



CITIZENS CRIME COMMISSION  
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**Aborn: Change NYPD Tactics, Not Priorities to Improve Community Relations and Keep Crime Down in NYC**

NEW YORK - Richard Aborn, President of the Citizens Crime Commission, responded to the NYPD's recently announced review of police training with the following statement:

"The top-to-bottom review of NYPD training initiated by Commissioner Bratton is prudent and warranted. It is also an opportunity for New York City to continue turning the page in policing--to a new era focused on improving communities' trust in the NYPD in order to sustain and improve on the city's historically low crime rate. Strong relations between our communities and the NYPD is a core element of public safety."

"It would be an over-reaction, however, to discard our current policing priorities, as some have suggested. In addition to the priority of the investigation of violent crimes, a strategic focus on reducing quality-of-life crimes -- employing well-honed tactics, not numerous arrests -- has proven to be a smart, effective policing method for not only decreasing the rate of more serious crimes but also improving life in our communities. The focus now on better policing in New York City should be on smarter tactics and building strong relations with our communities, not abruptly shifting priorities."

About the Citizens Crime Commission:

The Crime Commission is a non-partisan non-profit organization working to make New York City's criminal justice and public safety policies and practices more effective through innovation, research, and education. For more information on the Citizens Crime Commission of New York City, please visit our website: [www.nycrimecommission.org](http://www.nycrimecommission.org)

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