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**From:** ssalyer4@columbus.rr.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 28, 2019 8:38 PM  
**To:** Community Safety Advisory Commission  
**Subject:** Commission Public Hearing

Good evening Subcommittee,

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns, because due to my work schedule I am unable to attend this important meeting.

I would like to see a sidewalk path from N.Stygler Rd to Wendler Blvd. I see many people walking on this road way and it is very dangerous for them to walk up to Morse Road to catch the area bus lines.

Wendler Blvd, Ringling Ln, Ransey Ct, I also would like to see street lights in these areas. It is very dangerous for the many middle school and high school students waiting for their buses early in the morning hours, these neighborhood areas need more lighting to keep these neighborhoods safe.

Sincerely,

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**From:** TERRI SLAUGHTER <tslaughter8610@att.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 1, 2019 6:33 AM  
**To:** Community Safety Advisory Commission  
**Subject:** Street Lights in Devonshire residential area

I can't attend due to my father in hospital but it is dangerously dark and many many places for not nice people to lurk and hide... I have lived in neighborhood for over 20 years and places in the neighborhood that you could not see your hand in front if your face. Please see if this can be addressed.. this is a safety issue and needs to be addressed. Thank you Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Ransier, Frederick L. <flransier@vorys.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 1, 2019 11:27 AM  
**To:** Community Safety Advisory Commission  
**Subject:** Public Comments

Words do matter. Embedded in my comments are concerns that our officers not be placed in danger. With that said, I feel there is operational/functional difference between "law enforcement officers" and "public/community safety officers". I would like to see a stronger emphasis on public safety as opposed to law enforcement. My example:

Facts: a blizzard on a cold wintery day. Streets are not passable due to the conditions. Travel advisories have been posted and there are few people or vehicles operating on the streets. On the corner of Broad and High there is a citizen needing to cross the street is facing a "Do not Walk" signal. No vehicles, no pedestrians in the area. Principles of law enforcement would suggest this person violated the law. Public safety would suggest the person get out of the storm and if necessary cross against the Do Not Walk signal.

My point is this: is every violation of a law a crime when the circumstances are such there would be no harm to people or property? Public safety would suggest the officer would be available to help that person get out of the storm safely; however technically, the officer may be observing a violation of the law.

How should police officers treat these situations. Must a citizen appear before a judge to explain the circumstances; or should we expect the officer to assist in de-escalating the situation

From the law offices of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP.

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**From:** Eugenia Romero <ainegue69@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 11:52 AM  
**To:** Community Safety Advisory Commission

Dear members of the community safety commission:

I'm writing as a concerned parent of a middle schooler. Yesterday, an 11 year old 6th grader was hit on her way to the bus stop and killed. This is a senseless death and I blame CCS, the city and obviously the drivers.

You see, many middle schoolers in CCS need to be out on the streets before 6:30am to arrive on time for school at 7:30am. I know this because my daughter must be at the bus stop before 6:42am, which is her pick up time. We recently moved to the east side of Columbus, and our neighborhood is new to us. We only live 5 blocks away from the stop, and there are sidewalks in our new neighborhood, but I still drive her to the bus stop. You might want to know why, so let me tell you why: I fear for her safety. On the one hand, the city doesn't have street lights, drivers drive above the 25mph limit and at this time of day at 6:30am is pitch black (and it is not even winter). On the other hand, Columbus has one of the highest rates of human trafficking, and it is my job to protect my daughter so I make sure she doesn't have to be alone on the streets for long periods of time, but I have no way to protect her from an unlit street, or if she has to walk on the side of the road because there are no sidewalks or if drivers are speeding. At the beginning of the school year, the bus dropped my daughter off at the wrong bus stop. In fact, it dropped her off north of E. Main St. instead of south of E. Main St., where her actual bus stop is. Luckily, I was waiting for her at the bus stop and I was able to locate her through our phone and picked her up. If I hadn't been able to do that, she probably would've gotten lost, and then she would've had to cross E. Main St. to get home. This is one of the most busy streets in the city, and she wouldn't know what to do.

I then think of Elizabeth Robertson-Rutland. She had to walk on the side of the road, and cross a very busy street, without street lights, at 6:30 am when it's pitch black, and where drivers don't pay attention to the speed limits. The unsafe conditions she had to face just to get to school are a crime. Her death could've been prevented if CCS, the transportation department and the City of Columbus worked together to ensure the safety of our children. The same can be said about Favour Agu, who was killed two years ago trying to cross Karl Road to get to Woodward Park Middle School. No child should die on their way to school. None.

