

CALL TO ACTION ISSUED 2.7.17

You may recall on January 23, 2017 a video was recorded during a Facebook live feed at 10:54 p.m. In that video a Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper released a K9 on a compliant unarmed victim. The Akron Organizing Collaborative (AOC) requested a meeting with officials and after several cancellations and much rescheduling, Representative Emilia Sykes confirmed that meeting will be this coming Friday, February 10 at 8 am at The WOMB (915 E Market St.)

The AOC and the Akron Stands Together Campaign are prepared to meet with officials and make it clear that this type of behavior from law officials is unacceptable. While this incident happened in Akron, it was with the Ohio Highway State Patrol, so it affects all of us. Here is what they need from us.....

BEFORE FRIDAY....

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Call elected officials and let them know they will be held accountable for this meeting. They need to make sure they follow through and show up Friday morning. Sample script...

I understand you (or a representative from this office) will be attending a meeting with the Akron Stands Together Campaign on Friday, February 10 at 8 am to discuss the communities concerns regarding the January 23 K9 incident involving the Ohio State Patrol. As a member of the Akron community at ZIP CODE (or resident of Ohio at ZIP CODE) I appreciate you following through with this meeting on Friday morning so concerns can be addressed.

Governor John Kasich, Phone: (614) 466-3555

Ohio State Highway Patrol, Phone: (330) 433-6200

Lieutenant Robert Sellers (OSHP Patrolman leading investigation),(614) 752-4324

John Born - Ohio Director of Public Safety, (614) 466-6973

Chief James Nice – Akron Chief of Police, (330) 375-2244

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Drop off donations of coffee, tea, and bottled water for attendees. You can drop them at the WOMB (915 E Market St, Akron), UUCA (3300 Morewood, Fairlawn marked “WOMB donation”) or Nightline Cinema (30 N. High St, Akron marked “Cir”)

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As a private organization or as a private citizen, contact your trusted media folks and notify them that OSHP has agreed to this meeting and that we may appreciate coverage and an additional accountability partner in the media.

ON FRIDAY...

Show up Friday morning at 8 am at the WOMB (915 E Market St.) The space is small so be prepared to stand outside in support if necessary.