

INITIATIVE NO. 1118

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Petition for Floyd's Law

Floyd's Law is an attempt to allow immediate civilian oversight during police intervention to ensure suspect's rights. If a civilian watches police intervention and finds it to be brutal or excessive, they can intervene at which time a superior officer is called to the scene.

1. "Floyd's Law" classes are provided to reinforce and add support to the Justice in Policing Act. They will show civilians what police training looks like and the situations police may encounter. During these classes, civilians are given examples of what excessive or unnecessary force may look like. This training is meant to educate and help citizens use their best judgement on when to enact Floyd's Law.
2. When a civilian(s) sees an interaction happening with police, they should use their phones to record it.
3. If there is more than one civilian filming, they should position themselves on opposite ends of the interaction (from a safe distance) in order to record as many angles as possible. Additionally, police badge cameras must always be turned on.
4. If the civilian(s) feel unnecessary or excessive actions are taking place, they are to call out loudly (so it is recorded and so the officers are sure to hear it) "Floyd's Law." At this time, the officers in question are to safely secure the suspect, quickly and with undo force, and then call their superior to take control of the situation. There should be a time limit on how long they have to do this before being penalized for ignoring the "Floyd's Law" prompt.
5. Citizens who are recording must promptly go to the police precinct to turn over their videos and give statements.
6. Badge camera footage must also be submitted. If badge or dashcam footage cannot be obtained, any involved officers must be put on suspension until all civilian footage and testimonies are received by the Floyd's Law Review Panel.
7. Floyd's Law requires review. Reviews should be held by a panel of three police officers and two civilian volunteers who have completed the Floyd's Law classes. These reviews can be appealed to higher levels within the police organization, as requested.
8. The panel's job is to review what happened during the original intervention that lead to "Floyd's Law" being enacted. If the officers in question are determined to be in the wrong, depending on the severity of their actions, they may be fined, penalized, or terminated. If the civilians are in the wrong, they may be fined or required to re-take "Floyd's Law" classes.