

**From:** [Andrei Conovalov](#)  
**To:** [CPAC](#)  
**Subject:** 1/23/2021 TPD and Street Race Incident  
**Date:** Monday, January 25, 2021 8:38:39 PM

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Hi,

As a citizen and voter in Pierce County, I would like to express my opinion regarding the incident that took place on 1/23/2021. We can all agree that it was a tragic incident. An incident where a Tacoma Police Officer ran his cruiser into a crowd of law-breaking individuals who surrounded his vehicle, violently pounding on it attempting to break in, leaving him with no other option but to defend his own life by running the cruiser through the crowd of people.

I have attended the CPAC meeting on 1/25/2021 and there are a lot of questions such as, why was he by himself, where was the backup, where is the body camera footage, etc., a lot of emotions some even using the race. I get it, that's the political environment we live in nowadays however, no one asked for how long has this illegal street racing taking place? who is responsible in the community for organizing these illegal activities? why arent the criminals held responsible for their actions? why is the community thought to only hold responsible the police officers and not those that commit the crime? why are criminals encouraged to commit crime because "it's the pandemic and there haven't been events in our city for a year" does that mean we can all go destroy property and commit crimes because "there arent events in the city for a year"?

In my opinion, the meeting tonight was very one-sided. Yes, we should hold accountable those in authority for their actions if they broke the law but so is the community response to abide by the law. Our youth need to be thought to respect the law, abide by it, and I promise that as soon as the citizens start following the law, there will not be incidents of such nature where cops are forced to use force to defend their lives. The hate towards the police and the lawlessness that we saw on the 24th and 25th should not be tolerated and stopped immediately. It is very disheartening and sad when people in authority encourage lawlessness and criminalize law enforcement by holding just the officer responsible for the situation and disregarding the criminals' activities.

I had the privilege to meet and work with some TPD officers over the years. If you are a law abiding individual, you will see the TPD officers as professionals, hard working individuals who are doing a job that's very dangerous and much hated by criminals. I stand with the TPD and base on the video that I saw of the incident on 1/23/2021, the police officer was defending his life from an angry mob. I will not stand for attacks on our police officers and I ask that actions be taken against those that took part in the street race and the riot events over the weekend.

Thank you

**From:** [Kyle Jolibois](#)  
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This latest incident that happened on 9<sup>th</sup> and Pacific was in my neighborhood. I live on Broadway. I was born here on the Hilltop and I am a graduate of MT Tahoma high school. Let me share about a friend of mine killed by TPD. I was a friend of Crystal Brame's who was murdered by her husband on April 26, 2003, who was the Chief of Police at the time. Tacoma has had a police problem for decades and most recent with Manny Ellis among others. What bothers me about this Officer he would have been in the same era as Chief Brame. We know what happened to this city after what he did to my friend Crystal. Decades before Brame the entire City Council was removed in April of 1972, for corruption. I remember Janovich of the Pierce County Sheriff's department for his part in the corruption of Tacoma. I was friends with a granddaughter of known Mobsters from Lakewood. Tacoma needs a huge overhaul from the Chief on down on police interacting with its citizens and how they handle situations. The body cams that all must wear by March is too late for those that have fallen to TPD, lets learn from this and implement something positive. Another must, camera's added to police vehicles. I agree using "I was afraid for my Life" in no reason to run over people when he could back up. He had an out by reversing up and turning around. He backs up, revved engine and plowed forward crowd and drove up to at least Commerce before stopping. I cannot tell how far up 9th he went. He needs to be charged with intent to hurt with a deadly weapon. So sad to see a 30-year veteran go out this way. Tacoma has lot of issues with Public trust. The people that are true Takoma people did not trash and burn this city I promise you that. This latest thing just adds to the mental stress that the city has put on its citizens. We are known as the City of Destiny for a reason, it is the time to end the tarnishing of our good name. Again this Officers need to be held accountable to the highest degree and charged with a charge Tacoma can learn and grow from.

[Kyle Jolibois](#)

[Native to Tacoma](#)

**From:** [Kenji Stoll](#)  
**To:** [CPAC](#)  
**Subject:** 9th and Pacific, TPD Incident  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 11:57:21 AM

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Hello,

My name is Kenji Stoll and I'm writing in response to the TPD incident last weekend where people were run over by an officer at 9th and Pacific.

While I understand officer's jobs can be stressful and dangerous, there was no excuse for the officer to escalate this situation and run over an entire group of people. In a time where community and police relations have already been under a microscope, it's really disheartening to see this situation unfold the way it did. This is a clear example of how the police force (in it's current state) can be the wrong response to a situation and end up being harmful instead of helpful to our community.

These matters are life and death for people in our city, and it's up to us to find REAL solutions to prevent them from happening again. I believe Tacoma is the kind of city that's small enough, local minded enough, and innovative enough to dream up and implement some real solutions.

If our collective goal is safety and health, we need policies and strategies where armed officers are not our first response. It would be incredible if we could create a future where trauma informed and restorative justice based responses lead the way, and where force and violence is the absolute last option on the table. It would be better for everyone, better for our city, for our country, and for the world.

Kenji

Dear Members of Tacoma CPAC,

After 80 minutes of today's meeting (and many notes taken), I would like to share some personal input as a community member, former neighborhood council member, and former moderator of the 11,000+ member Tacoma Community Page. I hope my thoughts do not skip all over, but I took notes during the meeting and am going to try to follow along with those as best I can and be as forthcoming as I can as a community member. The order in which I list my comments, outside of those in the following paragraph, are simply in order of the speakers this evening. I apologize in advance for the length of my comments, but I wanted to be thorough in response as this is an important issue for our community.

The first and most stringent comment I would like to make is that when links are referenced during the discussion, they should be shared with the community as a whole. Kiara brought this up towards the end, and I was glad that she did, because I was hoping for it the whole time. Boduca did share the bodycam link towards the end, but if you really want to engage the community, give the CPAC link, give the CPAC email for comment (especially when comment is closed), and give links to any other resources you reference during the meeting so that the community has an opportunity to visit them. Some of our community members may not be adept at finding these links on their own, and it is a disservice to them not to share that information with them.

