

The conversations resulted in new ideas for moving forward and a stronger-than-ever commitment to working together to grow trust, improve relationships and keep our communities safe – and they identified the following shared principles:

1. Value the life of every person, the preservation of life being the highest value
2. Recognize that all persons should be treated with dignity and respect
3. Reject discrimination based on race, ethnicity, religion, color, nationality, immigrant status, sexual orientation, gender, disability, or familial status
4. Endorse the six pillars of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing including the first pillar of building trust and legitimacy
5. Endorse the four pillars of procedural justice, which are fairness, voice, transparency and impartiality
6. Endorse the values inherent in community policing, which includes positive engagement between community and police
7. Develop relationships at the leadership and street levels to eliminate racial tension
8. Accept mutual responsibility to encourage all citizens to gain a better understanding of the law to assist in interactions with police
9. Increase diversity in police departments and in the law enforcement profession
10. Commit to de-escalation training to ensure the safety of community members and police officers, and

In summary, **commit to replacing mistrust with mutual trust wherever, whenever and however possible.**

The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and the *Illinois State Conference of the NAACP* share the optimism and responsibility of building trust, developing formal and informal relationships at the local and state levels, and growing the number of partnerships committed to these historic Shared Principles.

They intend to spread the word about these Shared Principles at additional gatherings in different parts of the state.

[Here is a link to the full statement and document that was signed today.](#)