

A CALL FOR A DIFFERENT TYPE OF POLICING

With funding from the TMCF/CAO, Dr. Dorothy Dillard, Director of the Center for Neighborhood Revitalization and Research at Delaware State University, surveyed residents of Riverside, an underserved community initiating a comprehensive revitalization effort. The surveys were supplemented with focus group discussions and clearly a different type of policing is needed. Here's what residents want....



INCREASED POLICE INVOLVMENT IN THE COMMUNITY

- 95% want a police presence
- 4% supports defunding police
- 1% supports abolishing police



Residents want the police to “get out of their cars,” and get to know them. They want the police to be involved in the community.



We need a “*sustained and honest conversation*” between police and residents.”

BETTER TRAINED POLICE

Residents want police to have a better understanding of human behavior.

“Now that I’m living a prosocial life, I love the police. We need police but we need *more cops with empathy* who know the situation of the community.”

