



THE NATIONAL PANHELLENIC COUNCIL-COLUMBUS CHAPTER JOINS THE CALL FOR CHANGE IN COMMUNITY POLICE DEPARTMENTS

On December 22, 2020, another Black life was taken at the hands of a police officer. Police responding to a non-emergency call made by a neighbor, arrived at the home where Andre Hill was visiting. Within 10 seconds of arrival, Columbus Division of Police Officer Adam Coy shot and killed Mr. Hill.

Mr. Hill laid in the driveway, handcuffed for more than 15 minutes dying because of the inhumane actions of Adam Coy. On December 29, 2020, Adam Coy was fired from the Division of Police for his failure to turn on his body camera, failure to render aid, and use of unreasonable force on Mr. Hill.

Mr. Hill's murder comes on the heels of yet another death of a Black man, 23-year-old Casey Goodson, Jr. who was laid to rest on December 23, 2020, a day after Mr. Hill's death. Mr. Casey, Jr. was killed in Columbus, Ohio on December 4, 2020, also at the hands of law enforcement. Mr. Casey Goodson, Jr. was shot several times by Franklin County Sheriff officer Jason Meade as he was walking into his home, holding his keys and a sandwich.

These deaths have become far too commonplace in our community. The members of the Columbus Chapter of the National Panhellenic Council (NPHC Columbus) are heartbroken and outraged by the deaths of these Black men and so many others like Tamir Rice, Sandra Bland, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd.

NPHC Columbus requests that law enforcement:

- Review and revise police recruitment, training, and use of force procedures to ensure maximum impact to the culture of the police department and behavior of its officers
- Reform policies that protect rogue police
- Ensure body and dashboard cameras are ALWAYS on and have clearly stated consequences for officers who do not comply
- Identify and proactively address police officers who have multiple complaints from the community
- Work with the community organizations in an on-going manner to address overall gun violence
- Address systematic racism by eliminating racial profiling, adding more adverse penalties for excessive use of force, and increasing the number of diverse hires in leadership positions

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