WHAT ABOUT BODY CAMERAS? WHAT ABOUT Civil REVIEW BOARDS? IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING AND COMMUNITY POLICING INITIATIVES?

Video footage (whether from body cameras or other sources) wasn’t enough to get justice for Philando Castile, Samuel DuBose, Walter Scott, Tamir Rice, and far too many other victims of police violence. A single implicit bias training session can’t overcome decades of conditioning and department culture. Other reforms, while often noble in intention, simply do not do enough to get to the root of the issue.

History is a useful guide here: community groups in the 1960s also demanded civil review boards, better training, and community policing initiatives. Some of these demands were even met. But universally, they were either ineffective, or dismantled by the police department over time. It’s time to try something new.

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

Aside from MPD150’s “Enough Is Enough” report, the “Resources” page at our website has a huge list of articles, essays, and more: www.MPD150.com.

A few other potential starting points:

- Are Prisons Obsolete? (Angela Y. Davis)
- The End of Policing (Alex Vitale)
- Abolition Now! (Critical Resistance Anthology)
- Golden Gulag (Ruth Wilson Gilmore)
- Prison By Any Other Name (Maya Schenwar and Victoria Law)
- Our Enemies in Blue: Police and Power in America (Kristian Williams)
- Who Do You Serve, Who Do You Protect? (A TruthOut Collection)
- The study guide at AWorldWithoutPolice.org
- The study guide at AbolitionJournal.org
- Ten Action Ideas for Building a Police-Free Future at MPD150.com

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