

# Rep. Moore: Rep. Moore introduces “Preventing Tragedies Between Police and Communities Act of 2017” bill

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“As summer begins and temperatures rise, as do tensions between communities and the law enforcement officials sworn to protect them. And with children out of school and jobs in short supply, parents across my congressional district fear their loved ones will be involved in a tragic interaction with a police officer. Their alarm is justified. As a mother and grandmother of Black children, such anxiety is all too familiar.

“Next month will mark a year since civil unrest and city-wide protests erupted in Milwaukee after the fatal police-involved shooting of Sylville Smith. For years, I have racked my brain trying to understand deaths like that of Mr. Smith, Dontre Hamilton, and Philando Castile. I have grieved with mothers who have lost their children. I have met with experts and attended roundtables in my ongoing efforts to put an end to these fatal encounters.

“Today, I proposed a legislative solution to this national problem we can all support, regardless of party affiliation or political ideology. **H.R. 3060, the Preventing Tragedies Between Police and Communities Act of 2017** – which draws from several ‘best practices’ and recommendations from the nonpartisan [Police Executive Research Forum](#) – federally mandates de-escalation training for law enforcement officials. Through enhanced training and preparation, we can equip police with the necessary tools and education to prevent violent interactions, saving

not only their lives, but also the lives of the civilians they serve.

“The Dallas Police Department has employed de-escalation training with great success. Since changing their training to emphasize de-escalation rather than confrontation, the number of complaints alleging excessive and improper use of force fell from 147 in 2009 to 13 in November of 2015. In the face of a strained relationship between police and civilians nationwide, Dallas was able to implement reforms that reduced their rate of police-related shootings to one of the lowest of any large city in America.

“It is my sincere hope to replicate Dallas’ success across the country. I ask my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to prioritize the preservation of life by supporting this bill.”

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