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ORGANIZATIONAL ALLIES:

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- **American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Police Practices**
125 Broad Street, 18th Floor
New York, NY 10004
<http://www.aclu.org/PolicePractices/PolicePracticesMain.cfm>

American Civil Liberties Union, Northern California, Police Practices
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San Francisco, CA 94103
www.aclunc.org

The ACLU has been leading this charge in our communities and our courtrooms. Use the resources to learn more and take action to protect the rights guaranteed to all Americans by the Bill of Rights.

The ACLU of Northern California's Police Practices program works on policy issues, releases reports, and occasionally works with victims. They partner with community organizations in order to bring about police accountability at the local level.

Many ACLU chapters are actively working to improve Police Practices. Contact your state chapter of the ACLU to get involved (www.aclu.org).

- **Center for Constitutional Rights, Government Misconduct**
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The Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR) is a non-profit legal and educational organization dedicated to protecting and advancing the rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. CCR uses litigation proactively to advance the law in a positive direction, to empower poor communities and communities of color, to guarantee the rights of those with the fewest protections and least access to legal resources, to train the next generation of constitutional and human rights attorneys, and to strengthen the broader movement for constitutional and human rights.

CCR's robust government misconduct docket, seeks cases that right the most serious and most persistent injustices, such as the prevalent practice of overcharging families for collect calls from their loved ones in prison.

- **CopWatch**
<http://www.copwatch.com>

This national organization works with various issues related to the police. They take an active approach by surveillancing police on duty. A compiled a list of complaints against police is available to the public on the website.

Berkeley CopWatch
2022 Blake St.
Berkeley, CA 94704
(510) 548-0425
www.berkeleycopwatch.org

Berkeley CopWatch is a group of community residents and students who have become outraged by the escalation of police misconduct, harassment and brutality in recent years. They have joined together to fight for their rights and the rights of their community by taking on the task of directly monitoring police conduct. The website offers the Copwatch Manual.

This organization holds regular weekly classes, which are open to the public. They also hold community education "Know Your Rights" workshops. (Drop-In hours are on Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m.)

Portland CopWatch
PO Box 42456
Portland, OR 97242
(503) 236-3065/ Incident Report Line (503) 321-5120
copwatch@portlandcopwatch.org
www.portlandcopwatch.org

Portland CopWatch is an outgrowth of the People Overseeing Police Study Group (POPSG), a grassroots group promoting police accountability through citizen action. CopWatch/POPSG also participates in community forums on police accountability, and regularly attends meetings of Portland's "review board", as well as the [Police] Chief's Forum.

Portland CopWatch also offers "Your Rights and the Police" seminars. With the aid of volunteer lawyers, they discuss civil rights in the context of police stops and the current system for complaining about police misconduct. CopWatch trainings are held to teach people how to observe police conduct.

Phoenix CopWatch
PO Box 1505
Tempe, AZ 85280
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phoenix_copwatch@yahoo.com
www.phoenixcopwatch.org

Phoenix CopWatch uses a variety of means to fight police abuse including community patrols, videotaping and community education. They support the creation of strong civilian review boards run by citizens, vested with full investigative and punitive powers and demand an end to shoot-to-kill policies among the Valley police departments.

Denver CopWatch

PO Box 181188

Denver, CO 80218

(303) 380-4329

<http://denvercopwatch.org>

Denver CopWatch activities include monitoring the police, conducting workshops (Know Your Rights, How to Observe Police), documentation and reporting, holding public demonstrations, and coalition building for groups and individuals in neighborhoods across Denver to organize for police accountability and community control of police.

- **National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE)**

1 (866) 4NACOLE

www.nacole.org

NACOLE is a nonprofit organization of civilian oversight practitioners and supporters working to promote fair, firm and consistent law enforcement in the United States through the practice of civilian oversight. NACOLE provides training; referrals; information sharing and technical assistance to the oversight community and to persons and jurisdictions attempting to establish oversight.

There is an abundance of resources for anyone interested in civilian oversight and police accountability issues available on the website.

- **National Black Police Association**

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Washington, DC 20010-2103

(202) 986-2070

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www.blackpolice.org

The purpose of the National Black Police Association is to improve the relationship between Police Departments as institutions and the minority; to evaluate the effect of the policies and programs within the Criminal Justice System upon the minority community; to serve as a mechanism to recruit minority police officers on a national scale; to work toward police reform in order to eliminate police corruption, police brutality and racial discrimination; and to educate police officers to perform with professionalism and compassion.

