

Newton Police Reform Task Force

Statement on the January 5, 2021 Police Shooting in Newton Highlands

January 7, 2021

The police shooting this past Tuesday in Newton Highlands can only be described as a tragedy for everyone involved. The Newton Police Reform Task Force was created to help ensure that all Newtonians can feel safe and secure in our community, regardless of factors such as race or mental illness. To advance this goal, we have been working to understand the full range of tools that the Newton Police Department will need to confront difficult encounters such as the one that occurred two days ago consistent with the highest values of our community. Tuesday's incident is a reminder of the importance of this work and of why we are doing it. At the appropriate time, we will take stock of what we can learn from this tragedy based on the information available to us.