

Across the country, community gun violence remains on the rise. On November 9th, three members of CCJ's Violent Crime Working Group – one from law enforcement, one from academia, and one representing community-based activism – discussed how cops and communities can work together to stop violence and save lives. Rejecting “either/or” narratives that put community and police efforts in competition with one another, these panelists argue that collaboration is key to keeping the peace.

## Speakers

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