

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 3-01**MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON POLICE DISCIPLINE**

WHEREAS, questions have arisen regarding the adequacy of the Philadelphia Police Department's disciplinary policies, practices and standards; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department's Integrity and Accountability Office issued a report addressing, *inter alia*, purported deficiencies and progress in the Police Department's disciplinary process, procedures and standards; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to the City of Philadelphia and its citizens that the Philadelphia Police Department maintain a system of discipline that both protects the due process rights of police officers and insures that police officers who violate Department policies are subject to consistent and appropriate discipline; and

WHEREAS, the overwhelming majority of police officers are brave, dedicated and law abiding public servants whose reputations are tarnished by inappropriate conduct of a few police officers; and

WHEREAS, this Executive Order is intended to preserve the authority and autonomy of the Police Commissioner in the exercise of his duties, while providing the Commissioner and his command staff with assistance in evaluating and improving the Department's disciplinary procedures, policies and standards, and to enhance public confidence in the integrity of the men and women of the Philadelphia Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me in accordance with section 3-100(h) of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, it is hereby ordered:

SECTION 1 The Mayor's Task Force on Police Discipline ("the Task Force") is hereby established.

SECTION 2. The Task Force shall be comprised of one Chairperson and six members to be chosen by the Mayor. The City Solicitor shall serve as counsel to the Task Force and shall provide the Task Force with such staffing and resources as are necessary to fulfill its function.

SECTION 3. The Task Force, working, as necessary, in conjunction with the Police Department, the community and other appropriate persons and organizations shall investigate the Police Department's current disciplinary procedures, policies and standards and shall propose any actions necessary to improve, inter alia, the Police Department's disciplinary practices, procedures and standards.

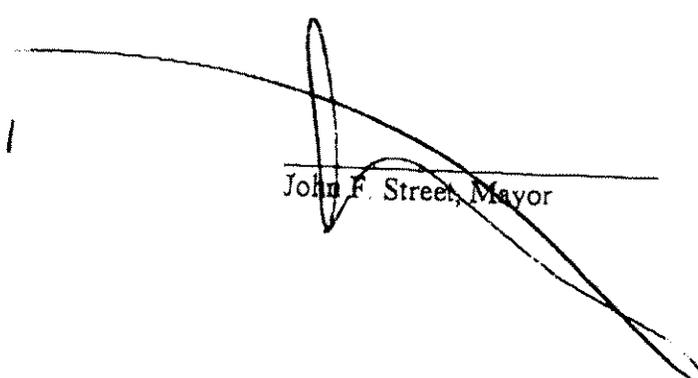
SECTION 4. All City departments and agencies shall provide the Task Force with information and other assistance as may be necessary and appropriate for the Task Force to carry out its responsibilities.

SECTION 5. The term of the Task Force shall be twelve months, unless the Mayor otherwise orders. The Task Force shall issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the Mayor no later than November 30, 2001.

SECTION 6. No compensation shall be paid to the Task Force members, except reimbursement for expenses actually incurred pursuant to performance of Task Force business.

SECTION 7. This Order shall be effective immediately.

March 27, 2001
Date



John F. Street, Mayor