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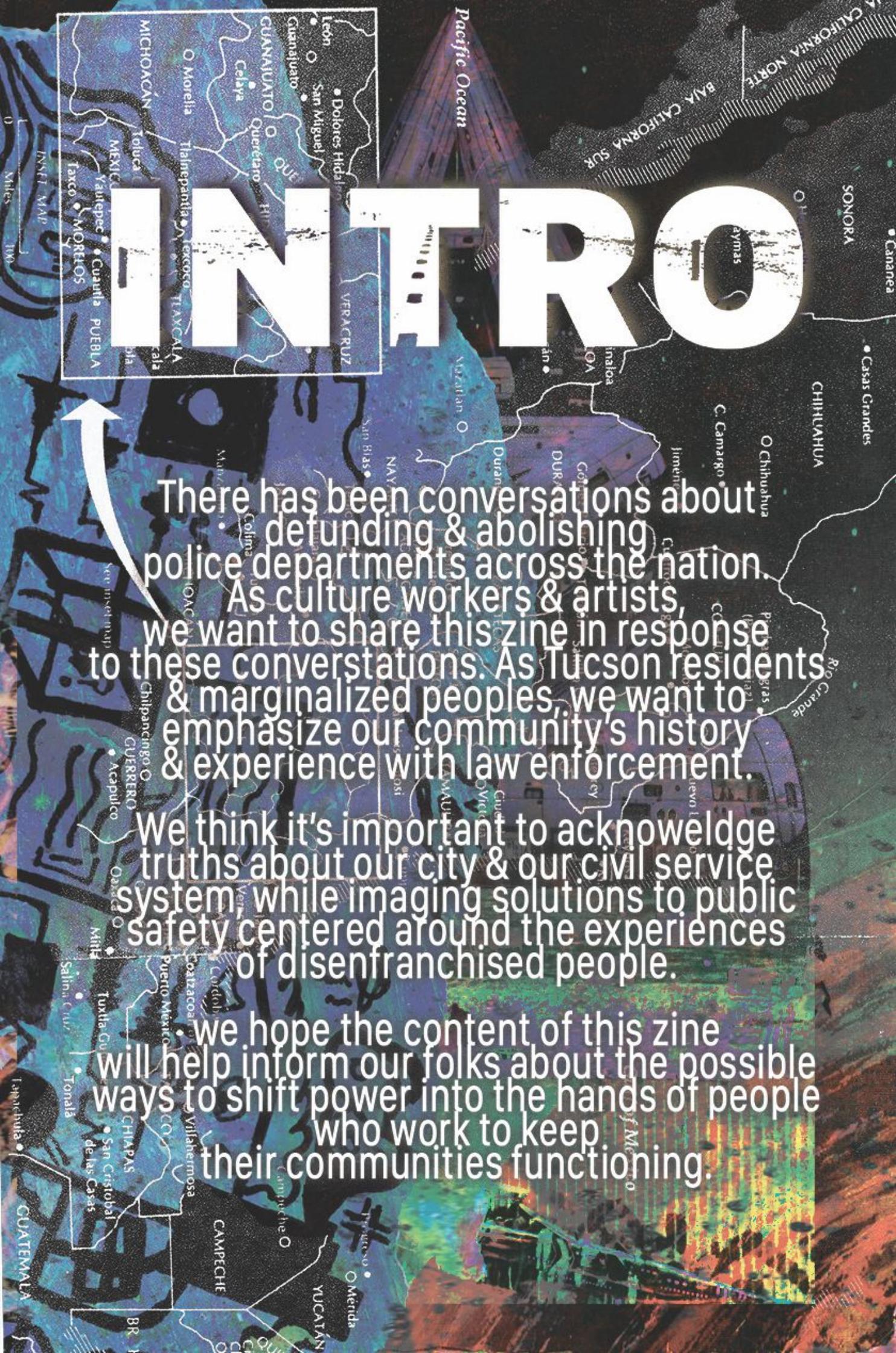


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INTRO

There has been conversations about defunding & abolishing police departments across the nation.

As culture workers & artists, we want to share this zine in response to these conversations. As Tucson residents & marginalized peoples, we want to emphasize our community's history & experience with law enforcement.

We think it's important to acknowledge truths about our city & our civil service system, while imaging solutions to public safety centered around the experiences of disenfranchised people.

