

Emergency Food Stamps Extended Maximum benefits to last through July

The Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) has received approval by the Food and Nutrition Service to provide an additional \$30 million to eligible Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients this month because of the coronavirus pandemic.

“Oregonians continue to face economic instability and food insecurity,” said Self-Sufficiency Programs Director Dan Haun. “Providing another month of emergency assistance will help address ongoing food needs.”

With the additional funds, all eligible Oregon SNAP households will receive the maximum benefit amount in July, officials said. They will receive the extra allotment in the same way they receive their current benefits. For most customers this is an EBT card.

No additional action is needed from Oregonians already enrolled in SNAP, officials said. The maximum SNAP benefits are based on the number of eligible people in the household. For a household of one, for example, the amount is \$194; for a family of three it's \$309 and for a family of five it is \$768.

This allotment will not permanently change a household's monthly benefit amount. It is a temporary supplement to help during the current health crisis. DHS will not be sending individual notices to households about the emergency allotments.

Learn how to apply for SNAP and other benefits online or by calling 2-1-1 or visiting oregon.gov/DHS/COVID-19.

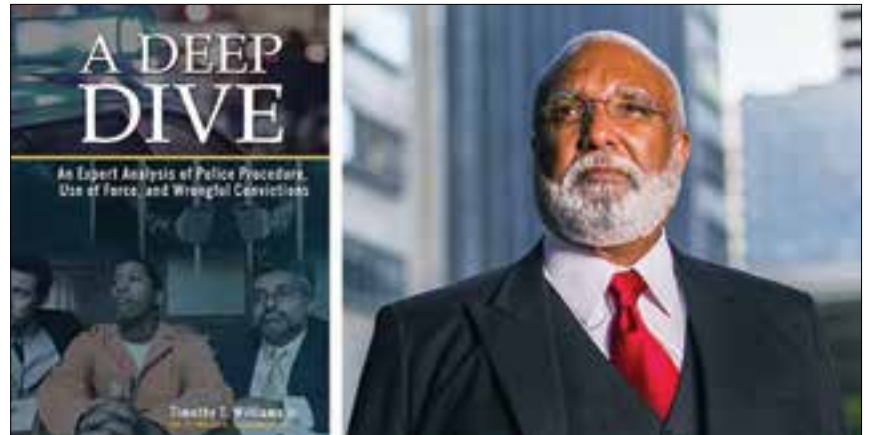
Former Cop on Police Culture of Violence Book explores impacts on minority communities

According to a 2019, USA Today report, at least 85,000 law enforcement officers across the United States have been investigated or disciplined for misconduct over the past decade. Moreover, in minority communities throughout America there has been an urgent crisis in policing since the early 20th century.

Presently, there is a perceived uptick in the media concerning improper police procedure and use of force, including killings of unarmed African American citizens like that of George Floyd in Minneapolis, and Rayshard Brooks in Atlanta. While no two cases are alike, there is a universal set of rules that governs when and how police officers should use force.

Timothy T. Williams Jr., a leading expert on police procedure, use of force and wrongful convictions, believes that, “Unfortunately, in minority and white communities, law enforcement has a different approach as it relates to policing the respective groups.”

Williams said the easing of Coronavirus stay at home orders and use of masks, increases the opportunity for different types of policing, subjecting



Retired Los Angeles police detective Timothy T. Williams Jr. dives deep into police procedure, use of force, and wrongful convictions in his debut book ‘American Policing: A Culture of violence in Minority Communities.’

minorities to a higher probability of being stopped vs. white counterparts.

“If additional racial bias training isn’t embraced, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic and for protests, there will be continued civil rights violations that will cost municipalities millions of dollars,” Williams said.

A study of 100 million traffic stops by 21 state patrol agencies from 2011 to 2017, found that police had a lower bar for stopping and searching black and Hispanic drivers than they did for stopping white drivers, NBC News Reports. Research also shows that police are more likely to target and use unnecessary force against them too.

Perceptions of a few “bad apples” within police departments are quickly being dispelled due to such data and video recordings from cell phones and

security cameras. Such visual evidence captures what appears to be a culture of violence in an almost daily onslaught of misconduct by police officers, especially toward minority communities.

In his timely debut book, *A Deep Dive: An Expert Analysis on Police Procedure, Use of Force and Wrongful Convictions*, Williams recounts his experiences as a retired Los Angeles Police Department senior detective supervisor.

An over 29-year LAPD veteran, Williams launched his private consultancy practice in 2003, and has provided expert testimony in over 200 cases and analysis of over 1,200 cases. Williams has been hired by some of the most recognizable names in law including The Innocence Project, The Cochran Firm, Carl Douglas, Mark Geragos, and Thomas Mesereau.

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