The NBPA works in the Northeast, Eastern, Southern, Midwest and Western regions of the United States. The National Office formulates, coordinates and monitors nationally funded projects and programs.

- **National Center for Women and Policing (NCWP)**

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www.womenandpolicing.org

A division of the Feminist Majority Foundation, the National Center for Women & Policing, promotes increasing the numbers of women at all ranks of law enforcement as a strategy to improve police response to violence against women, reduce police brutality and excessive force, and strengthen community policing reforms.

The Center provides training and on-site assistance programs to communities around the country on strategies to increase the numbers of women in policing and improve response to domestic violence, including police family violence.

- **National Coalition on Police Accountability (N-COPA)**

407 S. Dearborn, Suite 1490
Chicago, IL 60605
(312) 663-5392

info@nationalcoalitiononpoliceaccountability.org
<http://nationalcoalitiononpoliceaccountability.org>

N-COPA is an organization of religious, community, legal groups and progressive law enforcement representatives working to hold police accountable to their communities, through public education, community organizing, legislation, litigation, and promotion of empowered independent oversight. Members are urged to participate in local and regional efforts to end police violence and misconduct.

- **National Lawyers Guild, Police Accountability Project**

14 Beacon Street Room 701
Boston, MA 02108
(617) 227-6015
Fax: (617) 227-6018

npap@nlq.org
<http://www.nlg-npap.org/>

The National Police Accountability Project (NPAP) is a non-profit organization, dedicated to ending police abuse of authority through coordinated legal action, public education, and support for grassroots and victims' organizations combating police misconduct. The project provides: training and support for attorneys and legal workers, public education and information around issues relating to police misconduct, information resources for non-profit and community groups who work with victims of police abuse, support for legislative reform efforts aimed at raising the level of police accountability, and a forum for legal professionals and community organizations to come together and creatively work to end police misconduct. A national network of member attorneys, police accountability experts and NPAP staff sustains these services.

This Website offers a list of police misconduct attorneys throughout the U.S (<http://www.nlg.org/npap/referrals/findattorney.htm>).

- **October 22nd Coalition to Stop Police Brutality, Repression, and the Criminalization of a Generation**

P.O. Box 2627

New York, NY 10009
(888) NO BRUTALITY (toll-free)
Office@October22.ORG
<http://www.october22.org>

The October 22nd Coalition has two main projects: The Stolen Lives Project, which is a collection of all names of the people who have died from police violence, and the October 22nd national day of action against police brutality. When there is an incident, they quickly organize to support the family and community in speaking out and taking action.

The national organization supports the community based coalition members by helping them get the word out about their local events as well as offering them the opportunity to become speakers for community outreach.

Get involved by contacting your local chapter (found in the "Contact Us" section).

NEW YORK CITY AREA ORGANIZATIONS

- **100 Blacks in Law Enforcement Who Care**

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100 Blacks in Law Enforcement Who Care work to empower their communities, give a voice to those who are traditionally marginalized, and to challenge all isms. Their work includes community education, pooling resources to build the community's economic power, as well as offer grants to various causes in the African American community. The Website offers information on what to do when one is stopped by the police.

- **Black Cops Against Police Brutality (B-CAP)**

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<http://www.b-cap.org>

Black Cops Against Police Brutality was developed for the purpose of assuring that the rights of all citizens are not abridged by the police, especially, in urban America. Their commitment is to ensure that people of color are afforded same rights under the constitution more privileged citizens.

B-CAP's accomplishments include offering support to student Leadership Conferences, providing peace keepers during riots after the shooting of an unarmed black teen by a white officer, providing resource and research materials for Columbia University's Study of Patterson for a three-stage pilot program which is an alternative

to incarceration, providing technical support to several police departments and community organizations relative to improving relations between the police and the community, working with Community Policing Training in The Republic of South Africa as well as other accomplishments.

- **Lower East Side Call for Justice**

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The Lower East Side Call for Justice are a small in numbers, but their affiliations are considerable. Their membership is intergenerational, inter-racial, and inter-ethnic.

