Symposium on Violent Interactions between Law Enforcement and Black Americans:
A discussion on the Historical Context, Current Events, Public Health Impact, and the Quest for Solutions

Thursday, March 23, 2017
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
University of Michigan
School of Public Health II (SPH II) Auditorium
1420 Washington Heights, Ann Arbor, MI 48109

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Dr. Brian H. Williams, M.D., FACS
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On July 7, 2016, a lone gunman shot 12 Dallas police officers following a peaceful anti-brutality protest. As the lead trauma surgeon on call, Dr. Williams directed the team of surgeons and specialists caring for the seven officers transported to Parkland Hospital. Days later, after facing one of the largest crises of his medical career, he began confronting what he considers another crisis – violence and racism in America.

ORGANIZERS
Washtenaw County Public Health, U-M Department of Internal Medicine, Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Washtenaw County Sheriff’s Office, School of Public Health, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Students of Color of Rackham, Eastern Michigan University, and My Brother’s Keeper-Washtenaw County

JOIN A POST-SYMPOSIUM ACTION TEAM
Four action-teams will be identified or created for symposium attendees to join including:
1) Civic Engagement/Activism
2) Community-Police Engagement/Partnerships
3) Pipeline Programs: School (K-12) to Careers in Law Enforcement
4) Advocacy
Free and open to the public. Community members, students, public policy and health professionals, social scientists, legislators, and law enforcement are especially encouraged to attend.

Light refreshments will be served.

SYMPOSIUM GOAL
To have a solution-oriented discussion regarding violent interactions between police and Black Americans.
- What are the root causes and public health impact of violent interactions between law enforcement and Black people?
- How can individuals take on leadership roles as advocates for social justice, anti-bias reforms, and community building?
- How can community mobilization be used as a strategy to promote social cohesion and community-level advocacy for safer environments for all?
- What are potential strategies that can address the upstream and downstream factors resulting in violent interactions between law enforcement and blacks?