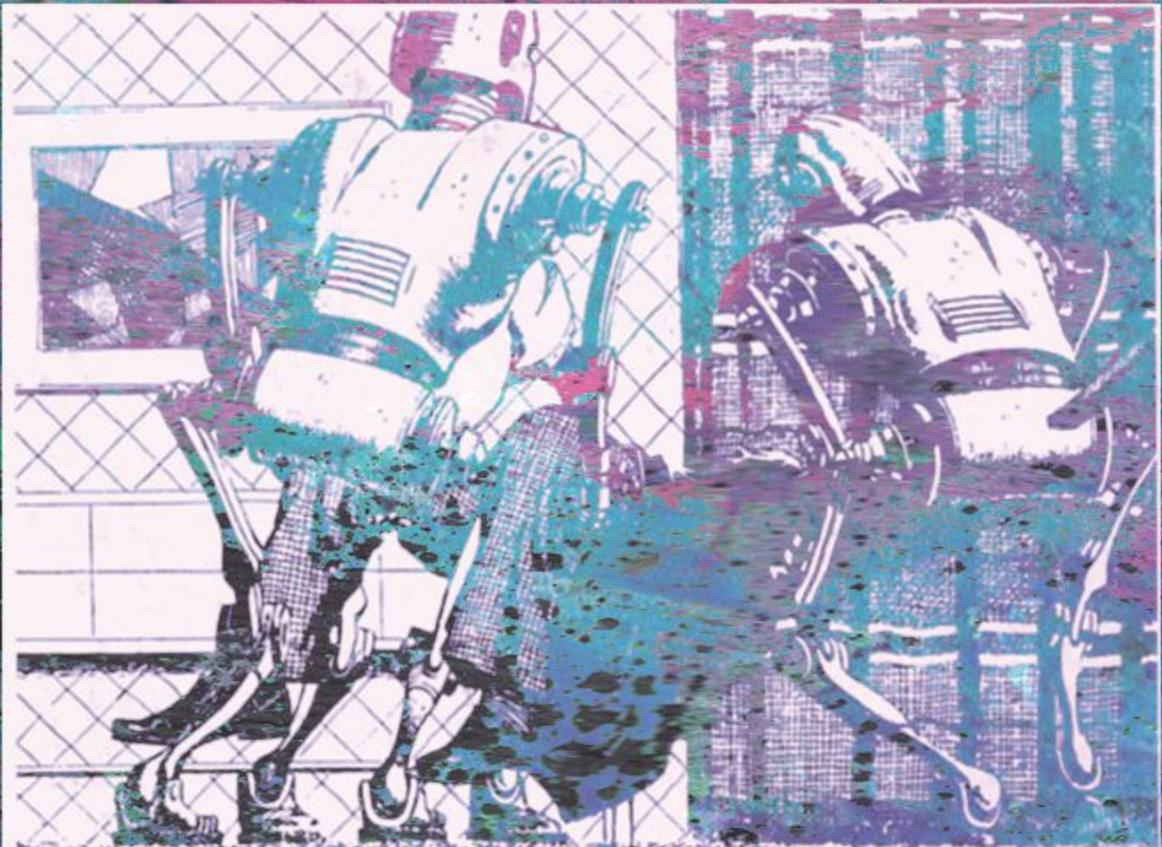
We hope the content of this zine will help inform our folks about the possible ways to shift power into the hands of people who work to keep their communities functioning.

CIVIL SERVICE?