To date they have conducted over 130 workshops on: the "Do's and Don'ts When Stopped by the Police." The Lower East Side Call for Justice also conducts police brutality forums. Members take turns attending Citizen Complaint Review Board (CCRB) meetings, get statistics on complaints against officers in their local precinct's, and set up meetings with COs and their top staff to discuss procedures on keeping complaints down.

- **Jews for Racial and Economic Justice (JFREJ)**

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www.jfrej.org

JFREJ is a New York City-based membership organization of Jews and allies. Through education, community organizing, media activism, and coalition building, JFREJ brings Jewish values into the debates over New York City's future. JFREJ regularly hosts conferences, teach-ins, and panels as well as leads workshops. JFREJ had a campaign against police brutality that formed around the Diallo protests.

JFREJ widens the participation of Jews in the struggle for racial and economic justice, gives a visible Jewish presence to the political issues and struggles in NYC and brings a growing number of Jews into coalition work led by those who bear the brunt of racism and economic injustice. JFREJ also gives voice to the thousands of Jews in New York City who refuse to let the right wing of the Jewish community speak for them.

- **The Justice Committee / NCPRR**

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New York, NY 10159-1885
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justicecommittee@hotmail.com

This is a grass roots organization that was founded by Richie Perez. It is committed to the struggle for racial justice and police accountability.

- **Malcolm X Grassroots Movement (MXGM)**

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www.malcolmxgrassroots.org

The Malcolm X Grassroots Movement is an organization of Afrikans in America/New Afrikans whose mission is to defend the human rights of their people and promote self-determination in our community. MXGM projects include the People's Feeding and Clothing Program, Central Brooklyn CopWatch, Community Education and Workshop series, and the Political Prisoner Amnesty Campaign. Workshop topics include: Deconstructing Patriarchy, Know Your Rights and How to Deal with Police Confrontation, Goals of Alternative Education, Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War, Rap Racism and the Entertainment Industry, Critical Race and Feminism, The Prison Industrial Complex, and Tenant Organizing.

BAY AREA ORGANIZATIONS

- **Ella Baker Center for Human Rights**

- **Bay Area PoliceWatch and the Justice for Cammerin Boyd Campaign**

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Oakland, CA 94609
(510) 428-3939
Fax: (510) 428-3940
www.ellabakercenter.org
PoliceWatch Website: <http://www.ellabakercenter.org/page.php?pageid=56>
Justice for Cammerin Boyd Campaign Website:
<http://www.ellabakercenter.org/page.php?pageid=197>

Bay Area PoliceWatch is a project of the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights. Since 1995, Bay Area PoliceWatch has been working to protect everyday people from rogue cops – to “police the police” – with a combination of social and legal services, grassroots mobilizing and media activism. They are the only project in the San Francisco Bay Area operating a hotline, documentation center and lawyer referral service for victims of police abuse and their families.

Campaigns include: removing racist cops from the Oakland Police Department, implementing Proposition H in San Francisco that strengthened the police department's accountability mechanisms, the “Talk Down, not Shoot Down” campaign to reduce unjustified killings by police, and the “Justice for Cammerin Boyd” campaign (a person killed by SF police in 2004).

- **People United for a Better Oakland (PUEBLO)**

- 519 17th Street, 130 D
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 452-2010
www.peopleunited.org

PUEBLO offers a Campaign for Community Safety and Police Accountability. They also help people in the community in making reports of these incidents to the City of Oakland's Citizen's Police Review Board, assists in obtaining legal counsel when needed, and supports citizens throughout the process. PUEBLO maintains a database of incidents reported to them that may be useful to citizens.

- **Idriss Stelley Foundation (ISF)**

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SF CA 94124
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ISF is a community-based nonprofit organization created through the settlement of Idriss Stelley's vs. City & County and SFPD case and its allocation to his mother mesha monge-irizarry. The San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) at the Sony Metreon Theater killed her only child on June 13, 2001 with 48 shots, 9 officers, as he stood alone in an empty theater.

ISF offers the Bay Area free and confidential services to biological and extended families of loved ones negatively impacted, disabled or killed by law enforcement. They have worked in collaboration with Bay Area Police Watch and Justice4CammerinBoyd.org to present EVERY MOTHER'S SON.