#### Kiara Daniels

1. You immediately leapt to police accountability. I will be honest and say that this is the first CPAC meeting I have ever watched. Based on the CPAC website, it is my understanding that part of the purpose of CPAC is to "help to ensure transparency and accountability in the way that the City of Tacoma Police Department operates." I hope to hear that both parties (CPAC and TPD) are working together toward that transparency and accountability. While we have learned tonight that transparency is still an issue with lack of cameras, both bodycams and dashcams, with accountability, at least we have an outside party investigating the situation, so that the proper parties involved in this incident can be held accountable.
2. You referenced the need for immediate, not scheduled meetings. While I understand that tensions are running fast and furious (no pun intended), I think it would be irresponsible of the leaders of our community to make statements before having all the facts at hand. Additionally, you cannot guarantee that when an incident happens at 9pm on a Saturday night, even a quorum of fellow leaders would be available immediately afterwards or first thing the next morning. Nor is it prudent to allow any one member to make a statement on behalf of a committee without some discussion prior. While immediate meetings may not be feasible, may I suggest a chat group or text group or email group? Members may be more likely to at least give an initial and informal statement in that form until more information is gathered.
3. You mentioned that there is no reason something like this should happen whether at a street race or a wedding (and referenced other gathering types). It should be noted that the difference with the other gathering types you mentioned, those are usually held on private property, whereas this incident was held in the middle of a major downtown intersection without prior permitting (as far as the public is aware). To compare the two is to compare apples and oranges.
4. I absolutely agree with your "Next step" as allowing public access to footage. I will echo sentiments made in the meeting that it is very disappointing that not only was there no bodycam footage, but no dashcam footage as well. All we must go on is the various internet videos from bystanders leading up to the event, during the event, and in the immediate aftermath.
5. At one point you claimed that people were being demonized just for gathering in the street. I watched a long video from a bystander before the police arrived of what this "gathering" entailed. I am honestly shocked that no one was hurt before then, given what was occurring in that intersection. In case you have not seen that video, one such may still be available at <https://www.facebook.com/yariela.javier.1/videos/830391141151570>. Again, given the circumstances of the situation, I am amazed that no one was injured prior to any responders arriving. I am not bringing up the legality of even occurred prior to response, but the danger even to bystanders before there was any response.

### Krystle Edwards

1. I appreciated that you came with prepared remarks, and also noticed your notetaking during the event. It helps us to be better prepared, but also to keep us informed and help us listen to what others are truly saying.
2. I think most of our community, no matter which side they fall on, can agree on an urgency to complete the rollout of the bodycams (as well as dashcams in the future). I do not know what barriers stand in the way of this, but perhaps TPD can enlighten us further in the future.
3. I agree that if there is not currently a Use of Force policy regarding large crowds such as this officer encountered, there should be, and such policies should be made available to the public if they are not already. If they are already in place, and available, this would be the time to point the community to where those policies can be found for our personal review.
4. You mentioned CTRT during the meeting. Most of the community may not be familiar with what that is. I would encourage you and all committee members, when in a large forum as tonight, to briefly explain. It was simple enough to google that the acronym stands for Community Trauma Response Team, but it would be helpful for the community to understand what their role would be in an incident such as this.

### Terah Gruber

1. I understand that “waiting isn’t an action.” However, for people to have the totality of facts surrounding the circumstances, we must wait for the investigation to conclude.
2. On the other hand, your idea of prioritizing responses to officers who have some sort of cam available as the FIRST responders is a good one, and hopefully one taken into consideration by TPD. I am not sure of the feasibility of this because, of course, the public does not have the information on the spread of current bodycams across the city, nor what the rollout looks like. But if it will take until March to get the department fully equipped, this is something that should be considered.

### Jeffrey Sargent

1. Thank you for your review of all the comments submitted thus far. Many community members seem to believe that their opinions mean nothing and are not even read or considered. It was heartening to hear that some of the members of CPAC have read through all of the comments that had been submitted so far.
2. I appreciate, and agree with, your sentiment that community leaders should remain unbiased until an investigation can be completed, and we have a full accounting of the facts. While I understand that we each have our individual experiences and opinions, when a person is in a position of leadership, they are no longer there to voice their own opinion, but to represent those of their constituency.
3. I was just as surprised as you appeared to be to learn that TPD does not have dashcams. You would think that with Pierce County having been a hotspot for the tv show C.O.P.S. for so many years, we would have learned better by now. I agree any city cameras around the area of the incident, as well as publicly submitted video, should be taken in totality to assess the situation from all angles. While in theory, especially with regard to this incident, I agree with your idea of more city cameras, I think you will find a segment of the population resistant to it based on “rights,” simply because most citizens do not understand how privacy rights work in a public setting.

### Jennifer V.

1. As previously mentioned, I understand how it is “frustrating to wait for results of an investigation” as you put it this evening, but without an investigation, we are left to go on opinions, or “facts” based simply on one video or another and not the totality of the situation. I implore you to let the investigation continue to its end before reaching any conclusions.

### Elizabeth Altimamy

1. I appreciate your willingness to await results of the investigation before comment or making any conclusions, this is what our entire justice system is based upon and should be modeled by any such council.

Dana Coggon (I had to look up your last name on the CPAC site)

1. I agree that this is a job that our police chief has signed up for, though no one could foresee what can occur during their tenure in a position. I was unsure what you meant by what policies are being put in place to change officer behavior. I think perhaps there was a comment later by another member regarding how officers respond to a large scale gathering like that, and I hope that is to what you were referring.
2. You mentioned you also do not want to wait for an investigation. As I have already said, I implore the members of CPAC to hold back personal opinion until the investigation has been completed. Even has a layman community member, I have seen several different videos, which can each be construed in different ways. It takes the totality of information to come to an informed, and not reactionary, conclusion.
3. Regarding the bystanders who you stated just showed up to observe how TPD would respond, I have watched at least one video at least ten minutes long before police arrived that showed a very large crowd who did not seem to be there to see what happened when police arrived, but to cheer on the antics of those involved in the drifting exhibition. As a side note, in case I have not already made it clear, I am amazed those antics did not result in any injuries, especially with "bystanders" recording from the middle of "donuts." You stated that you did not believe that the problem was street racing, but the officer involved. While I understand it is an unpopular opinion, it still must be addressed: But for the drifting exhibition, would officer response have been necessary?
4. I can appreciate that you stated you would not refute that the officer may have truly been frightened. I have read and seen several versions of the incident, and I am sure many community members would have been frightened if they had driven too far into the incident and had at least one window broken out while trying to extricate themselves.
5. Thank you, Dana, for also having concern for how community comments will be handled. I almost feel sorry for writing such a long response to tonight's meeting, but I hope that it is one that will be viewed by all on the committee and judged on the merits of what I have said, and the discretion which I try to employ to while addressing all parties. While I understand that many of the comments that CPAC will receive will be much more vile (and much shorter), I hope my words are taken into consideration.