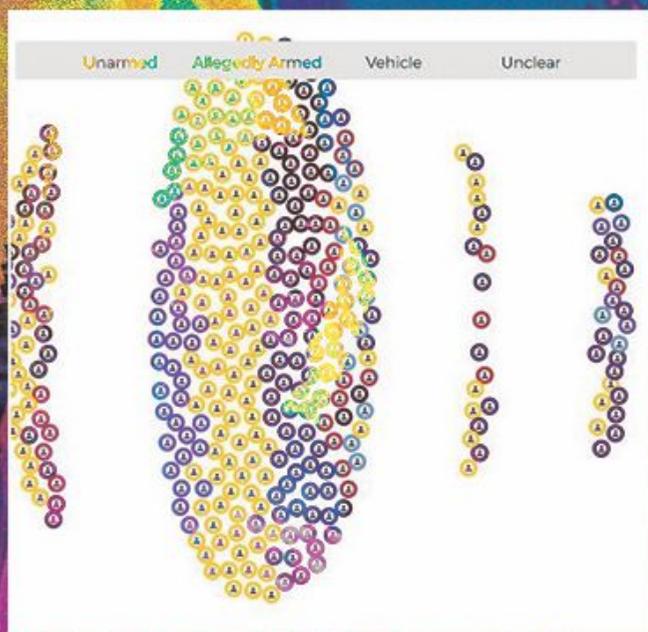
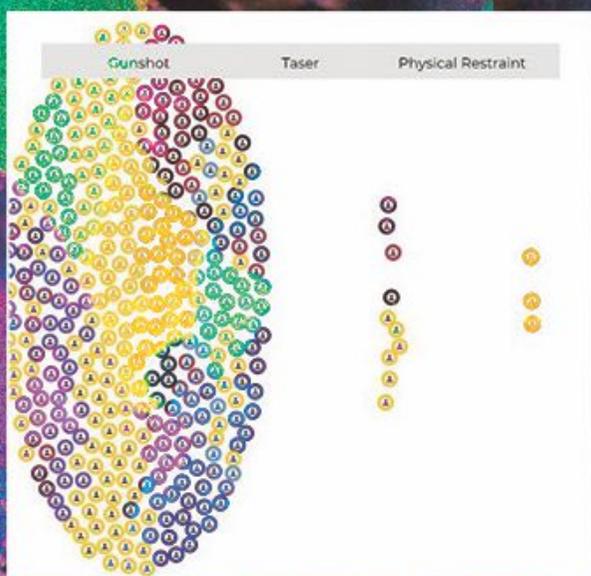
As explained by Pat Hardy, "[civil service] generally refers to the group of people employed in the administration of government. The term normally excludes elected officials but includes the vast bulk of those who see to the daily functioning of the public sector."

In Tucson, the civil service system can look like the Parks and Recreation, Tucson Fire & Tucson Police Departments. According to Arizona Historical Society, Tucson Police Department (**TPD**) became a part of Arizona's Civil Service System in the 1920's. & **TPD** was founded in 1871. That's 150 years. 150 years of misused power.

We need to find ways to **reallocate** that power & responsibility in our public sector.



34 PEOPLE IN 7 YEARS



People's Defense Initiative Tucson says,
"poverty deserves compassion, not punishment;
addiction needs treatment, not a jail sentence;
mental illness requires care, not cages;
*decriminalize human pain. **INVEST in PEOPLE.***
NOT PRISONS."

POLICE

PROTECT

PROPERTY

NOT

PEOPLE

**MAJOR LOCAL EMPLOYERS
PROPERTY OWNERS**

- RAYTHEON
- U of A
- DAVIS MONTHAN AIR-FORCE BASE
- PIMA COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER
- BANNER MEDICAL CENTER
- U.S. CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION

all these institutions are one way or another
invested in violent & harmful means of civil
service.

THE SYSTEM NEEDS PEOPLE

**"OPERATION STREAMLINE"
"ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM"**



These articles shed light on the violent & harmful nature of our current civil service.
These power structures/institutions are ventures that require our tax money &
our economic engagement to work.
When we don't comply, violence is used to ensure power & profit.

BORDER BOYS

Deep breaths remind me of existence, the way it can be taken in an instance, & how your music like humans on earth, see it's dissonant. But if you weren't a fan I know that would still respect this shit, as if it was indefinite. Hold down your section, don't ever second guess the shit. We came from a holy people. Got so desensitized we started puttin' holes in people. I ain't gotta show you evil. You see it when you turn on the news & see all that money seem to ruin. Abusing the text from the ruins. See what I've been brewing. This capital you ain't taste, go do it for yourself, ain't gotta worry what they say, let them scurry in they place. Believe me hate ain't just a phase. I hope the homie beat his case. I know brodie's that don't feel safe, I know sisters that don't feel great. I need a feast, fuck a plate for all them times they ate in our face. Take this show state-to-state to show 'em Border Boys don't play. Leave a KKK leader on a stake. From the land of the rattle snakes, classic plates, graduates end up working at Safeway, livin' day to day.

I done hopped in this bitch with the gift of gab, my own genre & some game fo' yo' b*tch to have. In the present of the pain just to give it back, country fucked, how you want me to live with that? We don' hopped in this life through the sickest path, rape & genocide just to give the rich a bath. Know I'm down to ride if it means I get to blast. I don' found the light in the steam of a distant past. I don't get it, it's prophetic, melodetic. Serenade the truest myth, levitate the lifeless. Traumatizing triumph, crowd control with a plague or a virus. Rig the votes or kill biden. Touch was never lost from my native tongue, forced to speak english, lords cry from above. Collecting unconscious synchronicity, Carl Jung, pre-thumbs. "Homie, who GOD & where he from? We finna roll up on 'em in some black air force 1ne's!

