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Report: New NYPD Neighborhood Safety Team Trainees Have Documented Histories of CCRB Complaints Alleging Misconduct

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society released the following statement in response to a [report](#) from *New York Focus* which show that the recently announced New York City Police Department (NYPD) Neighborhood Safety Team (NST) trainees have documented histories of Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) complaints alleging misconduct:

“Mayor Eric Adams made a pledge that Neighborhood Safety Team officers would be ‘squeaky clean,’ but this report reveals that as a false promise. Placing officers with problematic pasts in these teams gives New Yorkers no confidence that today’s unit can avoid replicating the patterns of racialized and hyper-aggressive policing their predecessors were known for.

New Yorkers deserve to know the full list of officers now assigned to NSTs, not just the officers who completed the training, because we’ve yet to see the kind of omnipresent transparency of the Department that Mayor Adams promised he would bring from the campaign to City Hall.”

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