MPD150

working toward a police-free Minneapolis

What do you want your community reality to be?

- Be able to walk down street
- kids playing in the park
- [YOUR IDEA]
- Space to learn from my actions
- knowing my neighbors & I will be safe
- healthy accountability for actions
- Guaranteed access to the things I need
- [YOUR IDEA]

THIS SHOULD BE EVERYONE'S REALITY...

...BUT THE POLICE KEEP MANY PEOPLE FROM THIS REALITY.

2017 is the **150th anniversary** of the Minneapolis Police Dep't. In this historic moment, MPD150 is calling for a **police-free future**.

We're **researching** MPD history, **interviewing** people impacted by police, **mapping** responsible alternatives, & **creating** visionary art to make a police-free world possible.

WE KNOW WE ARE MISSING STORIES. SHARE YOURS.
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>>RESEARCH

Since **1867**, MPD has been enforcing violence against people of color & poor folks while protecting people w/ $$$.

People have tried solving issues of policing through **reforms**. But reforms are procedural & disciplinary and do not address the function or power of police.

Examples...

>>Police dep'ts are aggressively limiting public access to **body & dash camera** footage while granting it to officers under investigation.

>>Racial profiling increased in San Diego after **hiring more black cops** b/c cops of color are more closely scrutinized and often punished for speaking out.

>>INTERVIEWS

"I feel like the police here overdo their job... or they don't probably even do their job because I feel like the police are going and looking for reasons to arrest black people."
- **Northside Resident**

"I've heard officers say terrible things to victims like, 'Why do I need to be here? You're just going to go back to this person.'"
- **Domestic Violence Advocate**

"If you were drunk or you had a relative that was out late, most of the time if they got in trouble or beat up, it was from the police. And so we had to keep our eyes on the police."
- **Native Elder**

>>TRANSITION & ALTERNATIVES

MPD150 proposes:

1) Returning genuine service functions back to community control.

2) Transferring resources to address unmet needs and crises in Minneapolis.

This could look like...

>>Don't call the police

This won't make the problem go away, but it won't make it worse. Look to people in your community & other resources.

>>Commit to community safety

Take a class in de-escalation techniques, learn first aid, & organize a block party. Learn skills and build relationships.

OPEN FOR A COMIC...

What does a POLICE-FREE World look like?*

BY TORI HONG

A COMMUNITY CENTERED LIFESTYLE WHERE THE YOUNG, OLD & EVERYONE IN BETWEEN ARE FULL PARTICIPANTS. EVERYONE'S WHOLE PERSONHOOD IS PRIORITIZED.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO EVERYONE'S NEEDS BEING MET. WE BELIEVE IN SOLUTIONS THAT ARE BIG ENOUGH TO EMBRACE US ALL.

WE PROTECT EACH OTHER. PEOPLE HAVE MORE CAPACITY TO BUILD, DREAM & IMAGINE. WE CAN FOCUS ON HEALING HISTORICAL AND INTER-GENERATIONAL TRAUMA.

PEOPLE TAKE OWNERSHIP OF PUBLIC SPACES AND RESPECT BOUNDARIES & COLLECTIVITY. WE HAVE HARD CONVERSATIONS WITH OURSELVES & EACH OTHER. WE MAKE ROOM FOR LAUGHTER.

JUSTICE IS PRIORITIZED OVER RETRIBUTION. HEALING IS PRIORITIZED OVER RIGHTEOUSNESS. NO ONE IS DISPOSABLE.

THE COMMUNITY GETS TO BELIEVE IN ITS OWN POWER AGAIN. WE HAVE THE ANSWERS TO HEAL & KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE, WE JUST NEED THE SPACE TO DO IT.

* Quotes are from some of the folks in MPD150.

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