

# Louisiana StateWide Civil Rights Conference & Forum

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**Position Paper and Policy Statement in reference to In-Custody-Deaths of individuals within the jurisdiction o Law Enforcement, the penal/correctional systems and the judiciary.** *Our position and policy is that in custody deaths must end. And, that no person should die while in custody of any form of government arrest, detention, control or “holding for questioning”; period.*

[Sandra Bland's](#) story is indicative of the sad state of affairs in American law enforcement, all over the United States.

*Pulled over by Texas law enforcement. Mishandled. In Custody. Dead. InJustice.*

The Justice demanded is this:

In-Custody-Deaths, must end. No person(s) should die in custody of any form of government arrest, detention, control or “holdings for questioning”; period.

Herein it is declared that “in-custody-deaths” are a human rights issue.

The killings of Americans, in “incarceration-centers” or in police custody, is a violation of human decency.

Investigative outcomes must responsibly produce clear facts, in the lives of the murdered and killed, especially those who are increasingly, “Dead in Custody”.

The reason(s) for all this societal mayhem involving guns is a “retaliative, reactionary mentality; invoked in to the land from “the wars of the middle-east, the lands of antiquity”.

The “killer-cop” phenomenon, the cop killing backlash, the homegrown internationally twisted, straight from the gates of hell’s bottomless pit is promulgated by the terrorism manifested in everyday life styles.

The police’s vehement destruction of black citizens in general and vulnerable persons made victims by all, exacerbate the death model, presently in the land.

The inherent, obvious fear of the black man and woman and child, in law enforcement must be evaluated, categorized and dealt with.

Finally, it is our belief, that the only remedy for these abhorrent conditions is to release the self-interest and pre-eminent self gain of all parties concerned.

Specifically the powers, who are in control and are in fear for no reason must come to the realization, the humanity is all we have.

The justice we need is foundationally manifest in the power of God.

Without the intervention of justice in its finality, all are doomed. Every creed, every color, every aspect of society as we know it must be included for a remedy to manifest.

Already, too many have died, too many have suffered. Too many families are emotionally, mentally and physically disabled because of society’s traumatic dance with death, mayhem and community violence.

It is our opinion, that families will heal, some to lesser and others to a greater degree, once the “newly reconciled society” has restored itself to its God given station in life.

Hatred, gone. Togethered bound. Life, Liberty, the pursuit of happiness – entirely. Justice, equity and mercy, for all.