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### Monitoring Police Consent Decrees: An Introduction & Starter Toolkit

This guide discusses police consent decree monitoring. It provides a detailed overview of what monitors do and how they might do it. It also seeks to provide a “starter kit” of specific tools and exemplars that monitors can use as they begin and progress through consent decree implementation.



***Monitoring consent decrees can be difficult and complex. This guide aims to illuminate some of what monitors need to consider as they conduct evaluations of police performance – a vital component of ensuring that decrees produce safer, more effective, and lawful policing.***

#### **What's Included?**

This guide provides the following:

- ❖ An overview of police consent decrees
- ❖ Roles and responsibilities of a monitor, including what they do and do not do
- ❖ Inventory of essential skills, attributes, diversity, capacity, and structure of monitoring teams
- ❖ How to think about doing the work, including engaging with stakeholders, such as community members and law enforcement personnel
- ❖ How to develop and implement a monitoring plan
- ❖ Practical considerations that may arise during the implementation of a consent decree, such as how the monitor may respond to critical incidents and providing updates to community members
- ❖ Ways to measure, evaluate, and determine whether a jurisdiction has complied with consent decree requirements

#### **Guidance from Prior Monitorships**

No two consent decrees are alike – because no two communities or law enforcement agencies are alike. This means that there is no one way to implement a consent decree successfully. Therefore, this guide is designed to provide guidance grounded in approaches that have worked well for prior monitors or jurisdictions and lessons learned from things that may not have been as successful.