Shayna Raphael

1. Regarding your statement about the backing up and mowing forward (mowing being my own term), I understand your concern. I have only seen so much footage. I understand that many in our community only saw about a 10 second clip, whereas some saw full 20 minutes worth of what happened. This is exactly why we need to wait for the investigation.
2. As many (most?) on the committee seem to agree, it was a use of force. There is no doubt about that. The question is how much force was warranted in that situation (and law enforcement uses a use of force continuum that must lead to law enforcement achieving its objective for the community).
3. You mentioned that he seemed like the officer was able to go backwards, and it seemed like there was no reason for him to move forwards, yet he plowed forwards. I have not seen enough video to confirm what happened when, but I understand that at some point at least one of his windows was broken out. Was that while he was backing up? Was it in between? Did he just have a flight or fight reaction? Until the investigation is complete, we will not know, if even then.
4. You and other committee members made a good point in that if there were that many people congregated, why would the officer put himself in that position of being surrounded by that many people. There is some video out there that there was a police vehicle that started to drive towards the crowd but backed up the hill with bystanders following the police vehicle. I believe this was a second responder but am unable to ascertain. Whether a first or second responder, that the crowd was trying to coalesce around the responder and block them either way should be unacceptable.

5. You made mention of your disagreement with the bodycam amnesty period, as you referred to it. As mentioned earlier, I am unsure if this was a cost issue, or policy issue or otherwise, but whatever the case may be, it would be helpful if the public at large were also aware of the factors.
6. You negated Jeffrey's stance on trying to be unbiased in situations as this. As a former moderator of Tacoma Community Page, I completely understand how difficult it is to try to hold your personal opinions in, when we should have opinions of our own as community members. However, when you hold a position of leadership, it becomes about the opinion of your constituents over personal opinions. As you represent District 2, I would hope that you are trying to represent the opinions of all your constituents, and not only those with whom you agree.

#### Louis Cooper

1. First, please forgive me for not using your proper suffix or middle initial. I took notes for brevity.
2. I will be honest, until I read further news articles, I did not realize it was a black man who was struck by the officer. The videos I had previously seen showed a WIDE variety of ethnicities and nationalities at the incident in question. As a person of mixed descent, I cannot say I completely understand what you are going through at this moment as you described your emotions dealing with this as a black man.
3. I understand that you feel that black men, and although you did not say this, young black men in particular neighborhoods, may operate out of fear every day. However, to claim that an officer did not fear for his life because it is perceived to be a blanket statement is to remove the humanity from an officer as though he is not subject to simple human fears because of his profession or race.
4. I understand you believe that perhaps the officer could have locked himself in his vehicle as you mentioned, but from my understanding of media outlets, at least one window had been broken in. While some of our community members may not be concerned with what happened to the officer, we might also ask ourselves what may have happened if he was removed from the vehicle and the crowd gained control of the vehicle as well as all the accessories, including weaponry, available to them at that point.
5. You asserted that we cannot have police investigating police. As I am sure you are aware, the TPD is not investigating this matter. The [PCFIT](#) investigating this may still be a team of law enforcement of varying specifications, but they have the background fit to investigate this. If you have other ideas outside of community laymen putting officers on trial based on public opinion, I would seriously be interested in hearing because it is obvious that our community needs an in-between, if even that would be acceptable.
6. I apologize that I may have stated this earlier, but I agree with you that there is question of why a lone officer engaged with that number of people before any assistance had arrived. This is another reason why the investigation must be concluded.
7. I absolute agree that anyone on CPAC should have a full understanding of what the TPD use of force training entails.

#### Stephen Hagberg

1. As a person of mixed nationalities whose opinions often lie in the middle, I want to be honest and tell you that watching the panel and understanding the opinions of many on both sides watching, your initial statement may have immediately come across as "old white man" to those who have different life experiences. I implore you to consider your audience and take a more tactful and/or diplomatic approach. This is in not an attack on your statement, but as a leader, you are committed to represent a constituency which varies greatly.
2. While I have previously given the typical "but for" argument previously and do agree that but for such events, our leaders need to take the entire incident in totality.
3. You mentioned EVOG protocols to deal with such incidents. Again, I implore you and the committee to be sure to explain what such terms mean for the community at large.

Thank you all for your time and attention. While I apologize for the length of this missive, I do not apologize for attempting to be a voice of logic while our community is clearly divided.

**From:** [Shannel N. Ball](#)  
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**Subject:** Citizen response to CPAC 01/25/21 meeting  
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**Attachments:** [CPAC 012521 Response.pdf](#)

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Dear members,

Please see the attached pdf for my response to the zoom meeting broadcast. Thank you all for your time, and I apologize in advance for the length of my comments.

Sincerely,

**Shannel N. Ball**

**From:** [Melanie Cantara](#)  
**To:** [CPAC](#)  
**Subject:** Cops and their driving  
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Hello,

I feel like this is a good time to share my story about an experience I had with a (different) Tacoma cop and their driving “skills”, and why I think, at the very least, more training in mindfulness and accountability would be helpful.

Last year, I was on a walk with my daughter and the baby I nanny (light outside, morning time). We were stopped at the crosswalk at a red light in hilltop, on MLK (I believe we were at 12th and MLK). A cop was stopped at the same red light, facing us, in the left turn lane, their path would be to turn into our crosswalk. Their emergency lights and siren were not on and there was no reason to believe it would not be our right of way. The light turned green and we headed across the street at the same time that cop started to turn like we weren't there. I SCREAMED and he slammed on his breaks. He came dangerously close to hitting my daughter. He asked me if I wanted him to pull over so we could talk about it. I said yes. A witness on a bench nearby told me they saw the whole thing. The cop parked in the alley down the block. My heart was POUNDING. He told me he was sorry he scared me, but that we (citizens) don't know how much they've got going on inside their cars with their computers and calls. I told him he didn't have his lights on and we had the right of way. I almost lost my child because of his foolishness. He said something like “I'm not saying who's right or wrong, but I wouldn't be able to sleep at night if anything happened..” I was like, “it was YOUR fault. And if something happened, I know NOTHING would happen to you, I'd be grieving my child for the rest of my life and you would have had NO consequences.” I walked away feeling completely powerless, but grateful. The incident gave me a first hand realization that I have to be extra careful around cops in any situation, because they can and will get away with ANYTHING.

**From:** [Scott Urling](#)  
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To Mr. Louis Cooper:

Representative Cooper,

These quotes, attributed to you, are from a MyNorthwest article about the police SUV incident on Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>:

““This is outrageous — there’s no excuse for this to have happened,” agreed at-large representative Louis Cooper.” “Why does that happen in America?”

You’re right Mr. Cooper, it is outrageous that a crowd of over 100 can gather in downtown Tacoma, block a street, and do illegal and dangerous antics with their cars. It’s outrageous that when the police appropriately respond to such an illegal gathering that one of their patrol cars is surrounded by a mob, banging on the car body and windows, blocking the vehicle’s exit, yelling to drag the officer out, and refusing to move when the cop hits his lights and sirens and attempts to leave. And you’re right, there’s no excuse for the young man to be part of the illegal gathering, part of a mob threatening a police officer and refusing to move from in front of the SUV. That cop did not drive into a crowd of pedestrians Mr. Cooper. His car was surrounded. He was justifiably in fear for his safety (he never said in fear of his life) and he drove out of a threatening mob. Mr. Cooper, can you honestly say that had you been in that car you wouldn’t have been in fear of your safety?

