

Crownfield trifecta on the police and community trust issue

The Bethlehem Gadfly George Floyd killing, Police June 25, 2020

 *Latest in a series of posts about the Bethlehem Police* 

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Gadfly:

ref: **“Is the trust between police and community broken in Bethlehem?”**

I still think the real question is still I posted as a comment on your ‘Now is the time for listening’ post: Why do we want to have a meeting instead of getting out and working with people one on one?” Or is real community engagement too much work?

ref: **First-person testimony necessary**

It would be illuminating to learn about people’s experiences — but what’s really needed is someone willing to listen. And willing to rethink things based on those people’s feelings and thoughts. (Not to learn facts so we or BPD can decide what’s right.)

ref: **Rockwell revised 2020**

Just to confirm that this is not just a joke — About 20 years ago, when I was involved in a community assessment in the ‘West End’ of Plainfield NJ, I heard one community leader ask a young Black man what he expected to be when he was 25. His answer was ‘dead’.

Peter