A DOLLAR & A BULLET

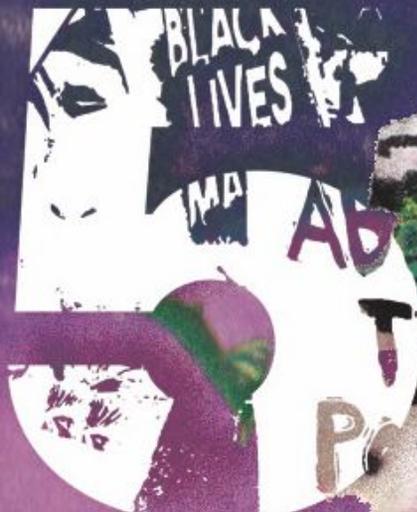
when understanding TPD & institutions like these, we find they're mainly profit driven & not geared to properly serve the communities they're in. time & time again we see instances where the constant need for bigger & badder guns cause for more deadly outcomes between the police & the people they serve.

the history of Arizona's law enforcement shows us that they have no plans of demilitarizing. as we see in their involvement with the 1033 Program:

our cities are warzones to them,
but home to us.



METHOD



from @wretched_flowers_ & MPD150,

a Minneapolis based initiative challenging the narrative that police exist to protect & serve.



"Police abolition work is not about defunding every department instantly, it's about a gradual process of strategically reallocating resources, funding, and responsibility away from police and toward community based models of safety, support & prevention."

WE DON'T NEED POLICE

the people who respond to crisis in our community should be the people who are best equipped to deal with those crisis.



crime is not random. it happens when someone has been unable to meet their basic needs through other means.

to really "fight crime" we don't need more cops:
we need more jobs, more educational opportunities, more arts programs, more community centers, more mental health resources, and more of a say in how our own communities function.

THE IRONY

the history of policing is a history of violence against the marginalized

that police are ineffective:
in many communities,
they're actively harmful.

the prison industrial complex,
the drug war, immigration law,
and the web of policy, law & culture that forms
our criminal justice system has destroyed millions of lives
and torn apart families. cops don't prevent crimes, they cause
them.
through the ongoing violent disruption of our communities.



CRU TALK

Go pull up, kick your feet up, do your strut. I ain't give a 'uh, we all vibing, see I'm just tryna breathe & they dick riding, so I had to go all in, I'm gettin' mining, no? I'm gettin' mine in. Turn the fucking soil, just to see all the hate & the turmoil, homie they ain't concerned for you, put you in a box to discern, boy you, might not make it. I'm just keeping it real, deep down you know they feel, there's a sliver of chance. But, the devil might just have a better dance. See, the system be crumbling, look who be running things, & they might get a 2nd term too. My votes won't save the earth boo. See I feel it in my heart, I know it's a shot in the dark but what if we all....

I didn't think so...

'Cause your vices,
ain't just "vices"
'Cause my vices,
ain't just "vices"

NEW TONIGHT

TUCSON RIOT VIDEOS
DID OFFICERS USE EXCESSIVE

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TRU P L E

I seen too much death, I ain't tryna' commit. I bleed Hen-
nessey, same way I plead the 5th. Keep that thang on you.
We arrive & the vibe change, you can't even hide. We just
tryna function, ain't no need in gettin' violent, change that
face on you. Blunts I faced like two.

I live on a planet where the humans lack empathy. Drugs,
sex & alcohol seems to be the remedy. Ego is the Enemy.

It's hard to find your center-piece, you puzzled, reason
why you never leave the crib without the muzzle. Dark
skinned folks seem to have the greatest struggle. Gov-
ernment on that "PUFU" = "Pay Us, Fuck You". Stay up
tucking. "Pass the lay up Montgomery!" The mission ain't
over 'til the country we runnin'. I live on a planet where the
feet stick to ground. Freedom ain't free & the lost is never
found. Insurance fo' yo' health cost arms & legs. Track
you down via micro-chip in yo' head. Children don't even
like goin' outside anymore, spend a fortnight, mind-craf-
tin' on a PS4. The homie Aldous Huxley told me I could
open doors. Capture the **RICH** just to feed 'em to the

POOR.

