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**Department of Justice to assist the Dearborn Police Department
with improving its operations and strengthening community and
police relations**

DEARBORN, Mich. – The Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) today announced it will provide technical assistance to the Dearborn Police Department at the request of Police Chief Ronald Haddad.

The request follows two officer-involved shootings that occurred in a 33-day period and involved two unarmed African American individuals. COPS Office staff and subject matter experts will review the department's use of force policies and training and provide recommendations to adopt industry best practices.

The COPS Office will work with the Dearborn Police Department to review use of force and de-escalation policies, help develop a recruitment strategy geared towards a diverse population, conduct training on implicit bias and procedural justice and host a regional workshop on the implementation of recommendations from the [Final Report on the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing](#).

"Community trust is vital to effective public safety," said COPS Office Director Ronald Davis. "I applaud Chief Haddad for working to improve the relationship between his department and the community and for taking affirmative steps to bridge any existing gaps."

The services being provided to the Dearborn Police Department are part of the COPS Office Critical Response for Technical Assistance program designed to provide targeted technical assistance to law enforcement agencies dealing with high-profile events, major incidents or sensitive issues of varying need.

The COPS Office is a federal agency responsible for advancing community policing nationwide. Since 1995, the COPS Office has invested more than \$14 billion to advance community policing, including grants awarded to more than 13,000 state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies to fund the hiring and redeployment of more than 127,000 officers and provide a variety of knowledge resource products including publications, training and technical assistance. For additional information about the COPS Office, please visit www.cops.usdoj.gov.

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