **Yes/No**
- On average, are investigations resolved within a year or less? **Yes/No**

Cameras

- Does your agency use dash cameras? **Yes/No**
- If so, does your agency have a written policy concerning the release of video footage? **Yes/No**
- Does your agency use body worn cameras? **Yes/No**
- If so, is this footage available to the general public upon request? **Yes/No**

Citizens Review/Advisory Board

- Does your agency have a citizen review/advisory board? **Yes/No**
- If so, does the citizen review/advisory board have investigatory powers? **Yes/No**
- If so, does the citizen review/advisory board have the authority to make recommendations? **Yes/No**

Community Meetings/Community Engagement through Social Media

- Does your agency hold scheduled public meetings with citizens on at least a quarterly basis? **Yes/No**
- Does your agency communicate with the community via social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter)? **Yes/No**