WHAT ABOUT POLICE REFORMS



(body cams, civilian review boards, implicit bias training, and community policing initiatives?)

reforms, while often noble in intention, simply do not do enough to get to the root of the issue.

video footage (whether body cameras or other sources) wasn't enough to get justice for Philando Castile, Samuel DuBose, Walter Scott, Tamir Rice & far too many other victims of police violence.

WHY THE SYSTEM CAN'T FIX ITSELF

community groups in the 60's also demanded civilian review boards, better training and community policing initiatives.

they were either ineffective or dismantled by police departments over time.

"we're asking cops to do too much in this country... every societal failure, we put it off on the cops to solve. not enough mental health funding, let the cops handle it... here in dallas we got a loose dog problem; let's have the cops chase loose dogs. schools fail, let's give it to the cops... that's too much to ask. policing was never meant to solve all those problems."

- former Dallas Police Chief
David Brown

POLICE IS THE PROBLEM

The idea that police department can be reformed against their will to protect and serve communities whom they have always attacked is absurd.

POLICE as an institution around the world
have existed for less than 200 years.

Less time than chattel slavery existed in the americas. we can abolish
the police, one dollar at a time, through redirecting budgets
to common-sense alternative programs.

OUNCE SACCO

I ain't fuck with no being or no thing, learn about 'em
before you talkin' bout
all that smoke king.

I'm a god, not to be idolized, 'cause I done cried for
lost lives too many times. What's the cost of mines?
Yo' what's the word? I'm on my third, the ghetto bird
been on the search, but I done birthed a new pur-
pose when I walk upon this earth. Dig deeper than
the surface. You know the haters stay lurkin'. I know
homies' still poppin' percs & I'm tryna help 'em
learn. "Your vices might just kill you" I sip juice for
the world 'cause ain't nothin' gon' heal you. I let my
heaven unfurl, while these devils 'round me twirl.
Lost little boys & girls. I'm just tryna find purpose in
the muthafuckin' world.

LAWD

Oh lord, I speak to you & you reach to me through psilocybin spores.
I seen the truth, I know you seek it too & other spirits choose to ignore.

I'm sick of blues & they sick of me, what the fuck am I gone do?

Keep pushing through until our knuckles bleed.

I just wanna leap out, this atmospheric plague just for kicks.

My end low deep now, we just tryna get ahead, know we made it out the sticks.

Belligerent like I faced a whole 5th, vile & a zip, 'part the ocean, fuck a drip.

Volatile, triple-6, generation degenerate, desperado, militant, cannabis distillate.

There's no motto for this shit. We full throttle with the stick.

In the club 'bouta slam a full bottle at yo' homies grill.

Ya know me's ill. I came to collect, yes you owe me still.

Extortion like the old days, meet me by the lemon tree.

"Men-in-Black" your memory make sure you don't remember me.

Sunshine eternal, yearn to fall in a wormhole.

At the edge of the galaxy, won't return though.

When it comes to constellations, I'm the kernel.

Stick around you just might learn you some'

or you might find yourself singin' high.

CONCLUSION

Police departments in our city & across the nation are flawed & beyond repair.

From inadequate procedures to unnecessary manslaughter, police officers have little to no understanding on how to properly serve those in need. Police departments have been given power that not even they are equipped to handle. Knowing this, we must learn how to protect ourselves & come together to change these outdated ways of public safety in our communities.



SMALL READS

5 QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE CALLING THE COPS:

- 1) is there merely an inconvenience to me?
can i put up with this & be ok?
- 2) "no, i need to respond" / can i handle this on my own?
is this something i could try to talk out with the person?
- 3) "no, i need back up." / is there a friend, neighbor or someone
whom i can call to help?
- 4) "no, i need a professional." / can we use a mediation to talk through
what's happening or is there an emergency response hotline i can call?"
- 5) "no," / if i call the police, do i understand how involving
the police could impact me or the other person?"

*Alternatives To
Police Services*

4 Ideas by Vox



*Tucson looks into
Police alternatives*



SOURCES

1033 Program



Az Historical Society Collection

- TPD



Az Historical Society Collection

- Law Enforcement



AZ Justice System



AZ Prisons



AZ Ranger History



Mapping Police Violence



MPD 150



Civil Service

- Pros & Cons



TPD Transparent Numbers



Operation Streamline



