



## **City of Worcester Community Dialogues on Race** **Session 3: Monday June 8<sup>th</sup>, Public Safety, Belmont AME Zion Church**

Purpose of tonight's dialogue: Discuss how local public safety organizations (police, fire and emergency medical responders) are/are not effectively advancing the public safety needs of the entire community

### Desired outcome for tonight's dialogue

- ➔ **1.** A list of ways local public safety organizations are and are not helping marginalized groups/ under-represented constituents and communities feel safe and protected.
- ➔ **2.** Shared understanding of how public safety organizations might change to address under-representative constituents' concerns.

### **Questions to consider:**

#### **1. What are your main concerns about public safety organizations?**

- What are the things (people, policies, practices, etc.) that contribute to making you feel **safe** in our community?
  - What is the basis for this feeling? (For example, personal experience, friend or family member experience, learned in media, or somewhere else?)
- What are the things (people, policies, practices, etc.) that contribute to making you feel **unsafe** in our community?
  - What is the basis for this feeling? (For example, personal experience, friend or family member experience, learned in media, or somewhere else?)
- What more do you need or want to know?

#### **2. What roles do you think the police, in particular, should play in our community, and how effective are they in fulfilling those roles?**

#### **3. What actions can the police, fire, medical emergency responders or other public safety officials take to regain or enhance your trust? What can the community do to regain or enhance trust in public safety organizations?**

- What type of oversight do you think our public safety organizations need?

#### **4. What can we ALL do to ensure that public safety organizations work more effectively?**

- What organizations/groups could help to ensure that public safety organizations work effectively?