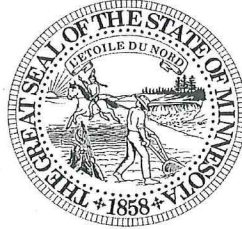


# STATE OF MINNESOTA

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



**MARK DAYTON**  
**GOVERNOR**

**Executive Order 16-09**

### **Establishing the Governor's Council on Law Enforcement and Community Relations**

**I, Mark Dayton, Governor of the State of Minnesota**, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

**Whereas**, in the last year, Minnesota has seen tragic events related to the use of deadly force by law enforcement officers and has recognized the need to address the interactions of law enforcement and members of diverse communities;

**Whereas**, these tragic events led to local and national protests concerning police and community relations, social justice, criminal justice reform, and other issues regarding trust and oversight of the law enforcement organizations;

**Whereas**, the tragic deaths of police officers in Dallas, Texas, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Palm Springs, California, and the deaths of other law enforcement officers throughout the United States have further aggravated these issues; and

**Whereas**, all Minnesotans have a stake in building trust and cooperation between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve, thereby creating a safer and more harmonious Minnesota.

**Now, Therefore**, I hereby order that:

1. The Governor's Council on Law Enforcement and Community Relations (the Council) be established to independently review quantitative and qualitative data and make policy recommendations to the Governor and Legislature that will lead to substantive changes and strengthen police and community relations. Additionally, these recommendations should protect law enforcement officers and members of communities, thereby improving trust in the criminal justice and law enforcement systems.
2. Fourth District Judge Pamela G. Alexander, and Grand Rapids Police Chief, Scott Johnson shall serve as non-voting Co-Chairs of the Council.

3. The Council shall also include the following voting members:
  - a. One representative from Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association;
  - b. One representative from the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST);
  - c. One representative from Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association;
  - d. One representative from the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association;
  - e. One representative from Minnesota Department of Public Safety;
  - f. One representative from National Black, Latino, Asian, and Somali Police Officers Associations;
  - g. One representative from National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (State of Minnesota);
  - h. One representative from Minnesota Tribal Nations;
  - i. One representative from Latino LEAD;
  - j. One representative from the Black Ministerial Alliance;
  - k. One representative from the Council on American-Islamic Relations;
  - l. One representative from ISALAH;
  - m. One representative from Black Lives Matter;
  - n. One representative from Minnesota County Attorneys Association; and
  - o. One representative from Minnesota Youth Council.
4. The Council shall also include the following 17 ex-officio members:
  - a. One representative from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety;
  - b. One representative from Office of Gov. Mark Dayton and Lt. Governor Tina Smith;
  - c. One representative from Minnesota Department of Human Rights;
  - d. One representative from the family of Jamar Clark;
  - e. One representative from the family of Philando Castile;
  - f. One Member of the Majority Party in the Minnesota Senate;
  - g. One Member of the Minority Party in the Minnesota Senate;
  - h. One Member of the Majority Party in the Minnesota House of Representatives;
  - i. One Member of the Minority Party in the Minnesota House of Representatives;
  - j. One representative from the National Baptist Convention (Minnesota);
  - k. One representative from the Coalition of Asian American Leaders;
  - l. One representatives from the Minnesota Council of Non-Profits;
  - m. One representative from the League of Minnesota Cities;
  - n. One representative from Minnesota Community Foundation;
  - o. One representative from Minnesota Council on Foundations;
  - p. One representative from Association of Minnesota Counties; and
  - q. One representative from Law Enforcement Labor Services of Minnesota.
5. The Council may choose to form the following Work Groups, which could address some of the proposals and recommendations submitted:
  - a. Criminal Justice and Social Justice Reform Work Group;
  - b. Police Training Work Group;
  - c. Law Enforcement Workplace and Policy Oversight and Diversity Recruitment and Retention Work Group;
  - d. Community and Law Enforcement Health and Wellness Group;
  - e. Policy Development and Implementation Work Group; and
  - f. Other Work Groups, as the Co-Chairs shall authorize.

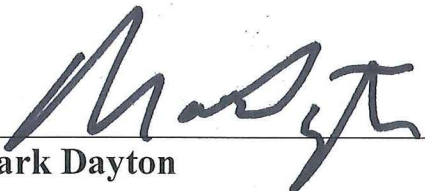


6. The Council shall have the following duties:

- a. Advise the Governor, Legislators, and other policy makers and stakeholders about the immediate actions, which can be taken in Minnesota to create and restore trust between communities and their law enforcement agencies, so that all community members are invested in maintaining public safety in an atmosphere of mutual respect;
  - b. Focus on law enforcement – community relations through a lens of procedural and social justice that may impact areas, including, but not limited to: sentencing reform; prosecutorial discretion; law enforcement workforce; law enforcement recruiting and retention; law enforcement training; and community health and wellness;
  - c. Identify, publish, and promote information about the implementation of the best practices in community and law enforcement relations; and also facilitate information sharing among local, state, and federal departments and jurisdictions;
  - d. Identify, publish, and promote information about the resources needed for statewide access to training and officer safety;
  - e. Identify, publish, and promote information about how communities and law enforcement agencies can positively engage each other; and
  - f. Design and implement specific policy proposals and actions that can be taken by the executive and legislative branches of state government to enhance law enforcement and community safety.
7. The Council shall submit its Preliminary Policy Recommendations Report to the Governor, the Legislature, and the public by February 15, 2017. The Council shall provide all stakeholders with opportunities to give feedback prior to the Final Report's due date. The Council's Final Report shall be due by June 30, 2017.

This Executive Order is effective fifteen days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State, and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or until it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statute, section 4.035, subdivision 3.

**In Testimony Whereof**, I have set my hand on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

  
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**Mark Dayton**  
Governor

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