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Media Advisory

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**Press Conference**

**New Report Urges Buffalo Policing Reforms:**

**Calls for Collaboration, Communication, and Community-Building**

**When**

Friday, November 18, 2016, 12:30pm

**Where**

Partnership for the Public Good, 617 Main St., Suite 300, Buffalo (take elevator to 3R)

**What**

A community-based think tank is releasing a comprehensive report on policing in Buffalo.

The report is titled *Collaboration, Communication, and Community-Building: A New Model of Policing for 21st Century Buffalo.* The 83-page report includes:

* Detailed information about the state of policing in Buffalo;
* Numerous case studies outlining best practices in community policing from Buffalo and around the nation;
* 32 concrete recommendations for improvements to Buffalo policing.

The report’s lead authors will offer a briefing, supplemented by comments from members of Open Buffalo’s Justice and Opportunity Table.

**Who**

* Sam Magavern, Co-Director, Partnership for the Public Good
* Steve Peraza, Policy Analyst, Partnership for the Public Good
* Max Anderson, Communications Director, Open Buffalo
* Denise Walden, Member, Open Buffalo Justice and Opportunity Table

**Why**

Police-community relations have become a flashpoint around the nation. This report offers many practical steps for Buffalo to improve its policing in ways that will benefit police officers and community members alike, creating more trust and accountability while improving public safety and reducing racial disparities.