

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	Case No: 1:15 CV 1046
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Plaintiff)	JUDGE SOLOMON OLIVER, JR.
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v.)	
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CITY OF CLEVELAND,)	
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Defendant)	<u>STATUS CONFERENCE ORDER</u>

The court held a status conference on the record with counsel for the parties in the within case, as well as the Monitor, on February 24, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. At the conference, the Monitor and the parties discussed the Monitor’s Ninth Semiannual Report (ECF No. 345), which evaluates the response by the City of Cleveland (the “City”) and the Cleveland Division of Police (“CDP”) to the demonstrations following the murder of George Floyd in late May 2020. Although the Monitor’s Report commends several aspects of the City’s response, it also identifies areas for improvement and instances of non-compliance with the terms of the Consent Decree. The Monitoring Team highlighted several of these at the conference, including the need for better planning and staffing prior to expected demonstration activity, the need for greater transparency and communication with the Cleveland community, issues regarding CDP’s non-compliant use of force when attempting to control and disburse crowds, and issues arising from the City’s mutual aid agreements with other jurisdictions. At the conference, and in its own After-Action Review (ECF No. 346-1), the City, while taking issue with some of the Monitor’s findings, acknowledged agreement with many of the them and identified plans to implement improvements. In addition to the Ninth Semiannual Report,

the Monitor provided an update on the Force Review Board (“FRB”) in light of the court’s Order conditionally approving the CDP’s FRB Policy (ECF No. 317), and the parties discussed progress relative to the CDP’s largely successful Crisis Intervention Program. The Monitor also identified several areas where progress has been lacking and which will be a particular focus over the next reporting period, such as community engagement and community-oriented policing and the need to develop and implement effective training throughout the CDP. Finally, the Monitor emphasized the Monitoring Team’s need for prompt access to data and documents from the City, noting that delays in the sharing of such materials will prevent and delay the City’s ability to come into compliance with the Consent Decree. In light of the discussion at the conference, the court recognizes the work of the parties toward implementation of the Consent Decree and encourages the parties to bring challenges to the court’s attention as they arise.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ SOLOMON OLIVER, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

March 1, 2021