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Ohio Task Force on Community-Police Relations meets for the first time at Cleveland State

By John Kosich, Sarah Buduson

CLEVELAND - The Ohio Task Force on Community-Police Relations met for the first time at Cleveland State University Tuesday.

The task force is charged with coming up with recommendations to improve relations between law enforcement in the state and the communities they serve.

The four hour forum included testimony from both professionals and the public.

The task force is co-chaired by former State Senator Nina Turner of Cleveland who is also the mother of police officer.

"For me this is more about being the mother of an African-American son," said Turner. "And seeing African-American males go through this. Then my son by perspective has lived both sides of this."

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Five takeaways from task force forum on police and community relations

By Evan MacDonald

CLEVELAND, Ohio -- A new task force seeking to improve relations between Ohio communities and their police departments hosted its first public forum Tuesday evening at Cleveland State University.

Gov. John Kasich announced the task force in December in the wake of the U.S. Justice Department's blistering report on the use of force by Cleveland police, and the fatal shootings of 12-year-old Tamir Rice in Cleveland and John Crawford III in Beavercreek.

Kasich tapped former Ohio Gov. George Voinovich, who was not in attendance Tuesday, and former Congressman Louis Stokes to serve as honorary co-chairs of the task force. Former state Sen. Nina Turner, a Cleveland Democrat, serves as co-chair.

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'We can't sweep problems under the rug': Police & community relations addressed

By Kevin Freeman

CLEVELAND- What can be done to calm often hostile relations between the police and some minority communities? That was the subject of a public forum by a task force created by Ohio Governor John Kasich.

It was the first of four meetings that will be held across the state where Ohioans can voice their concerns and offer suggestions on how to improve police and community relations.

"I'm not gonna sugarcoat things like most people in here. We know what it is; this is straight-out racism to its fullest," said one speaker.

Northeast Ohioans spoke out Tuesday evening, often out of frustration, about the way they feel many people in minority communities are treated by police.

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Police urged to directly engage minority communities

By Mark Gillispie

CLEVELAND (AP) — Police must demonstrate a commitment to directly engage the people they serve if relations between officers and minorities are going to improve, a criminal justice expert said at an Ohio public forum Tuesday.

Mistrust of police only serves to make violent neighborhoods worse, said David Kennedy of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York. He spoke in Cleveland at the first of four forums statewide examining relations between police and minority communities.

Gov. John Kasich and others are hoping public discussion will help build trust after a series of well-publicized deaths of black men at the hands of police in Ohio and elsewhere. Others forums are planned for Toledo, Cincinnati and Wilberforce near Dayton.

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