

INDEPENDENT CIVILIAN REVIEW OF THE ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Because the police CANNOT police themselves!

Rally & March

Rally with us Tuesday, May 20, 2014, 6:00PM
in front of Downtown United Presbyterian Church
121 N. Fitzhugh St. & then march to City Hall!

SPEAK AT CITY COUNCIL

Join us Tuesday, May 20, 2014, 6:30PM
City Council Chambers, Rochester City Hall,
30 Church Street

In order to "Speak to Council" you must call **(585) 428-7421** before 5:30 p.m. of the Meeting day. You will need to provide your name, address, the organization you are representing (if any), and the topic you plan to speak about (an independent civilian review board).

We need an independent civilian review board because:

- 88% of our police force is male, 76% of it is white, and 93% of officers live outside the city limits; we have an occupying police force in Rochester comprised primarily of white men who target people of color and specific neighborhoods of color to mete out brutality, harassment in the form of Stop & Frisk, and other forms of misconduct
- Mayor Lovely Warren sat as President of Rochester City Council from 2007 – 2013, witnessed multiple speak-outs during City Council sessions regarding specific instances of police violence and neither said nor did anything publicly about those instances
- the problems that sparked the race riots/rebellion that happened in July of 1964—lack of quality housing, inequitable education, no or low wage jobs, and rampant police violence—have not changed in 50 years
- because the police cannot police themselves!

An independent civilian review board...:

- is a committee of civilians selected by the people that investigate claims of police misconduct in order to hold officers accountable for their actions
- conducts its own independent investigation of all claims outside of the purview of the RPD
- has subpoena power and draws conclusions based on that evidence outside the purview of the RPD
- turns its recommendations over to an impartial third party to make a final, public determination and any punitive outcomes for abusive officers.

For more information, contact Rev. Lewis Stewart at: **454-0077**.