Law Enforcement Work Inquiry System (LEWIS) Registry

Executive Summary

The public death of George Floyd is an undeniable inflection point in the historical arc of the relationship between law enforcement and the citizens they have sworn to both protect and to serve. Community stakeholders, law enforcement and several major city law enforcement unions, legislators on both sides of the aisle and academia support the proposal of a national registry. The Law Enforcement Work Inquiry System (LEWIS) Registry will be the first comprehensive, publicly available national catalog to collect data regarding officers fired or who resign because of misconduct. Law enforcement agencies will also be able to access crucial analytical data regarding trends and patterns of potential misconduct causalities.

Our Mission:

• Develop a national database documenting officers who were terminated or resigned due to misconduct, including: excessive use of force, corruption, domestic violence sexual assault, physical assault, harassment, perjury; hate group affiliation; and falsifying a police report.

Our Outcomes:

• *Transparency* - We will increase departmental integrity and accountability with the communities in which the officers serve.
• *Screening* - We will provide immediate and significant cost savings in officer applicant screening and background checks.
• *Research* - We will present our expert analyses for the publication of data-driven trends and patterns of misconduct causalities in peer-reviewed journals and media outlets.
• *Policy* – We will continue to engage with authors of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021, and meet with state and federal legislators, for inclusion in related legislation.

Our Progression:

• *LEWIS Launch* – We have partnered with several law enforcement agencies who will be Beta-testing the registry with our engineers.
• *Development Opportunities* – We are seeking entities interested in supporting sustainable, evidence-based, transformative justice and police reform initiatives.

Our Counsel:

• *LEWIS Advisory Board* – We will create a board representative of community and law enforcement stakeholders to provide input on LEWIS strategic objectives.
• *Entry/Redress Review* – We will seek the counsel and recommendations of our board to review LEWIS entries, as well as facilitate redress decisions to remove officers.

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