I demand from the Community Safety Commission, from CCS, from CCS board of education and from Mayor Ginther, that you all address this issue immediately. I ask that you honor Lizzie's life by ensuring the safety of all kids in CCS. Perhaps providing students with some protective gear, like reflective tape for their backpacks or reflective vests or arm bracelets, would be a way to start. Ensuring there are sidewalks and street lights and making sure drivers are held accountable when they drive above the speed limit, would be other ways.

Bottom line, I put it on all of us, elected officials and Columbus residents to do something to prevent anymore senseless accidents.

Sincerely,

Dr. Eugenia Romero

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**From:** Cynthia Brown <cb64333@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 1, 2019 8:06 PM  
**To:** Community Safety Advisory Commission

Cynthia Brown, Pronouns: She.Her.Hers.  
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De-Escalate Ohio Now ! Heartbeatmovement.  
Founder@ CEO

I want to thank the Community Safety Commission for taking time to read my email in regards to Police Reform in Columbus, Ohio.

In the last year Ohio Justice Families Initiatives Impacted by Police Misconduct in the last 10 years there have been 848 including ( 27) " Legal Interventions" / Gun Violence with Qualified Immunity by Law Enforcement throughout Ohio. Sadly, Columbus, Ohio is number one in the Nation for killing black men. As working Communities no matter our differences most of us want pretty similar things, Unity and Collective Action to Solve Problems.

De- Escalate Ohio Now! Heartbeatmovement would urge this committee to support Mandatory DeEscalation Training, Mandatory Mental Health Crisis Interventions, people with mental illness are 16× more likely to be killed by police, Priority CPR, Racial Bias , Heartbeatmovement, strongly concerned about police brutality against people of color, Believe people of color faces greater barriers than whites, Training in black and Brown Communities, we strongly feel new recruits need more than in class training, Randon Drug Testing, Must Purchase Insurance.

In the last five years Banks and Investors have made \$1.87 Billion dollars off Police Misconduct Bond.

Why is Banks @ Investors allowed to make money off Police Misconduct? Wealthy Special Interests who rig the rules; against greedy few devide us against each other.

Columbus, Ohio could set precedent for other city by creating a citizens - led panel to oversee the action of the Columbus Police who will investigate, mediate and prosecutor complaints of Misconduct.

Needed:Requiring officers to utilize De-Escalation Training techniques, and other alternatives to force when feasible.

Required officers to intervene in and to report other officers excessive use of force.

Police Accountability ensures that officers can work effectively with the community.

What is know is that Police Training in general continues to focus, in main, on fear based and lethal strategies. We need to come together like we did in the pass and working Communities working with Law Enforcement building Stronger Relationships and officers must be able to exercise restraint and good judgement as they are tasked and swore to protect the people of Columbus, Ohio. Our goal is to Save Human Lives , People aren't Colorblind, but Bullets are.

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**From:** Michelle Phillips <mrp0801@swcsd.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 27, 2019 10:25 AM  
**To:** Community Safety Advisory Commission  
**Subject:** Enforcement

Current laws are not being enforced. Tickets need to be written. "Too long to do reports", "not worth my time to do a report".

Violators need to do community service to make restitution for what they cost taxpayers. Fines need to be paid/restitution, not waived. Red light cameras should be returned.

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**From:** Fred Ransier <fransier@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 26, 2019 3:15 PM  
**To:** Community Safety Advisory Commission  
**Subject:** Public Comment

Nothing stated is intended to place our officers in danger. With that said, there is a functional/operational difference between law enforcement officers and public safety officers. For the sake of community relations I believe more emphasis could be placed on public safety with law enforcement the final resort. A simplified example:

“Late in the day in a cold winter blizzard where cars are off the road as well as most people. Standing on the corner facing a “Do Not Walk” sign the citizen crosses the street to reach shelter.” Has there been a violation of law; or alternatively, the concern should be public safety? Is every violation of law a crime where there is no harm to person(s) or property? How should officers treat these situations? Must a citizen have to take time, potentially from work, for the opportunity to explain such circumstances to a judge?

If the objective is better community relations between officers and residents should there be more training in community relations. Law enforcement tends to create a negative impression residents as opposed to public safety which I feel can be positive between residents and officers.

Fred Ransier