Why does this happen in America? Because people like you Mr. Cooper, immediately come out against the police and one of the results of that is that people like those in that mob have no respect for the police. My dad used to say, “Even a thin slice of ham has two sides”. Too bad you only seem to see one side.

Scott Urling

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I do business in Tacoma, am from Tacoma, have friends and family still there, and I'm not far away. You guys need to clean the city of criminals so people will be safe, period. This will promote the city to thrive and prosper. Right now, I would never recommend to live there due to all the safety hazards, number one being the homeless encampments/riots. You all should be ashamed of not supporting your own public servant who had to go out there severely understaffed in the face of a violent mob that you guys should have under control for your citizens. Do not teach the new generation that they can't defend themselves in this situation and that it's ok to disrespect authority. Besides that, the transparency and accountability with policy is a good piece of progress, but don't take your agenda to the extreme. Self preservation is everyone's right. Destroying the city is wrong. Violent mobs are even more wrong, you should be ashamed for letting these mobs get this crazy and dumb. Crime is wrong. Protect your citizens.

**From:** [Mindi Meeks](#)  
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I want to see the results of the investigation, including body cam footage. But based on what I saw posted in the media, the police officer was fully justified in his actions. He was being attacked and was afraid for his safety. What else could he have done with the tools that he had? For every person on this committee, I remind you that empathy works both ways. When was the last time you were in a car with a crowd of people yelling and banging on your windows? What would your response be? I bet you would call the police. I bet you would try to escape. I bet you would try to defend yourself using whatever tools are at your disposal.

Why was the officer there without back-up? Maybe he didn't think he needed it. Maybe he thought he could operate in the community without fear for his personal safety. Maybe he didn't think the crowd would turn on him. Maybe there wasn't another officer near enough to the road racing incident to respond quickly. Maybe other officers were busy and unable to respond.

This committee could have used this platform to send a message to the public that riots and violence and destruction of property will not be tolerated in our city. You only need to look north to Seattle and south to Portland for examples of what happens to a community when riots are allowed to continue unhindered. But instead you spent most of the call talking about how you personally felt about the incident and how the TPD is to blame. You've already made up your minds and condemned the officer and the TPD, and yet you expect them to be open, honest, and cooperative with you. If you can't function objectively, then you need to step down. You are volunteers, not elected officials. You don't speak for everyone, and you only hear the voices in your echo chambers.

This is why we need an independent investigation of the entire incident – before, during, and after the officer drove into the crowd. I have opinions, just like everyone else, but I am open to changing them based on reliable information. If you are going to represent the public on this committee, you should be as well.

**From:** [Matt Pavolka](#)  
**To:** [CPAC](#)  
**Subject:** Emergency CPAC / Street Racing Comments  
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Hello,

I appreciate your meeting last night and thought there was some great dialogue to move forward with.

I just had a couple comments I wanted to share. First of all, as a motorsports enthusiast and an (extremely) amateur race car driver, I can respect both sides of this situation. Just like everyone else mentioned, running people over should never have been the result of any circumstances.

10 years ago I was pulled over by Officer Khanh Phan going too fast in Tacoma when I had installed a new race engine in my track car about an hour earlier. He let me off with a warning and followed me back to the garage where I keep the car. Officer Phan was nothing but respectful and the interaction was relatively pleasant, all things considered. I have never forgotten his professionalism during the encounter and considered him a model police officer. When I saw his name come up regarding this recent event in Tacoma this came as a shock to me, and I hope he made some sort of quick mistake rather than a malicious act. I guess my point is that I don't consider him to be an overly aggressive police officer or have any increased prejudice towards young males with hot rod cars.

That being said, speeding is a little different than the group Tacoma is dealing with here. This group actually calls themselves the Street Mafia and puts together these events weekly, either in Tacoma, Auburn, Lakewood, Seattle Etc. You can see the organized tactics and lack of regard for law enforcement in the following videos. In the first one they harass a woman at about the 14 minute mark and then actually attack her car at about the 15:20 mark. I can see how traumatizing this could be for a middle aged woman by herself on the freeway. I am not 100% certain that this is the same group that was in Tacoma on Saturday night, but I would be willing to bet it is. If you have time, please watch these videos to get a better understanding of what law enforcement is up against and may be helpful in developing reaction plans to deal with it in the future. Its one thing to perform these activities behind warehouses or other non-conspicuous places, but this group thrives on attention and actually tries to get the reaction of passersby. As this group gets more and more bold, it was not if, it was when there was going to be some sort of altercation with the police.

Thank You for Your Time.

- Matt

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GI-xLcBRDgU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=da1haElHUfY>

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**From:** [Kirsten Watts](#)  
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Hello Committee Chair Hagberg and District 1 Representative Vasilez. I am writing to express my concern for those injured during the alleged excessive use of deadly force demonstrated by the police officer who used his vehicle to disperse the crowd that appeared to surround it. I am very relieved no one lost his or her life during the event. I am extremely disappointed that an object designed for transportation was allegedly intentionally turned into a deadly weapon by the operating officer.

It is my understanding that the Community's Police Advisory Committee (CPAC) will be reviewing the incident, but more specifically, the Tacoma Police use of force policy. As part of the CPAC review of the use of force policy, I request that you ask and receive answers for the following questions:

- Didn't the doors automatically lock or lock a few second after the officer entered and started operating his vehicle? If not, didn't the officer have the ability to manually lock the vehicle doors?
- Isn't the glass in the vehicle used by the officer shatter-proof and bullet-proof?

If the answer is "yes" to those questions, please ask this follow-up question: What immediate threat, if any, caused the officer, within the confines of his locked, bullet-proof vehicle, to fear for his life and use his vehicle to flee the crowd that surrounded it?

Thank you.

*Kirsten Watts, District 1 Resident and Taxpayer*

*"The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any." ~ Alice Walker*

**From:** [Simon Patrick Williams](#)  
**To:** [CPAC](#)  
**Subject:** January 23rd misinformation  
**Date:** Monday, January 25, 2021 8:30:08 PM  
**Attachments:** [V7kkfVZHPLuN4URk.mp4](#)

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I have heard a lot of misinformation about the January 23rd 9th and Pacific incident. I want to make sure you all see the truth of what happened. Here is common misinformation I hear with video evidence to prove what really happened.

The officer had room to back up behind him, he was able to reverse his vehicle to get out of the situation if he wanted to.

The police officer was not in danger. The most the pedestrians did was hit the hood of the car. They did not attempt to smash the windows. The officer was not in danger.

