

# STOP CALLING POLICE

STRONG COMMUNITIES MAKE POLICE OBSOLETE!



## • WE DON'T NEED POLICE

- Get to know your neighbors. We can build with each other and handle most conflicts without police.
- Call 211 to find community services. Learn about local crisis centers that can be used as alternatives to police.
- Copwatch in our neighborhoods whenever you can. Let police know WE are policing THEM.

## • CALLING THE POLICE PUTS US IN DANGER

- A 911 call burned and almost killed James Nelson (Citrus Heights 6/23/17). Police have license to hurt Black people and families, we cannot trust them to keep us safe.

## • CALLING THE POLICE SEPARATES OUR FAMILIES

- The police use child protective services as a weapon against Black families. We need to keep our people out of the system and work on family issues as a community.

## • CALLING THE POLICE GETS US KILLED

- A 911 call killed Stephon Clark. We cannot trust police to make the right decisions, they rarely do. We can resolve most issues without them.

## • NEVER CALL THE POLICE ON PEOPLE WITH MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

- Joseph Mann (Sacramento 7/11/16) and Dazion Flenaugh (Sacramento 4/8/16) both needed mental health care and were shot dead instead.
- If it is safe to do so, approach folks who are struggling and de-escalate the situation instead of calling police. Ask them if they have family or friends nearby who can help.

## • NEVER CALL THE POLICE ON CHILDREN

- Tamir Rice (Cleveland, OH 11/23/14) had the cops called on him for playing in a park.
- Law enforcement treats Black children like they are grown time and time again. We can talk to our kids in crisis instead of calling cops on them.

## • NEVER USE "I'LL CALL THE POLICE" AS A THREAT

- Given the actions of law enforcement, this is akin to a death threat.
- Use community to work out situations of conflict and mediate for each other. Hold each other accountable. We can rely on ourselves, police rarely provide help and often escalate and make things worse.

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