TAKOMA PARK
REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE
Charge to the Task Force

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force is to develop recommendations that make Takoma Park a safer, more livable community for all residents, with an emphasis on addressing racial inequalities that exist in government and services evolving around public safety. This Task Force is our opportunity to bring new voices into the process as we take stock of what is working, what is not, and as we explore best practices in public safety.
Public Comment Form

- Public Comment Form
  - Available at https://takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/reimagining-public-safety/
Community Listening Session

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  Monday, May 24, 2021
  6:30 PM-8:00 PM
Task Force to Reimagine Public Safety
City of Takoma Park, MD

Community Listening Session

The City’s Task Force to Reimagine Public Safety will host a community listening session on Monday, May 24, 2021 at 6:30 pm for our residents to give feedback to Task Force members on issues related to Public Safety. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Jessica Clarke, Deputy City Manager (JessicaC@takomaparkmd.gov).

To register for this event, visit bit.ly/takomapublicsafety2 (case sensitive)
May 18, 2021
How We Got Here

• Task Force convened – a cross-section of Takoma Park residents
• Task Force organized into subcommittee to work on community quality of life; alternatives, methods and responses; and community engagement and transparency
• Task Force schedule set: alternating Task Force and Subcommittee sessions; a community listening session
• Task Force Research: data, subject matter experts, community listening session, public comment form, email
May 18, 2021
Where We Go from Here

- Task Force completes research with subject matter experts
- Community Listening Session for additional input 5.24
- Subcommittees focus on developing and refining recommendations for reimagining public safety
- Community Listening Session to hear and respond to recommendations [date]
- Task Force finalizes recommendations
- Task Force report to the City Council [date]
Task Force and Subcommittees alternate Tuesdays through June:
June 1
June 8
June 15
June 22
June 29

Community Listening Session June 17 (tent.)
Community Quality of Life

- This subcommittee will consider the intersection of public safety and quality of life issues, including housing, mental health, and more, as well as the implications for Takoma Park programs, policies, and budget.

**Facilitator:** Jevin D. Hodge  
**Committee Members:**  
- Sawa Kamara*  
- Duane Scott  
- Ajmel Quereshi  
- Emil Parker  
- Christina Morado
Alternatives, Methods, and Responses

This subcommittee will assess Takoma Park’s current policing practices for emergency and non-emergency calls, including calls related to mental health. Also, this subcommittee will compare and contrast new potential approaches and best practices that may apply to Takoma Park.

Facilitator: Cordell Carter II
Committee Members:
- Michael Rubin
- Jide Atoyebi
- Sadie Cheston-Harris
- Cedric Boatman
Community Engagement and Transparency

- This subcommittee will evaluate practices and policies related to sharing data and budget information among the public as well as efforts to engage community partners in public safety efforts. Additionally, this subcommittee will review existing efforts and consider new approaches to recruiting and retaining public safety professionals.

Facilitator: Jamal Holtz
Committee Members:
- Lauren Van Tol*
- Adam Braskich
- Jumana Musa
- Kiminori Nakamura
Speakers

Claudia Tolson
_Takoma Park Police Department Victim Witness Coordinator_

Simone Walton, DSW, LMSW, _Mental Health sub-committee lead, Montgomery County Reimagining Public Safety Task Force_