The officer did not simply "strike" a pedestrian. He ran over two pedestrians as fast as he could. He reversed his vehicle to gain more momentum and he revved his engine to maximize the speed at which he ran over the pedestrians.

Please watch these videos and forward this information and footage to the mayor, city council, and Tacoma Police department. The truth must be seen and heard. Thank you.

Video 1:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/E3ov3LLbdoWPM8VXA>

Video 2:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/5TyshsJkbvTxQhHD8>

**From:** [melissa silvers](#)  
**To:** [CPAC](#)  
**Subject:** Last nights meeting.  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 1:16:54 PM

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Last night is the first time I have ever joined any community meeting regarding the police. I have to say that I am absolutely appalled by what I heard and witnessed last night out of this community meeting. I am also appalled by that not once did anybody mention the fact that there was a large group of people in the street of downtown Tacoma doing dangerous and illegal acts that could have gotten someone hurt or killed. Why aren't we holding those individuals accountable for Saturday's events? Why, as a board are you so quickly to put blame on this officer? Now, I know that there are underlying issues around the police department from last year's events, but we need to stay with what happened on Saturday only. I work at a local hospital here in Tacoma. We know the officer from him dropping people off or coming to take a report. He's one of the most caring, honest, hardworking officers we know. He does not have a malice bone in his body and would not hurt anybody unless he did in fact feel threatened.

Thanks for taking the time to read!  
Melissa

**From:** [Nikki Farnsworth](#)  
**To:** [CPAC](#)  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 1:33:52 PM

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The incident that occurred with the police officer was ridiculous. It's a crying shame that the good people in this case the police officers are the ones left getting the worst end of the stick. They risk their life everyday to protect people. The state of washington is an absolute disappointment. I can't and won't allow my children to grow up in this place. This is not how it used to be. We need to back our police men and woman every single day that God gives us on this earth.

People that are doing illegal actions have no rights or say so. That's how it should be. That's how it used to be. Instead the good guys lose and the losers are somehow always winning, because "Feelings". Grow up and get over yourself. Back the god damn men and women that fight to keep YOU safe.

**From:** [Miranda Tennison](#)  
**To:** [CPAC](#)  
**Subject:** Meeting comment  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 12:52:13 PM

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To whom it may concern,

As a resident of Tacoma for the last 27 years, I am so embarrassed by my city. That we would make excuses for people who so clearly disregard the law. They claim to be the victims but they are criminals. How to we justify their actions that put bystanders in danger and could have put more people in danger. They have no respect for the law - if we don't make a stop to this Tacoma will be ruined. Law Enforcement officers need to feel safe and protected when doing a dangerous job. We need to stop making excuses for criminals. Otherwise there will no one to call for help in the future.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [valmoulton@aol.com](mailto:valmoulton@aol.com)  
**To:** [CPAC](#); [TPD-PIO](#)  
**Subject:** meeting regarding police officer placed on admin leave in response to street racing  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 2:31:46 PM

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Hello. I attended the CPAC public meeting via Zoom last night regarding the street racing incident that resulted in a police officer being put on admin leave. As a member of the community, I was very disappointed that the only person that spoke out regarding the heart of the issue was the chairman when he said that it should be noted that if the law was not being violated perhaps the situation would not have occurred at all. It is frustrating that almost all of the people who spoke last night suggested that the police department needs to be held accountable and that somehow the responsibility for this incident falls on them. There were many comments about that this committee should be an oversight committee. In large part the members are all apparently against police officers in general. If there is an oversight committee, it should be comprised of individuals that can be impartial. If we are truly going to change as a community, this committee needs to acknowledge the fact that the community needs to do their part as well to repair the relationship with police.

Why is it suddenly inconceivable that people who break the law should be held accountable for their actions? Street racing is a crime, and it has killed innocent bystanders on a number of occasions. There was no mention of this fact last night when discussing the incident. There were numerous individuals seen terrorizing the police officer in his patrol car. One of the members of the committee last night said that because he said he was in fear for his life that this was somehow an excuse. The members continually said they are in fear of police officers. Why are police officers not able to feel fear themselves when ganged up on by a number of individuals attacking a patrol car and attempting to gain entry where one police officer sat by himself with no one to protect him? In order to fix the fractured relationship, I think this committee needs to admit the community's part in this. We need to encourage our community to respect police officers. It is not just police officers that need to respect members of the community. We can't continue to turn a blind eye to members of the community that disobey the law, that resist arrest, that make rude and hateful comments to police officers about them and their family members just because of their profession, that attack an officer for doing his job. The police officers are not always the problem. I am scared for what our community will look like if we continue down this path of vilifying police officers every time they try to do their job. There simply won't be anyone left that will be willing to take the risk. You want to call police when something is going wrong, but then you want to micromanage how they do it. Maybe time can be spent on creating events to foster a better relationship between police officers and the communities that they work in. We need to see each other as individual people, not in terms of race or profession. I don't want to see Tacoma turn into a community that can't get along. We need to find a way to bridge the gap between the two sides.

I hope that these opinions from the public are being read and considered. I have lived in Tacoma my entire life. There needs to be consequences for people who break the law, just as there should be consequences for those that abuse their power. This does not seem like a situation where an officer abused their power. They were trying to maintain law and order and were being attacked. We need to feel safe in a community. How is it acceptable to encourage people to take over our streets with no repercussions? We need a city that our kids can feel safe in.

V. Torgerson

**From:** [Rob Jones](#)  
**To:** [CPAC](#)  
**Subject:** Officer involved incident  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 4:00:44 PM

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Hello,

I just wanted to touch base and give my opinion of the incident involving the TPD officer. Below are some facts from this incident. I really think that more concern should be given to the hooligans that are actually breaking the law. Blocking intersections so they can do "donuts". This is all planned and illegal.

Key FACTS -

- the situation only happened because people gathered to do illegal things (reckless driving period, not to mention the tax dollars we'll have to pay to those roads so yes it affect me)
- someone doing donuts HIT someone watching.
- the officer was trying to get to the situation, not chasing someone with expired tabs... we shouldn't have to justify the actions of illegal stuff, period. Things could have escalated and the reckless driving could have hurt many others in a chase.
- there is NO way for an officer to know if anyone mobbing his vehicle has a gun or means to harm... they were circling his vehicle and although there weren't as many people behind his vehicle.. they were approaching from all directions. No one has the right to interfere with his job or safety the way they did.
- multiple cops were called to the scene, he was just first one there and again, shouldn't have been put in that situation. He had lights and sirens were on.

Thank-you for your time and consideration.