MORE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- **Communities United Against Police Brutality**

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mgresist@minn.net
<http://www.charityadvantage.com/CUAPB>

Communities United Against Police Brutality (CUAP) is a Twin-Cities based grassroots organization created to deal with police brutality on an ongoing basis. They work against day-to-day police abuses as well more extreme cases. CUAP focuses on community based political action, working on legislative action to protect the public from police brutality and the prosecution of officers who use excessive force. CUAPB offers a hotline, as well as a crisis team that leads investigations. They bring together families and survivors in a local network to provide ongoing support and empowerment.

CUAPB has a well-organized website with many resources as well as compiled police complaint records they have received.

- **Citizen's Alert Inc.**

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<http://citizensalert.org/>

Citizens Alert is Chicago's only police accountability organization working for systemic change in law enforcement agencies and humane, effective law enforcement while advocating for victims of police brutality and misconduct.

- **Mothers for Police Accountability**

P. O. Box 22886
Seattle, WA 98122
(206) 329-2033

<http://reformnetwork.org/mothers/>

Mothers for Police Accountability works to eliminate police violence, to protect our communities from its ravages. They express our solidarity with all who are victimized and are committed to support them.

- **National Alliance Against Racist & Political Repression (NAARPR)**

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Chicago, Illinois 60605
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<http://www.naarpr.org/chicago/home/index.php>

The NAARPR focuses on continuing the moratorium on the death penalty in Illinois, as well as ending police brutality and calling for police accountability.

- **Police Assessment Resource Center (PARC)**

Biltmore Court, 520 South Grand Avenue, Suite 1070
Los Angeles, California 90071
(213) 623-5757
Fax: (213) 623-5959

information@parc.info

<http://www.parc.info/>

PARC is a non-profit organization that, in cooperation with monitors, law enforcement executives, civic and government officials, and other interested constituencies, aims to strengthen police oversight so as to advance effective, respectful, and publicly accountable policing.

- **Positive Anti-Crime Thrust**

(773) 538-0016

www.communitysafety.org

Recognizing the interdependencies of Police, Courts and Corrections, their influence and impact on the African-American community, and further, the lack of a cohesive community approach to addressing concerns and issues within these institutions, P.A.C.T. has developed a holistic strategy of redress. Community / Police Relations are a main focus of the Positive Anti-Crime Thrust. The roots of P.A.C.T. and our continuing commitment is to enhancing community & police collaboration. It is important to develop partnering relationships between the police and the communities they serve.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **Amnesty International, Racial Profiling**
www.amnestyusa.org/racial_profiling/index.do

Amnesty International USA offers news, reports, and additional information on racial profiling.

- **Best Practices in Police Accountability**
www.policeaccountability.org

Information and resources on civilian review boards, citizen oversight of police, racial profiling, and other issues.

- **Human Rights Watch, Police Brutality**
http://www.hrw.org/doc/?t=usa_police

The HRW website offers news articles and resources that deal with police brutality and accountability issues. The site includes links to types of action and information such as tips on writing a letter to the editor and tips on lobbying.

- **Seattle Confidential**
www.alternet.org/mediaculture/22196/

Article and interview with Norm Stamper, former police chief and author of *Breaking Rank*.

- **The Stolen Lives Project**
<http://www.stolenlives.org/>

Stolen Lives provides important and compelling exposures of the nationwide epidemic of police brutality and murder. People who've been killed, their families and loved ones, and communities under the gun speak through the pages and tell their stories. And they get a platform to speak out even more broadly. Among people who don't deal with police brutality in their daily lives, this book shows that it's more than just a "few bad apples" or some "isolated incidents." Many such people will be moved to join the struggle against police brutality and stand with those under the gun when they see the shocking scope of this epidemic.

Stolen Lives is a joint project of: The Anthony Baez Foundation; [The October 22nd Coalition](#) to Stop Police Brutality, Repression, and the Criminalization of a Generation; and the [National Lawyers Guild](#).

- **PolicyLink: Activist Guide to Police Reform**
<http://www.policylink.org/Research/PoliceAdvocacy/>

Organized for Change: The Activist's Guide to Police Reform, contains strategies to help advocates committed to moving their police departments closer to a vision of community-centered policing. The manual describes the nuts and bolts of a scope of advocacy strategies—both traditional and nontraditional; among them: organizing,

developing the media, petitioning administrative agencies, and backing legislation. It provides examples of each advocacy strategy that can be leveraged to achieve police reform. (146 pages)