

Below is the gist of the letter sent by email to the various police/sheriff departments for Texarkana Arkansas, Texarkana Texas, Miller County, and Bowie County. The specific content was tailored to each agency/office.

Greetings (their Chief/Sherriff Name)

My Name is Chaurcey Boyd of Texarkana Miller County Arkansas.

In March 2017 at the formerly named Texarkana Area Christian Leadership Conference (TACLCL) I brought local law enforcement together with community leaders to discuss issues of conflict between law enforcement and citizens at large; but, then lessons learned and other things took priority and I have had to reorganize, reassess, and reengage that initiative during the last few months as I recommit to do my part to the extent still needed. Of course, I didn't know the recent intense events involving law enforcement were coming. The initiative is now called Texarkana Area Community Leadership Coalition (TACLCL).

I understand law enforcement is a dangerous job; but clearly the system is broken. I have sent emails to a number of government officials at various levels of government nationwide asking them to exhort Governors & Attorneys General to relatively quickly develop, implement, communicate, and enforce uniform humane resistance and deadly force specifications with severe penalty for violations. Each community has same caliber of people so there is no legitimate reason for there to be the kind of differences that exist across the nation. I am asking you to do the same thing.

The newest cases are Ahmaud Arbery and George Floyd; but, the 2015 Michael Sabbie death in custody as a Texarkana, Arkansas inmate should not have happened. The 2014 Texarkana, Texas Dennis Grigsby incident also gives me concern. The 2016 Morgan Angerbauer incident is also of concern though it involved a case of negligence rather than deadly force; this case seems to have been an Arkansas incident since the negligent nurse was charged by a Miller County Prosecuting Attorney.

One of the main problems is that when previous incidents similar to the Ahmaud Arbery and George Floyd occurred there has not been sufficient follow up to ensure that long term appropriate corrective changes/improvements occur more rapidly than they are occurring. We as a nation must do better; this includes the legal/law-enforcement community, white community, and the black community as well as other government and non-government entities/communities.

With respect to the Floyd case, the Minneapolis Minnesota Police Department procedures manual on their website does allow some form of neck restraint even to the point of rendering the subject unconscious. But surely what the cop did is not in the spirit of that neck restraint authorization. From the video taken by the teenager at the scene the cop clearly over applied any reasonable neck restraint technique without any regard to saving Mr. Floyd life. It clearly was not commensurate with any threat. The available Texarkana Texas procedures manuals do not seem to allow such neck restraints which I think is a good thing.

At the (their org name other than Texarkana Texas), (their website address), I did not see any corresponding procedures manuals. So I would appreciate it if you would provide them to me (preferably in Microsoft Word or PDF if possible) so I can for public transparency and review upload them to the site I developed at <http://www.texarkana.totallifeinsight.com>.

<http://www.totallifeinsight.com/cbewptli/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/5-300-Use-of-Force-City-of-Minneapolis.pdf>

<http://texarkana.totallifeinsight.com/wp/texarkana-usa-law-enforcement-policies-and-procedures/>

I know you have much going on. But I hope I can count on you to exhort directly or indirectly Governors & Attorneys General as mentioned above according to your access as Sherriff.

I do plan to contact your office later concerning review of police procedures especially resistance and deadly force provisions. I know that there is and will be much going on in this regard state-wise and nationally. But I believe, we have a responsibility to also communicate and press forward and upward with love, truth, and unity locally in addition to being aware of what is going on state-wise and nationally.

I know that there are a number of related issues. At the website I identify a number of projects of interest to me that consider these interrelated issues.

Thank you for your and your staff/officers overall service to this community and nation.

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