Rob Jones  
206-930-6740

**From:** [Rebecca Chapman](#)  
**To:** [CPAC](#)  
**Subject:** Pacific Ave burnouts  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 12:25:44 PM

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I have read the articles and seen the videos. Yet I have heard nothing from my city leaders about holding those accountable for breaking the law by congregating on a city street, doing burnouts, interfering with a fire truck, and mobbing and attacking a police vehicle; only criticism for the police office response. Then on Sunday, criminal activity to city and county buildings and independent businesses.

I ask you to hold those engaging in criminal activity to be held accountable for their actions.

I do not support any discipline or repercussion to the police officer, who was being attacked.

I know that the action groups and BLM protest groups are well organized and make a loud voice. But they don't speak for me, or many in our city on this issue. Also, this situation has nothing to do with race. And if you try to create it into a racial situation, you do previous protests that were correctly race related a disservice. There is nothing about this situation this race-motivated, not does it have anything to do with diversity or equity It was a group of lawless people gathering on a city street with no permits or authorization, endangering lives of innocent people trying to use a public city road.

If you look at the comments from many of the local media sites, they are pro-police. They agree with me that those causing the lawlessness are in the wrong, and created the situation, and in support of the police response.

Rebecca Chapman  
Tacoma

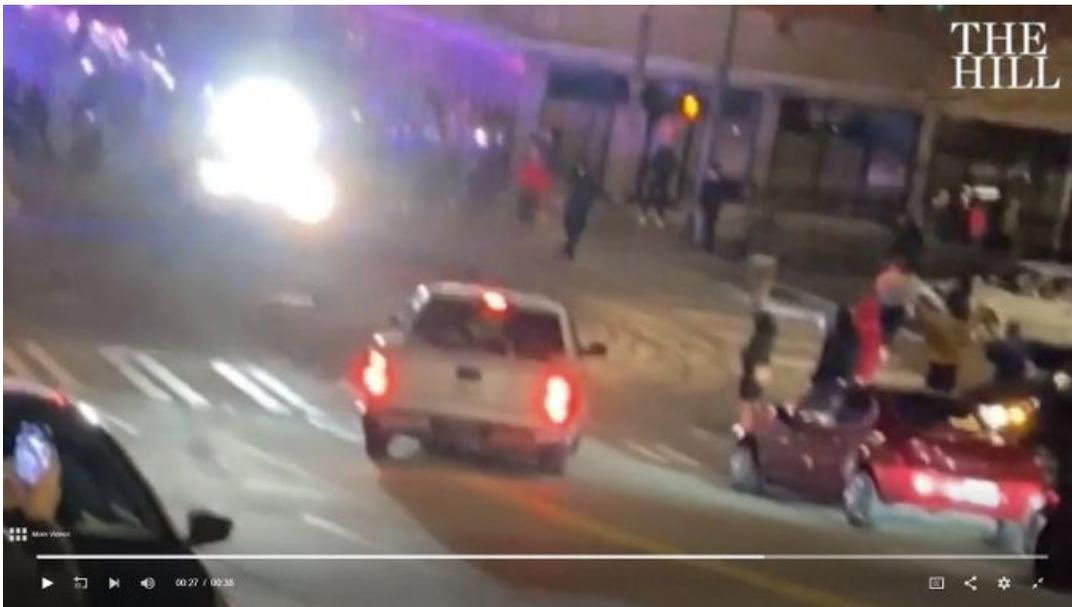
**From:** [Mark Baker](#)  
**To:** [CPAC](#)  
**Cc:** [adam.lynn@thenewstribune.com](mailto:adam.lynn@thenewstribune.com)  
**Subject:** Police Running Over Pedestrian Incident  
**Date:** Monday, January 25, 2021 10:00:50 PM  
**Attachments:** [image.png](#)  
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Dear Tacoma Community Police Advisory Committee,

This letter is in reference to the recent incident where a police officer ran over a person. While we were not there personally, we can provide important insights into the incident.

The photo below shows the police officer's car with dangerous, high-glare LED headlights and rooftop lights. This high color temperature light is a weapon. In other words, the police arrived with weapons turned on, punishing the crowd without due process. The crowd may have responded to the light attack by pounding on the car, causing the officer to flee.



In addition to the white LED light weapons, the police also used LED strobe lights. These blue and red LED lights have so much intensity (luminance) that they are acting as weapons, not merely warning lights.



In our opinion, the police officer who was driving the vehicle was placed into a no-win

situation by the Tacoma Police Department. He was given LED lighting technology to use that exceeds human tolerance thresholds. He was trained to use this lighting technology. We are not in a position to know whether the Tacoma Police Department trains their officers to use these LED lights as weapons, or if the Tacoma PD is unaware of how dangerous these lights are.

Our group, Soft Lights ([www.softlights.org](http://www.softlights.org)) has been contacting cities across the USA for several years, warning about this technology. Now is an excellent time for the city of Tacoma to adopt stringent restrictions on the use of high energy light. Light must not be used as a weapon and civilians have a right not to be punished by these lights.

We urgently recommend that the CPAC recommend the following changes to policy.

- 1) Ban the use of strobing LED lights on police vehicles. Replace them with soft, static lights that function as a warning, not a weapon.
- 2) Ban the use of any high color temperature light that exceeds 2700 Kelvin color temperature.

Please contact us for any additional assistance that you need.

Sincerely,

Mark Baker, B.S.E.E.  
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**From:** [Reidun MacGregor](#)  
**To:** [CPAC](#)  
**Subject:** Police vehicle use of force issue involving pedestrian (angry mob member)  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 9:12:23 AM

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I find it unfortunate that the Saturday night event has been morphed into a police violence or racial injustice in policing issue. I am a strong voice against racial injustice in policing but have to push back on that narrative for this situation.

But for the the illegal activities of the members of our community that law abiding members of our community asked for help with by calling 911 to request the police address the illegal activities, the officer would not have been at that intersection nor addressing those illegal activities.

Which came first the chicken or the egg? In this situation the illegal activity of a mob came first, then the police arrived to address it, then the illegal mob went after the vehicle instead of abiding by the laws about lights and sirens which obligates everyone to clear a path for the police vehicle. And let's not forget that we just had a National event where our Federal Capitol police were attacked by an angry mob resulting in an officers death, and this last summer mobs flipped over police vehicles and set them on fire. I refuse to allow anyone to forget all that and choose to be so judgmental of only the officer's split second decision as an angry mob that is gathered for the intent of breaking the law, is pounding on his vehicle. It is almost laughable the dramatics on display about the reality of the situation. In fact the over reaction is actually creating a strong defense of the officer.

Frankly, if my son had been part of the mob and had been run over by the officer I would have told him 1. He was taught to not be involved in the activities and behavior that led to him being belligerently in the way of of the officer's vehicle and 2. He is lucky to be alive. I would not have any sympathy for him. And that is how I feel about the entire situation, events and outcome.

This situation is not in the category of other police violence issues and is not in the wheel house of racial injustice, not this time. So please work on the legitimate issues needing to be changed but tone down your rhetoric and judgment of the officer. I support reorganizing the police to have certain issues be handled differently but frankly the events of last Saturday would still fall to the police under a reorg so let's just get real about the problems with the unruly and illegal behavior of members of our community and bad players from Gig Harbor and Renton street racing "clubs". What is the city's plan to fix that problem?

Please check your emotions and get real about what actually went down. I am a taxpayer in this city, I am aware of street drifting happening all over the city every weekend. The traffic circle on my street is either a drunk catcher or has drifters show up and squeal as they drift around the circle in the middle of night. It is really run a mock and many members of the community are sick of it.

Ignorance of the law is not a defense. Stay out of the road, obey the laws about lights and sirens and none of this would have ever happened. Those are the facts ladies and gentleman. Please keep them in mind and solve the real problems.

Sincerely,

Reidun MacGregor  
Tacoma resident and homeowner since 2008

**From:** [Bill F.](#)  
**To:** [CPAC](#)  
**Subject:** Public meeting Jan 25, 2021 (Officer vehicle incident at 9th & Pacific)  
**Date:** Monday, January 25, 2021 7:57:53 PM

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I am appalled at the lack of legal knowledge or even common sense the CPAC (not all obviously) have in their involvement in "Advising" the policies and direction of the Tacoma Police Department.

This evening's call should have been about the people's feelings who were involved in the incident and about facts, not just social/personal agendas as voiced by several committee members who only saw a video and want to judge only the officer's actions.

There are legal issues, individual rights, and collection of evidence that "have to be" followed regardless of personal feelings. (It's called the "Law!")

Some of your members sounded like an old western movie "mob" after they were told a half-truth and wanted to hang the person of interest; and some of you act so educated and arrogant.

Stop your judgement of situations based on videos only. They are never the complete story and usually only show a small portion of all that occurred in a full situation.

Louis is one of the few members who has voiced a positive way of looking forward by getting information to better educate the committee. (Use of force class)

Right now, in my opinion, this is not an oversight committee with constructive input, this is a group therapy session!

Please tighten up CPAC's criteria and objectives as well as focus of its members true intent. Otherwise you will have no respect from the majority of citizens and/or the police members.

J. Forester

**From:** [Summer Webster](#)  
**To:** [CPAC](#)  
**Subject:** RE: January 25, 2020 Special Meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 1:10:02 PM

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Good Afternoon CPAC,

I am writing in response to the Special Meeting that was held last night. I am not writing specifically regarding the unfortunate incident discussed; instead, why I am a disappointed community member after observing the meeting.

I am sending this email out of love for the community, people with good intentions, and those who clearly give so much emotional labor for their role on this committee.

Last night, I saw white members expressing their sadness and tears, followed by toxic positivity calling for "love and light and unity" and white people taking up too much space with empty and passive words. Some inappropriate and thoughtless comments were made, including Stephen Hagberg's statement suggesting that if the people ran over by the TPD vehicle were "following the law," they would not have been victimized, and comments made by others about "not letting biases get in the way."

How sad is it that the Black and POC people show up and work closely with issues that directly affect them and people they love (issues being historical and pervasive white supremacy and police brutality), and talk about their trauma, just to be met with gaslighting, tone-policing and indifference from white folks in this meeting? Unfortunately, I think it is safe to assume that too many meetings reflect this.

Police brutality is and has always been an issue. This is not a partisan issue; it's about human lives. No more excuses. No more "let's wait and see how this plays out," no more "processing time." There needs to be a sense of urgency and actual action from people who have the power to do something before you are all back having this same conversation again. Lastly, I understand times are tough, and I assume this is not easy work; nevertheless, white folks on this committee need some better self-awareness and a better understanding of the systems directly related to this job.

Thank you for reading this,  
I would love to provide any clarification or resources as needed.  
I look forward to a response.

Summer Webster

**From:** [lauraisweet@hotmail.com](mailto:lauraisweet@hotmail.com)  
**To:** [CPAC](#)  
**Subject:** Recent events  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 10:57:26 AM

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To whom it may concern

I am writing to express my concern for the events happening in Tacoma and the actions taken by the Tacoma police officer on the 23rd.

I am asking that the Tacoma city council and the mayor make a clear statement and stand against the lawlessness that is happening in the city. This police officer should be supported by the department and the city. He put his life on the line so that lawless thugs can take over the city. Put your foot down. Say to the residents of Tacoma that they cannot take over our streets they cannot cause destruction and they cannot threaten the lives of police officers. Do not make us like Seattle!

Keep Tacoma a safe place. Make a public statement that these events will not be tolerated and that the police will be allowed to do their job and be supported by the city. This officer should be able to retire a full retirement with honors for his brave service.

Regards  
Laura Gicoso

**From:** [Beth Torbet](#)  
**To:** [CPAC](#)  
**Subject:** Road donuts in Tacoma  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 9:20:24 AM

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Protect us from these punks!! Support our laws! Thank our Police & stand with them!! Elections are not that far away!!!  
Beth Torbet

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Joe Reynolds](#)  
**To:** [CPAC](#)  
**Subject:** Special meeting re: 9th & Pacific incident  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 7:43:25 AM

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This committee does not represent a variety of viewpoints – other than maybe the Chair. I can't believe how many times I heard – “I echo those remarks” - “I agree with what the other members have said.” How is that beneficial or objective?

You talk about the violence on the part of the officer that traumatized you all - what about the violence that was being committed against the officer? How do you think he felt being surrounded by an angry crowd that was yelling and threatening to pull him from his vehicle? What about the fear he had for his life – all because he responded to a 911 call made by other community members? The officer, himself, is a community member– but none of you in this group has any empathy for him. Would you prefer the police did not respond to the incident? Would you prefer they not come into contact with the group that closed the street? What would you have had the officer do? One of you mentioned he should have waited in his car for backup. Are you sure the backup would have arrived and saved him before the crowd broke his window and pulled him out?

I heard “policy and procedure” used many times. These are just empty words – why not address the specific situation and voice how you think it could have been prevented? Then the topic of race was brought up. How does this incident have anything to do with race? What part of this was race motivated? Do you even know the race of the officer or the injured people? Some of you mentioned you were horrified, and the bystanders and business owners were horrified. Don't you think the officer was horrified too? The officer drove his car into the group of people that were blocking him because HE FEARED FOR HIS LIFE! His life is just as valuable as those that were gathering – it is not disposable just because he's an officer.

And to the gal that said she wanted guarantees that this will never happen again – well that's only possible if there is no crime...ever again. Police officers put their lives at risk every day to keep the public safe and to help people – they don't go to work so they can bully and beat up on people. Do any of know how extensive the vetting process is for new hires? They are good upstanding people. Why aren't ANY of you giving this officer the benefit of the doubt?

It is not logical to have citizens solely responsible for police investigations because citizens cannot possibly know what happens to an officer in high stress situations – when their life is on the line. None of your jobs put you in harm's way EVERYDAY!

The only valid questions I heard tonight were – why was the officer there by himself? Why wasn't more back-up called ahead of time. Which begs the question – as this street-racing problem has been building for some time why wasn't there an administrative plan for

addressing it? Do you know that there are fewer officers on the streets of Tacoma today than there was 25 years ago? And, you can imagine how the population has increased during that time.

I did appreciate the Chair's comments at the end that if there had been compliance with the law – probably none of this would have happened.

I am not a police officer. I am a private citizen trying to share another point of view. There are many people in the community who think like me– most just have too much to lose by voicing their opinion and being “cancelled”. But, we too, represent the community. Please give my comments and questions serious consideration.

**From:** [B.K](#)  
**To:** [CPAC](#)  
**Subject:** Support our officers  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 4:07:28 PM

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Some of the board members at last night's meeting should be ashamed. Not only did they hijack most of the time to inject their biased opinions, they turned the meeting into a therapy session. Multiple members complained about how traumatized they were by the events on Saturday night.

I wonder what one of these hypocrites would do if they were surrounded by a mob that was destroying their vehicle and yelling for the mob to pull them from the vehicle. Thank you to the one person who succinctly and honestly summarized the events. This officer parked in an empty lane and was quickly and violently swarmed. His lights, siren and horn were on. It is against the law to impede an officer and cause damage to city property. These people aren't innocent.

Maybe try being a leader and do what most people in this city want; support the police and denounce the criminals.

Thank you!

**From:** [Katherine Crowder](#)  
**To:** [CPAC](#)  
**Subject:** Tacoma PD  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 4:19:24 AM

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Good morning,

On Sunday morning, along with millions of people across the country, I was traumatized by another graphic video of police brutality.

I live on the east coast in Virginia, where we're still haunted by the not so distant memory of a car attack in Charlottesville.

Sunday night, as I found myself both angry and mourning for your community, I was unable to eat, sleep, or get the images out of my head.

I have experienced police brutality first hand, and write in today as nothing more than a concerned citizen. As stated by Martin Luther King, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

As many noted in the meeting last night, now is not the time to place blame on the victims - at all. It's not about being unbiased or looking at the bigger picture. The misplaced logic of, "If they hadn't been doing "X", then "X" wouldn't have happened" justifies the abuse and shifts the focus away from the actions of the abuser.

We don't need anyone to tell us doing donuts in a public street is illegal. We also shouldn't need anyone to tell us that an officer, under the color of law, ramming a two ton vehicle into a crowd is wrong, but here we are. Again.

Lights and a badge are not justification for attempted vehicular homicide. An officer of the law should not be held above the law, and without that title, he would have left the scene in the same handcuffs he carries to work everyday. In any other profession, he would have been immediately fired, not put on paid vacation.

From multiple videos, the officers vehicle was not surrounded as stated by the chief of police. We are able to see very clearly there are several pedestrians in front of the vehicle, a couple on the side recording, and no one behind it. He could have kept reversing. When he chose to move forward, he didn't slowly inch into the crowd in an attempt to move them out of the way - he rapidly accelerated and rammed a 4,000+ pound SUV into members of the community he's supposed to protect. I believe it's also important to acknowledge these heinous actions were carried out after already making a calm and conscious decision to proceed into a crowd of people instead of observing and waiting for backup.

Continued lack of accountability and transparency from the police only further alienates our trust. In these situations, justice must be served quickly and collectively in order for our communities to heal.

My greatest hope is all involved are able to find peace and unity by having the strength to come together and do what's right. My thoughts are with you.

Kind regards,

Katherine Crowder

**From:** [Kathy Norgaard](#)  
**To:** [CPAC](#)  
**Subject:** Tacoma riots  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 8:46:37 AM

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Please ensure our police are given full support and allowed to curb the fresh violence in downtown Tacoma. Our mayor and local officials must have the fortitude to ensure our city does not become another Seattle or Portland. Malcontents have been emboldened by the hands off approach in these cities. Protect the law abiding citizens. If Tacoma follows the same downward spiral as Seattle and Portland, our elected officials will be to blame. Best regards, Kathy Norgaard

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Rachelle Majors](#)  
**To:** [CPAC](#)  
**Subject:** Thank you  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 3:34:14 PM

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Tacoma PD,

Thank you so much for your service. I can't even imagine the way you are all feeling after everything that has been going on for months, and all the scrutiny. my thoughts on the recent event in Tacoma, #1: There is a reason why not every one is a LEO, because they couldn't handle it. They couldn't handle the pressure and danger you are under daily. #2 people are doing unsafe illegal stuff, or causing derutations all the time and think we live in a world that they can get away with crimes because of the hate for police right now. #3 if I was in your shoes, I would have done the same thing! I am scared if 1 weird person approaches my car at night let alone an angry mob attacking the car. Trying to get to you.

It doesn't seem like it sometimes to you I'm sure but you do have a lot of support and people that back the police. But unfortunately we get hate and threats if we try and stand up for you guys. It's saddening.

I hope the officer from the recent incident is doing okay, and realizes what's done is done and the "victims" are totally trying to take advantage of a situation they choose to put themselves in. And there is many many people that support and agree that the officer should not be punished for protecting his own life.

Thank you for all you do, and despite everything, still go out everyday to protect us.

Thank you,

R Majors

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [Danielle Lewicki](#)  
**To:** [CPAC](#)  
**Subject:** TPD  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 2:24:20 PM

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Hi,

I have been following the story of the incident that happened over the weekend with the officer. Seeing statements from the interim police chief and City manager are disheartening.

The incident that occurred with the group taking over the road way affected safety of citizens. Myself included. I work at a local hospital and that is a road I traveled. We have rules and laws that apply to everyone, including myself. I make the choice to follow the law. The officer was called to help enforce a law and guys vehicle was surrounded, he was being threatened. If anyone else was in that situation they would have done the same thing. I am disappointed to see leadership taking a cowardly way out by entertaining the idea that the officer is in the wrong. Please, you home officers accountable how about you home your citizens accountable. Officers put their lives in danger daily, their families in danger for what. I know if I ever need assistance from a officer I hope they have my back and are there quickly. We need to have theirs and stop giving into pier pressure.

I am raising two small children to be accountable and have respect. We have officers in our family. We know what they do and sacrifice. Please show this man respect and appreciation. Please hold those accountable who initiated the situation in the first place. Please don't continue with the cowardly responses just to appease people. Law and order cannot go down the drain like it is.

Every person needs to be accountable and every person needs respect.

Thank you,

Danielle

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